

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION (THE “BOARD”) HELD BY WAY OF
GOOGLE MEET VIRTUAL CONFERENCE AT 6:00 PM (PACIFIC) ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025.**

DIRECTORS PARTICIPATING: Leah Hodges, President
Craig Halliday, VP Rep
Anna Le Good, VP House
Kat Gore, Treasurer and Ice Scheduler
Emily Tomlinson, Secretary
Conny Bonthron, Registrar, Risk Manager, Camp Administrator
Jennifer Schorz, 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: Emily Tomlinson

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 Ms. Tomlinson 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 August 7, 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 August 7, 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.

- There was no further discussion required on the Board Reports that were submitted in advance of the meeting.

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.

- **Updated Policy and Procedure and Coach and Manager Manual** [jersey colours and underage player movement]
 - The Board discussed concerns from U18 parents regarding an underage player being placed in the A1 working group. The discussion covered how player evaluation is conducted, the role of external evaluators, and the need for clarity in the policy was emphasized to define the selection process. It was proposed to revise the policy for clarity: player must evaluate during tryouts as one of top 3 forward or top 2 defence for A1 and top 20 for A2.

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.

- **Ice Closures and Schedule**
 - The Board discussed uncertainty about ice availability at Brennan Park and agreed to proactively cancel U9 sessions, requesting public skate ice times that could provide eight additional slots. The Skate Club, also affected by the closure, may use some of SMHA's Friday ice slots to prepare for upcoming competitions. Discussed moving the U9 groups to Saturday, September 6 and options for rescheduling U11 tryouts, including reversing the usual format (games first, then skills evaluations), were reviewed. Adjustments for Pro D Days, Stat Holiday ice, and balancing house games were considered to accommodate Rep tryouts. Alternative ice sources, including neighbouring associations and Canlan facilities were explored. It was noted that the unforeseen abrupt closure of Brennan Park had resulted in 45 ice times lost as of September 3. VP House will contact BC Hockey about available programs to assist communities needing more ice time and arena resources.
- **Travel to the USA for League Games [see PCAHA memo in Google Drive]**
 - The Board reviewed PCAHA's policy regarding cross-border travel and confirmed that Rep teams will not be penalized if they are uncomfortable travelling to the United States. The policy states that participation is at the discretion of each family, and teams may not punish

individual players for choosing not to travel; however, clarification is needed on whether this applies to full teams or individual players.

- **Photo Night – Thursday, November 13 at Squamish Valley Golf Club**
 - Team photo night is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, at the Squamish Valley Golf Club in the room above the Curling Club. Space will be limited, so a team flow chart will be provided to ensure smooth movement throughout the evening.
- **Sponsorship**
 - The Board discussed creating a page on the SMHA website to highlight the need for new ice. The VP of House suggested we include a link to the Second Rink committee's webpage. There has been strong interest from potential sponsors, and outreach is ongoing, with another week needed to determine if minimum sponsorship goals will be met for an association wide program, rather than individual Rep team sponsorship. The President noted she had received a positive response from initial contacts and authorized members to share the sponsorship deck with companies and individuals. It was noted that while companies or individuals may sponsor teams directly, no team will receive more than any other Rep team. The President remains available to answer any questions from interested parties.
- **Separate Fund Account for Multiplex**
 - The President has arranged to meet with a lawyer to discuss setting up a separate fund account dedicated to Multiplex-related funding.
- **Dressing Room Board and LiveBarn**
 - President confirmed with the District of Squamish Facilities staff that a 22-inch TV may be installed for dressing room assignments, and LiveBarn will be available following renovations. Each user group will have access to post their dressing room status updates.
- **Gear Swap Recap**
 - The Special Events Coordinator reported that the gear swap was a success, with approximately 10–15 families in attendance. Any remaining gear was donated to local consignment stores following the event. It was recommended that next year's swap be scheduled earlier to ensure families have access to equipment before SMHA hockey camps begin in mid-August.
- **Apparel Update – Fitting Nights, Coach Tracksuits, Practice Jerseys and Hats**
 - Director Slater and the Secretary provided an update on the 2025–2026 team apparel. Fitting nights have not yet been scheduled, as we are waiting for Source for Sports to procure sample sizes. Source for Sports indicated that there are leftover Bar Down coach tracksuits available, which may be offered to new coaches who are not in a position to purchase one. It was also discussed that practice jerseys for all teams will be grey with a black logo and red with a white logo. Coaches and/or team managers will be able to order these through the online store currently being created by Source for Sports. Director Slater noted challenges in securing a commitment from the supplier for the three hat options that the team would like. The President suggested that SMHA could consider purchasing the third option directly and reselling it to families if necessary.

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, September 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM (Pacific).

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at (Pacific).

LEAH HODGES

Chair of the Meeting

EMILY TOMLINSON

Secretary of the Meeting