

WHISTLER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
(the “**Association**”)

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Association held by Zoom at 5:33 pm (Pacific Time) on August 9, 2023.

PRESENT:

Louise Tomcheck (LT), Nadia Demers (ND), Todd Carter (TC), Peter Armistead (PA), Norma Gonzalez Felix NGF), Chris McKinney (CM), Kevin Sopp (KS), Trish Nagakawa (TN), Wade Sutton (WS), Karen Davies (KS)

REGRETS:

Veronique Hamel, Jordan Harvey

BLOCK 1

A. Call to Order and Quorum and Declaration of Meeting

Notice of the Meeting having been given to all the Directors of the Association, with the consent of the Meeting, Louise Tomcheck acted as Chair and Todd Carter acted as Recording Secretary.

The Chair noted that a quorum of the Directors was present and declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

B. Approval of Agenda

The Chair advised the Meeting that the Agenda had been previously circulated to all members of the Board and was approved as amended. (VH/TN)

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of June 26, 2023 were approved as presented. (KS/TN)

BLOCK 2

D. President Report

- Louise Tomchek reported
- League Presidents attended PCAHA meeting regarding new U7 and U9 divisions
- Follow-up Lions Gate meeting on Aug 28th
- Squamish has a new President, Rob McKonkey

E. Treasurer Report

- Nadia Demers reported
- Registration dollars being collected – on track with budget but younger ages slower
- Expect registration bump after Bears tryouts completed
- Waiting for response on BC Gaming grant end of September
- Progress being made on fundraising initiatives

BLOCK 3

F. Director of Hockey Update

- New draft of RFP document circulated by Nadia
- Options are to post the position for individuals and/or solicit applications from established companies in the sector
- Members asked to provide comments on the draft RFP by August 18th

G. Coach Update

- Veronique presented an updated summary of coaches that have confirmed they are returning for the coming season, as well as status of credentials such as training, CRC etc.

H. Esso Fun Day

- Karen presented an opportunity to leverage Esso Fun Day to recruit new players to hockey – especially younger ages
- Esso provides people to help run the sessions ... and jerseys ... but WMHA would be expected to provide everything else from registration to promotion to ice-time
- Alternatively, WMHA could also arrange something similar using internal resources

I. Back to Hockey Camp

- Registration now open, ice is secured and coaches on standby
- Norma will get some social media promotion going
- Bears are welcome to join WMHA camps

J. Team Formation

- Total registration at 162
- U18 currently at 18 and may be oversized once Bears settled – tentative lock at 19+2
- U7 currently at 11 – one shy per WMHA “technical” requirements although WMHA preference is for 14 skaters
- Leaning toward a U7 Minor development team

- U9 currently at 29 which supports two teams – may still lean towards two Minor teams based on heavy weighting of U8
- Will also explore using overage exemptions to move some number of U8s down to U7 to fill out that roster
- U11 Rep team likely to be acclaimed based on 13 (12+1) registration ... which is just shy of the WMHA preference of 14 ... and can also affiliate C players to bolster the roster
- U11C currently at 16 so set for one team
- U11F currently at 11 ... so still 3 shy of preferred numbers but likely to declare a team
- U13 currently 32+3 with majority (26) registering for Rep but will end up with two teams
- U15F has 16 for Competitive and 4 for House
- Will form one U15F with preference to local Whistler registrations - two Squamish females currently wait-listed
- We have approval for three overage U15F Whistler females
- U15 integrated currently at 5 skaters ... and assuming three cuts from Bears ... plus one U13 playing up ... so could get to 8+1
- One option is to over-age those 5 skaters to U13 ... but they would *have* to play House
- Another option may be to over-age some of the first year U18 down to U15 given we're already over-sized at U18

K. Other Business + In-Camera

- Cory Koop suggested Whistler consider hosting a tournament
- Potentially a fundraising opportunity with registration fees and partnerships
- Discussion regarding applicants for paid coaching positions for coming season

L. Termination of Meeting

- Meeting adjourned: 6.56 pm
- Next Meeting: August 15, 2023, 7:00 pm by Zoom