

**SQUAMISH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
(the “Association” or “SMHA”)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION (THE “BOARD”) HELD VIRTUALLY AT 6:00 PM (PACIFIC) ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024.**

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**DIRECTORS PARTICIPATING:** Leah Hodges, President (Chair)  
Craig Halliday, VP Rep  
Anna Le Good, VP House  
Kat Gore, Treasurer and Ice Scheduler  
Donn Oberg, Secretary and Referee Assignor  
Conny Bonthron, Registrar, Risk Manager, Camp Administrator  
Jennifer Schorz, Division Director  
Andrew Slater, Division Director  
Katie Jones, Division Director

**ALSO PARTICIPATING:** Jordan McCarl, Technical Director of Hockey

**ABSENT:** Patricia Wilson, Communications and Admin Assistant

**CHAIR:** Leah Hodges

**SECRETARY:** Donn Oberg

**MEETING COMMENCEMENT**

The Chair stated that before the formal business of the Meeting begun, she wanted to acknowledge that the Association lives, learns and plays on the unceded territory of the Squamish Nation.

With the consent of the meeting, Mrs. Hodges acted as Chair of the meeting and Mrs. Oberg acted as Secretary. With the directors present, there was quorum, the Chair declared the meeting to be duly called and constituted for the transaction of business.

**MEETING AGENDA**

The Chair noted that the agenda for the meeting had been circulated in advance and unless anyone had any comments or additions, she would ask for a motion to approve.

**UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for the meeting be approved.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chair stated that the first item of business was approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held previously, stating that a copy was available in advance of the meeting on Basecamp. The Chair asked if anyone had any comments or revisions regarding the minutes; there were none.

The Chair asked that the Board proceed with approval of the minutes of the meeting held on October 16, 2024, and made a motion in that regard.

**UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on October 16, 2024, be approved.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

The Chair noted that the next item of business was reporting requested in advance of the meeting by a Board member or Board employee.

- Technical Director Report
  - Changing the name of the "Advanced Skills" program next season to "Eagles Skill Development" was discussed, and it was agreed that the name change would be made.

### **APPROVALS/MOTIONS**

The Chair noted that the next item of business were items requiring approval either provided for in advance of the meeting in the agenda available through Basecamp, or that arose during the meeting.

- Policy and Procedure Manual Update

The Chair noted that revisions regarding alignment to the PCAHA Rulebook, as well as clarification on fundraising were made. Following discussion, **UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Policy and Procedure Manual Update be approved.

- Coach and Manager Manual Update

The Chair noted that revisions were made to reflect updates in the Policy and Procedure manual. Following discussion, **UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Coach and Manager Manual Update be approved.

- High Performance Pathway
  - It was noted that families in Squamish were interested in a high-performance program and curious if anything would replace the Bears. A chart showing 5 options the Board had considered: Bears; Whistler players joining Squamish; Rep team declared; no Rep team declared; and Player release, weighing the pros and cons of each, was shared. Following discussion, it was agreed that the President would reach out to Whistler to advise that Squamish would allow Whistler players to try out for the rep team again the coming season and reiterate that the Bears program was done.

- Referee In Chief Request: 3 person System for U9 Full Ice

Following discussion, **UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the 3 person officiating system be used for full ice U9 games with payment at \$20 per person (\$60 payment per game).

- Business Development Proposal
  - It was deemed best to table further discussion until a non-interested party could be considered.

## **DISCUSSIONS**

The Chair stated that the next item of business was the discussion topics noted in the agenda provided in Basecamp in advance of the meeting.

- Affiliate Player (AP) Process
  - It was noted that once an AP is rostered, they can't be un-rostered at Rep or House. No player can AP for 2 Rep teams. Exception is goalie, but you can't roster the goalie, the goalie needs to be approved by BC Hockey, then added to the roster by the League Manager.
- Apparel Issues
  - It was noted that what Source for Sports and SMHA were promised by Bardown, and what we received, were vastly different. The Board acknowledged the issues and it was deemed appropriate to communicate with the membership that solutions were being sought.
- Rep Retro Weekend
  - It was noted that the Rep retro weekend was a success, a discussion regarding the feasibility for a similar event for House ensued.
- Fundraising and Sponsorship Grants
  - It was noted that monetary grants should only be applied for by SMHA, and that 3-4 teams had applied and received LNG grants, the caveat being that LNG required the teams to have an SMHA bank account to be able to accept the Grant. Following discussion, it was deemed appropriate to have the President reach out to LNG to see if the Association received a grant and if the money is issued to SMHA, or if the teams can provide their own bank accounts.
- Maltreatment Education Module
  - It was discussed that the Maltreatment Education Module, 15 minutes and free, can be watched via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TEO6fP84RSw>. It was agreed that the module would be played at the next coaches night so it could then be relayed to players in hopes of reducing the number of penalties related to the subject matter.
- Brennan Park Renovation - Phase 2
  - It was noted that Phase 2 of the Brennan Park renovation is scheduled to start in November. The phase includes the Uber dressing room. It was asked if all SMHA requests were in writing and had been confirmed and agreed to by Brennan Park. It was noted that Sara Baily took over as the lead in the renovation. The Secretary agreed to send the original request emails to Andrew as the SMHA renovation contact and the President to assist as needed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair asked if there was any further business anyone would like to discuss; there was none.

Following discussion, the next meeting of the Board was agreed to be held virtually on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM (Pacific).

**CONCLUSION OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 7:51 PM (Pacific).

**LEAH HODGES**  
Chair of the Meeting

**DONN OBERG**  
Secretary of the Meeting