

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

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Association held at Meadow Park Sports Complex at 7:01 pm (Pacific Time) on September 12, 2023.

PRESENT:

Louise Tomcheck (LT), Nadia Demers (ND), Norma Gonzalez Felix NGF), Chris McKinney (CM), Kevin Sopp (KS), Trish Nagakawa (TN), Wade Sutton (WS), Karen Davies (KS), Veronique Hamel (VH), Aaron Hoverd (AH)

REGRETS:

Todd Carter, 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 Karen Davies 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. (WS/CM)

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of August 30, 2023 will be deferred to October 10, 2023.

BLOCK 2

D. President Report

- Nothing to report

E. Treasurer Report

Nadia Demers reported highlights from the Treasurer and Financial reports:

- Waiting on gaming grant
- Seeking \$20,000 in donations for new red jerseys
- Kevin Sopp has asked some new sponsors and waiting on responses
- Chris McKinney has offered Rim Rock to be a sponsor

BLOCK 3

F. Season Start-Up Debrief

- Back to hockey camps were well subscribed
- Too long for one coach to do all four sessions; recommendation to split sessions up and a coach does two sessions
- Maybe U15/U18 group goes first so parents of younger players have time to get players to the rink
- Coaches and on-ice helpers to help paid coaches with sessions so that drills run more smoothly and paid coach instruction time is maximized
- Suggestion made that volunteer coaches sign-up to volunteer at these sessions so we know how many adults are available at each session; especially needed at the younger ages.
- Try-outs went well and the format this year worked better for assessment as there were more assessors watching and they had more time to write up their evaluations
- On-ice helpers at skills sessions help everything run more smoothly
- Suggestion made to move first session of try-outs to Friday (and not offer back to hockey camp on that day) so that evaluations can be done sooner and notifications to players and families sent out sooner.
- The use of U-18 players on the benches for the try-out game sessions worked well
- Suggestion made to make try-out process more clear to players and families (how players are assessed, etc.) - good example can be found on the North Van Minor website
- Explain how the scoring system works; meeting with parents and players before ice sessions were two ideas

G. Team and Ice Schedule Updates

- U15FC is now Wednesday afternoon and U15C is Friday afternoon
- U18 has 18 players (1 waitlist) waiting on goalie; U15FC has 16 players (includes Squamish players) 1 goalie (1 in process); U15 has 13 players 1 goalie; U13C has 14 players (waiting on goalie from U13A tryout cuts); U13A working group of 19 players and 3 goalies, final selections made by Tuesday, September 19 by Jesse Williamson; U11C has two teams of 12; U11A has 11 players and 1 goalie; U8/U9 has 31 players and 2 goalies; U6/U7 has 16 players

H. Coaching Update

- Only two teams currently need support with coaching: U6/7 and U13C. U6/7 has a new parent that will need support and U13C has no head coach as of yet.
- Amanda will be the AC for U11A, running practises and home games - HC Marc
- Jesse will be the AC for U13A, running practises and home games - HC parent?

I. U7 / U9 Assessments

- Paid coach will assess U8/U9 this coming weekend to determine whether we have a minor and major or two minor teams; this recommendation will guide board's decision of what will be declared.
- If no major option at U9, suggestion that any strong U9's could be give option to play U11C
- Also noted that same could be done for U13's that don't make U13A rep team, that they could play U15C
- Trying to get paid coaches to help with first weekend of U6/7 practises as no experienced coaches at this age

J. Risk Updates

- Reminders have been sent out for people to update paperwork
- CRC good for 5 years but BC Hockey only says good for 3 years
- Website link (on WMHA site) gives all the info for volunteers and what they need for paperwork

K. Other Business + In Camera

- Website needs updates; manager checklist is old and board minutes have not been updated
- DOH position application deadline is September 15, 2023; proposals will be shared with board and then a review committee will look at top candidates and recommend next steps; interviews, etc.
- Change room issues around designated female change room; communication with members and clear signage as we have integrated teams with both genders
- Fundraising: Michelle Gemmil is willing to help with a fall fundraiser; Nadia will get in touch with Nik North about possible location for an event

L. Termination of Meeting

- Meeting adjourned: 8:05 pm
- Next Meeting: October 10, 2023, 7:00 pm at MPSC