

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

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION (THE “MEETING” OR “AGM”) HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025 AT 6:00 PM (PACIFIC) AT THE SQUAMISH VALLEY GOLD CLUB 2458 MAMQUAM RD, SQUAMISH, BC V8B 0H8 IN THE CURLING MEZZANINE

CHAIR: Leah Hodges

SECRETARY: Donn Oberg

SCRUTINEER: Patricia Wilson

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.

The Chair added that following the formal portion of the Meeting, she would open the floor for questions. She advised that should anyone have any questions pertaining directly to the matters being voted upon, to please ask them accordingly, and reiterated that all questions that do not relate to the matters being voted upon, will be directed to the end of the meeting once the formal Meeting business had concluded.

CHAIR, SECRETARY AND SCRUTINEER

With the consent of the Meeting, Leah Hodges acted as Chair, Donn Oberg acted as Secretary and Patricia Wilson acted as Scrutineer.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Chair stated that the notice calling the Meeting was delivered to members by email, at the members registered email address, initially on April 17, 2025, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association and the Societies Act.

QUORUM

The Association’s Bylaws stipulate that business may be transacted at the Meeting if twenty (20) voting members are present. The Chair confirmed with the Scrutineer that a quorum was present.

MEETING REGULARLY CONSTITUTED

The notice and quorum requirements having been met, the Chair declared that the Meeting was regularly called and properly constituted for the transaction of the formal business of the Meeting.

PROCEDURE FOR VOTING

The Chair reminded members that: a Resolution proposed at a General Meeting need not be seconded; the Chair of a General Meeting may move or propose a Resolution, in the case of a tie vote in which the Chair has already voted as a member, the Chair will be entitled to cast the deciding vote; only families with voting memberships of the Association in good standing are eligible to vote at any General Meeting of the Association; voting is by show of hands, unless the voting members at the Meeting decide on a ballot; voting by proxy is not permitted. The Chair noted that it was proposed to proceed with voting by ballot and asked if there were any objections; there were none.

REPORTS – VP OF REP AND VP OF HOUSE

The Chair stated that the VP of Rep and VP of House are to provide and present an annual written report on activity at the AGM, adding that the reports were on hand and if anybody would like to see them, they could be requested from the Secretary after the meeting.

REPORT – TREASURER, BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chair advised that the next item of business was a report from the Treasurer, including a preliminary annual budget, using projected registration figures provided by the Registrar for the 2025/2026 season, as well as un-audited Financial Statements for the year ended April 15, 2025, she then handed the meeting over to the Treasurer to present. The Treasurer noted that copies of the SMHA annual Financial Statements were on hand and that copies could be requested from the Secretary following the Meeting. The Treasurer addressed questions as asked.

REGISTRARS REPORT

The Chair stated that the next item of business was the Registrar report and handed the meeting over to the Registrar to present, questions were addressed as asked.

REPORTS - DIVISION DIRECTORS, REFEREE IN CHIEF AND OFFICIAL SCHEDULER

The Chair noted that the Division Directors are to provide a written report on division status and issues, and the Referee in Chief and Official Scheduler are to provide a written report at the AGM. She noted that the reports were on hand and if anybody would like to see them, they could be requested from the Secretary after the meeting.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Chair advised that the next item of business was the election of the board of directors (the “Board”) for the ensuing year, noting that there are two groups when it comes to directors that stand for election on alternating years, and that Group 1 was up for election and due to a mid-term resignation, a spot from Group 2 was also up for election. The Chair advised that separate elections must be held for each position to be filled.

The Chair stated that the nominees standing for election were as follows and that they had all consented to stand for election:

Kat Gore, current Board member, Treasurer and Ice Scheduler
Conny Bonthron, current Board member and Registrar
Craig Halliday, current Board member and VP Rep
Andrew Slater, current Board member

Katie Jones, current Board member
Emily Tomlinson, director and Secretary

The Chair continued stating that the positions the Association needed to fill were as follows:

Director and Treasurer – 2-year term
Director and Registrar – 2-year term
Director and VP Rep – 2-year term
Division Director – 2-year term
Division Director – 2-year term
Director and Secretary – 1 year term

The Chair advised that the Meeting would proceed with voting for each position and indicated that the following individuals had consented to stand for a certain position and unless there was someone else interested, she would motion and move that they be elected:

Director and Treasurer – Kat Gore
Director and Registrar – Conny Bonthron
Director and VP Rep – Craig Halliday
Division Director – Andrew Slater
Division Director – Katie Jones
Director and Secretary – Emily Tomlinson

There was no other member interested in the above noted positions.

