

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION (THE “BOARD”) HELD IN PERSON AT THE SQUAMISH VALLEY GOLF COURSE, 2458 MAMQUAM ROAD, SQUAMISH, B.C., V8B 0H8 AT 6:30 PM (PACIFIC) ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025.

DIRECTORS PARTICIPATING: Craig Halliday, VP Rep (Chair)
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
Patricia Wilson, Communications and Admin Assistant

ABSENT: Leah Hodges, President

CHAIR: Craig Halliday

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 Google Drive. 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 March 5, 2025, 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 March 5, 2025, 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
 - exit meetings with coaching staff of rep teams, Spring hockey, 2025/26 Rep coaches, programs and structure/alignment for next season

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 Google Drive, or that arose during the meeting.

- Hold Off Allowing Underage 2025/2026 Season

Following discussion, **UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** SMHA will not be considering underage players to register for the 2025/2026 season until all of-age players have had the opportunity to register. It was noted that of-age players may not register until mid to late September, so the Board would revisit allowing underage players, if space available, at the end of September.

DISCUSSIONS

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

- U7 Involvement in League Play 2025/2026 Season
 - It was discussed that U7 will not participate in league play for the 2025/2026 season. It was agreed that SMHA will have 2 U7 teams of 18 (as recommended by the Technical Director of Hockey). The teams will play games in-house and use Timbits jerseys. They will have the opportunity to play in 2 tournaments or jamborees and wear Eagles jerseys.
- Awards Ceremony
 - The award's ceremony was discussed. It was suggested that next year, SMHA hold the ceremony on a Wednesday night before spring break for a better turn out. It was agreed that awards are not given out at U7 and U9 because kids are too young to understand. It was suggested that the number of awards given out be decreased to 1 award per division. Following discussion it was determined best to revisit the award's ceremony setup and awards process at a later date.
- Paid Coach Interviews
 - Paid coach interviews were discussed, it was decided they would be held in early June.

- Female Playing Options
 - Board involvement in female playing options was discussed. It was noted that Whistler has invited Squamish female players to play in Whistler for birth years 2008-2012. They will be informed by June 1 if there is a spot for them to play in Whistler. It was also noted that when females play for other associations, SMHA always holds their spot. It was also noted that the registrar communicates with female players any info SMHA is given. SMHA is also hosting more female camps.
- Strategic Planning
 - It was suggested SMHA build a strategic plan skeleton in-house until SMHA has more resources.
- Sprit Wear
 - It was asked that this discussion be deferred to a subsequent meeting.
- U15/U18 Rep Survey Results
 - U15/U18 Rep Survey Results were discussed. It was noted that SMHA has enough interest to host Rep teams at U11/U13/U15 and U18.
- August Camps and Tryouts
 - It was discussed that SMHA would do camps the weeks of August 18 and August 25. There will be no intro to full ice for U11 as U9 played full ice games during the season. It was noted that U13/U15/U18 tryouts will be the week of August 25 and there would be no tryouts for U11 prior to the September long weekend.
- Rep Commitment
 - It was agreed that updates would be made to the Rep Agreement to further highlight the required commitment by rep players.
- Start Season Earlier to Help with Lack of Ice?
 - It was discussed how early SMHA could start the season to compensate for lack of ice. It was noted that SMHA has always started when the ice goes in. Sometimes it is 3 weeks in August and sometimes 2 weeks. It was noted that SMHA would not want to start earlier than the last 3 weeks of August.
- Year-Round Ice
 - A discussion regarding the possibility of year-round ice for the 2026/2027 season occurred, it was noted the topic could be raised at the ice allocation meeting to determine feasibility.
- AGM
 - Board members were asked their intentions to return next season. It was noted that the Secretary position would be vacated as of the annual general meeting.
- U18 Paid Coach vs. Non-Paid
 - U18C paid coaches were discussed. It was asked if U18C fees should be increased to cover paid coaches. It was noted that U18C coaches will be paid coaches unless a paid coach

could not be found. SMHA would consider parent coaches only if paid coaches are not available. It was agreed that SMHA would update the website to ensure families are aware that U18C coaches are paid coaches. It was discussed that players generally prefer non-parent coaches when they are in the U18 age group. It was also discussed that historically parents don't want to be a head coach at U18 which is why SMHA moved to the model of paying head coaches for the division.

- Jersey Purchase U18
 - It was asked if there could be an option to purchase your jersey at U18. It was noted that SMHA does not have the jersey inventory to sell jerseys. It was suggested that SMHA work with Source for Sports for families to order jersey replicas at U18 if they would like.
- Rep Sponsorship
 - It was discussed that SMHA needs a sponsorship co-ordinator. It was suggested that the co-ordinator position be paid based on a percentage of what they source. It was agreed that the position be posted to membership.

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, May 14, 2025, at 5:00 PM (Pacific).

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 8:34 PM (Pacific).

CRAIG HALLIDAY
Chair of the Meeting

DONN OBERG
Secretary of the Meeting