

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION (THE “BOARD”) HELD VIA GOOGLE MEET AT 6:00 PM (PACIFIC) ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026.

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

ALSO PARTICIPATING: Jordan McCarl, Technical Director of Hockey
Patricia Wilson, Communications and Admin Assistant
Liz Taylor, Equipment Manager

CHAIR: Leah Hodges, President

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.

DISCUSSIONS

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

- Name Bars
 - Liz Taylor, SMHA Equipment Manager, joined the discussion regarding name bars on player jerseys. The Board considered alternative options, including outsourcing

production and incorporating costs into Rep or team fees. Pricing was discussed, with options including iron-on and die-cut name bars, the latter being preferred. The Board agreed to move forward with implementation at the U18 level and to include the costs within the fees. The pilot project for U15 name bars was agreed to be discontinued.

The Chair thanked Ms. Taylor for her time and she exited the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair stated that the next 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 February 25, 2026 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 February 25, 2026, 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. The reports were taken as read.

APPROVALS/MOTIONS

The Chair noted that the next items 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.

- AP Policy
 - The Chair asked for a status on the AP policy, the Secretary noted that updates are still required. Due to time constraints and the need for further review, it was deferred to the next meeting for completion.
- Sponsorship Deck
 - The Chair noted that updates to the sponsorship deck are ongoing. Additional input is required from House league teams regarding their 2025/2026 season achievements. Approval was deferred until the necessary information is received.
- Non-SMHA Players – Spring Development
 - **UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** participation of non-SMHA members in the spring development programs, if there was space available following member registration, be approved.

DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

- November Long Weekend Tournament Proposal (U9)
 - A call for tournament proposals was shared in a recent newsletter, one was submitted for the U9 division. The Board discussed logistical considerations, including the number of teams and games required. A preliminary structure of eight teams with a minimum of

four games per team was suggested. Further planning will depend on confirmed team numbers.

- Rep and House Team Composition
 - In consultation with the Technical Director of Hockey, it was agreed that communication to families should remain general, reflecting the standard structure of two House teams and one Rep team for a Tier 3 association. The Board proposed developing a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) resource to ensure consistent and accessible communication, with the President to creating a shared document for input.
- Social Media - Discontinuation of Player of the Game (“POG”) posts
 - The Board discussed updating the Association’s social media strategy by discontinuing POG posts. With a goal to diversify content and improve overall engagement through a broader range of posts.
- Goaltending Coaching Update
 - The Technical Director of Hockey informed the Board that the Association will be losing a goalie coach for the 2026/2027 season. Recruitment efforts are underway to identify a replacement.
- Accountability at Rep Level and Overall Culture
 - The Board discussed accountability within the Rep program. It was agreed that the existing attendance expectation of 85% is insufficient and will be removed, with 100% attendance required for all practices, games, off-ice training, and team events. Enforcement measures were discussed, including adherence to uniform requirements and the potential use of reminders or fines for non-compliance, as outlined in the Rep agreement.
- 2026/2027 Rep Team Forecast
 - Board members reviewed early projections for the number of Rep teams for the 2026/2027 season.
- Fee Increase
 - The Board discussed a proposed increase in registration fees to support financial sustainability. With consideration being given to ensure equitable adjustments across all divisions. The exact timing of the last increase is unclear and had been put off as long as possible. The SMHA Treasurer will continue to assess key variables to determine the structure and distribution of the increases.

APPROVALS/MOTIONS (CONTINUED)

- Accountability at Rep Level
 - **UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** attendance expectation be revised to 100% for all practices, games, off-ice training, and team events for Rep players and that revisions to the Rep agreement outlining the expectations, be approved.

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 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM (Pacific).

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

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

LEAH HODGES
Chair of the Meeting

EMILY TOMLINSON
Secretary of the Meeting