UPON MOTION duly made and carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the following be elected directors of the Association to hold the office and for the term noted opposite their name:

Director and Treasurer – Kat Gore
Director and Registrar – Conny Bonthron
Director and VP Rep – Craig Halliday
Division Director – Andrew Slater
Division Director – Katie Jones
Director and Secretary – Emily Tomlinson

MEETING WRAP

The Chair declared all resolutions to have been carried and those nominated and indicated elected to the Board of the Association.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The Chair declared the Meeting concluded at 6:14 PM (Pacific) and thanked everyone for their participation, adding that as the formal business of the Meeting had concluded, the floor would be open for questions.

LEAH HODGES
Chair of the Meeting

DONN OBERG
Secretary of the Meeting

QUESTION PERIOD

Goaltender Fees and Development

A member, speaking on behalf of goalie parents, inquired about the possibility of further reduced registration fees for goaltenders due to the significant cost of equipment. The Board noted that the current season included both reduced fees and enhanced goalie development opportunities, including specialized coaching. The request will be reviewed at the next Board meeting in the context of overall registration fee planning.

The Board acknowledged that goalie development has been a priority and suggested formalizing this commitment within SMHA policy to improve transparency and member awareness. It was also noted that the Association has applied for grants to purchase goalie equipment, which could potentially be loaned to goalie families.

Concerns were raised about the value of in-practice goalie development compared to the dedicated Sunday sessions. SMHA's Goalie Ambassador advised that he and Beck strongly believe discontinuing the Sunday program would be a mistake. Brad also noted that in some team practices, goalie coaches are not given the opportunity to properly work with goaltenders. The Board confirmed this concern would be followed up with the Technical Director and Head of Operations (TDHO).

Goaltender families requested the development plan for the upcoming season be shared with them. One parent highlighted that all their child's goaltending progress was thanks to the Sunday sessions. Concerns were also raised about ice availability, particularly how goalie development will continue if two teams share the ice. The Board advised that while regular weekly ice time for dedicated goalie sessions may not be possible due to increased team numbers and tighter scheduling, they will continue to seek occasional, one-off ice slots for goalie development whenever feasible.

Five goalie parents in attendance voiced strong support for the goalie development program, particularly the Sunday sessions.

Volunteer Policy

A question was raised about the recent changes to the volunteer policy. The Board explained that the revisions were made to encourage broader family participation and to address the growing number of volunteer roles that need to be filled, such as Den Parents.

Uniform Items: Pant Shells, Jackets, and Spirit Wear

A member asked whether pant shells and jackets were necessary, and whether the Association could do without them. The Board explained that pant shells are part of an effort to build brand identity and are becoming common across associations. When asked if pant shells could be provided to rep players, the Board advised that there is currently no available budget, storage capacity, or volunteer resources to supply additional uniform items.

The member also expressed concern that pant shells obscure the unique local Eagles logo and sock design, suggesting that black pants might look better. The Board committed to reviewing rep uniform requirements at the next Board meeting.

Additional questions were raised regarding the supplier of spirit wear. The Board confirmed this would also be discussed at the next Board meeting. Members suggested improvements to try-on days, including ensuring all sizing samples are available. One member noted they preferred the pant shells from the same

company that supplies team jerseys. Another suggested the inclusion of name bars on jerseys. The Board shared that U15 and U18 are piloting this initiative; however, name bars can cause jersey damage and require additional volunteer hours. Broad implementation would only be considered if registration fees were increased.

Free Registration Draw

A draw was held for free registration. The winner was **Camila Lindsay** (parent: Matt Lindsay).

Action Items for Board:

- How many on the waitlist - can we consider siblings for registration before outside registration.
- Get schedule of Council meetings to include in our monthly newsletter and send a representative.
- Pant covers
- Rep uniform
- Goalie development plan to share with goalie parents
- Goalie costs and potential increase to registration fees
- Spirit Wear provider

SCHEDULE "A"

FINAL SCRUTINEERS' REPORT

DIRECTORS PARTICIPATING: Leah Hodges, President
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

SCRUTINEER: Patricia Wilson, Communications and Admin Assistant

**ASSOCIATION MEMBERS
PRESENT:** 41