

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 7:00 pm (Pacific Time) on November 20, 2023.

PRESENT:

Louise Tomcheck (LT), Nadia Demers (ND), Norma Gonzalez Felix NGF), Chris McKinney (CM), Kevin Sopp (KS), Karen Davies (KS), Aaron Hoverd (AH), Todd Carter (TC), Trish Nagakawa (TN), Wade Sutton (WS), Jordan Harvey (JH)

REGRETS:

Veronique Hamel

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 presented. (JH/CM)

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Meeting of October 10, 2023 were approved as amended (AH/KS).

BLOCK 2

D. President Report

- U13A affiliate player issues
- Equal ice issues with U15F team
- Sportsmanship issues with U11A team
- Harassment and discrimination on ice
- Ice schedule challenging with lots of conflicts second half December
- Great feedback on goalie development
- Younger females using Saturday morning slot for development

- Kerri Stewart is leaving as WMHA social media person after seven years
- Ainsley Conway is stepping up to backfill
- Mike Borelli declined DOH position for this season but enthusiastic for next year

E. Treasurer Report

Nadia Demers reported highlights from the Treasurer and Financial reports:

- Gaming grant landed at \$37K – same as last year
- Fundraiser removed from current budget
- Rep fees will be calculated for first billing in November
- DOH and development fees currently trending under budget
- Motion to to increase funded team officials from 8 to 10 with mandatory five-game commitment (LT/WS, carried)
- Confirmed two tournaments per team now that gaming grant has landed

BLOCK 3

F. Jersey Update

- Order is in but paused for last effort for fourth sponsor
- Confirmed WMHA can fund without the fourth sponsor
- Jerseys won't arrive until January
- Karen researching policies from other associations regarding jersey care

G. Bears Update

- Mike Borelli will come to January meeting with update
- Proposal to have a U18 Bears Female team for 2023 / 24
- This proposal is supported by WMHA
- Need clarification on AP policy

H. Development Update

- Struggling with finding development coaches
- Proposing to utilize available ice time over holidays for development sessions

I. AP Policies Update

- Need to update AP policies, especially regarding practices
- Not in favour of incremental fees for AP players
- WMHA needs to review the Bears AP policies, as well

J. Discipline / Suspensions / Behaviour

- Preference is for BC Hockey to adjudicate, which can only happen when incident is reported during game
- Discipline coming down from BC Hockey to WMHA is shared with relevant coach and manager
- If the complaint or allegation doesn't happen during the game, it isn't reported to BC Hockey and so WMHA is required to adjudicate
- WMHA players are causing disturbances after games, sneaking into public skate, harassing on-ice staff, aggressive behaviour, leaving hockey gear in lobby etc.
- Also issues with WMHA teams not using designated dressing rooms and disrupting incoming hockey teams
- Need to get related communications out to the membership
- Currently any players hitting 40, 70, and 90 minutes of cumulative penalties need to meet with President
- Motion to change 40 minutes to meeting with Coach, VP and mandatory one-game suspension. Change 70 minutes to meeting with Coach, VP and President – suspension discretionary. No change to 90 minutes. (TN/KS, carried).

K. Communication Issues

- Need to communicate to membership that when board members are at the rink, they are there as parents. Not the right environment to engage on board issues. Appropriate pathway to start a conversation with a board member is by email.

L. Other Business + In Camera

- Aaron Hoverd will communicate that all teams must fill out a BC Hockey “Special Event Sanction” form for off-ice activities (dryland training etc.) that are not currently sanctioned
- Need to find a dressing room solution for female referees – update “sharing” protocol or find dedicated space
- Kevin Sopp will look into ordering white pinnies for U9 scrimmage

M. Termination of Meeting

- Meeting adjourned: 8:47 pm
- Next Meeting: January 8, 2024, 7:00 pm at MPSC