SQUAMISH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
(the "**Association**" or "**SMHA**")

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION (THE "BOARD") HELD VIRTUALLY AT 6:30 PM (PACIFIC) ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025.

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 Patricia Wilson, Communications and Admin Assistant
ABSENT:	Anna Le Good, VP House Kat Gore, Treasurer and Ice Scheduler
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 of the November 20, 2024 minutes and October 16, 2024 minutes revised to clarify the Bear jersey return, were 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 November 20, 2024 and 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 November 20, 2024 and 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
    - U9 Minor – Jordan to reach out to Referee in Chief regarding full ice or 3/4 ice and game rules, keeping the interest of the players and new referees in mind.
    - Spring Ice – not yet allocated, once done, ice will be offered to SMHA coaches for right of first refusal, before being released. There will not be a hitting clinic before spring hockey.

APPROVALS/MOTONS

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.

- Pant Shells

It was noted that feedback had been received and due to the sizing issues and delays in receiving replacement pant shells, membership had asked if it would be possible for SMHA to cover the cost and take ownership as part of the jersey uniform. It was deemed appropriate to connect with the equipment manager and see about bandwidth to handle another equipment piece as well as storage; it would be asked at the next PCAHA Lions Gate League President's meeting, what other associations do for pant covers. **UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT,** pending SMHA storage capacity and equipment manager bandwidth, pant shells being provided by SMHA with the jerseys, be approved.

- U15A1

The Chair noted that Beck Warm had been appointed coach with Tanner Versluis for the team for the 2024/2025 season after coaching interviews had concluded, that Beck had met with and been approved by the Technical Director of hockey and Beck was not a related party to the team nor did he have any connection to anyone on the team. Following discussion, **UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the appointment of Bech Warm as Coach for U15A1 be confirmed, ratified and approved.

- Refund Policy

It was noted that the refund fee was currently set at $25 for registration withdrawal and that was not enough to cover fees SMHA may have already paid to PCAHA, depending on when a player was looking to withdraw. It was also noted there was no fee currently charged for withdraw from advance skills or camps and there should be an admin fee of $25 if a player wanted to withdraw. Following discussion, **UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the refund fee for registration withdrawal be raised to $25 plus any fees incurred/paid by SMHA to the PCAHA with regards to the player; the refund

fee for advance skills or a camp be $25 and that no refund be issued after start of the session, unless due to injury and Pro D day camps being non-refundable, be approved.

- Apparel Year-Round Items

It was noted that there was a desire from membership to purchase apparel items year-round, not just at the commencement of the season, that Source for Sports ("**SFS**") could supply sweatshirts, sweatpants, hats and t-shirts when members wanted to order, creating on demand instore within a week, rather than carrying inventory. It was noted a bulk order would still occur at the beginning of the season, there would be no cost to SMHA, no inventory carried, and ordering would be member dependent, but with apparel guidelines set by SMHA. Following discussion, it was decided that Patricia would connect with SFS on what they could accommodate.

It was also noted there was desire from house teams to purchase practice jerseys with SMHA logo, those that had been offered for purchased to the rep teams at the beginning of the season form the Bardown supplier, when house teams had not yet been rostered. Following discussion, it was decided that Patricia would connect with SFS to let them know it would be announced in the next member communication, that practice jerseys with SMHA logo would be available to purchase from SFS.

It was further noted there was interest in adding name bars to the SMHA practice jerseys, but that the current SMHA policy was no name bars on SMHA branded items during the SMHA season.

Following a lengthily discussion, **UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Name bars are not permitted on game jerseys or practice jerseys for all SMHA teams.

2. Name bars are permitted on all SMHA branded items purchased by individuals.

3. Name bars are not to be added to game jerseys, or any items purchased or supplied by SMHA without the explicit written approval of the Association. U15A and U18A are exempt in that they were permitted for the 2024/2025 season to have name bars on game jerseys with SMHA vendor approved installation and removal.

- Business Development Proposal

It was noted the discussion regarding the new proposal would be done via email.

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.

- U9 Major Game Play
    - Reference PCAHA Rulebook for full ice rules

- U9 Minor Game Play
    - Full ice
    - Buzzer changes, with puck drops on each buzzer change only. Goals will not halt play,

the team scored against will grab the puck and keep going.
    - Game structure: 5 min warm up; 1 *24 min period; 2 min break; 1 *24 min period; 5 min handshake/get off the ice

- Woodfibre LNG
    - LNG wants its Community Partnership Program applied for by SMHA only, not individual teams, they are revising their application to indicate such. There was a one off for the fall 2024 application, in that LNG awarded $4,500 divided equally among 3 SMHA teams that applied, however LNG will only deposit to SMHAs bank account. SMHA is awaiting LNG funds so it can disburse to the awarded teams.
    - SMHA to apply for the Community Partnership Program semi-annually in Fall (for ice time) and Spring (for equipment).
    - An LNG Legacy project is in the works, they would like to partner with community programs such as SMHA, working towards a Brennan Park masterplan and new multiplex, it requires a District of Squamish bylaw amendment to remove corporate sponsorship restriction (names on buildings).

- Sponsorship
    - SMHA was awarded $3,000 from the Squamish Community Foundation - Community Enhancement Grant
    - U13A1 was selected as one of the hockey teams across the country that Rona is sponsoring this season. In addition to a financial sponsorship, they also provided swag for the players and coaches (photos will be taken and shared with Rona) and some fan noise makers. Permission was requested and SMHA granted U13A1 use of the SMHA logo for the swag as there was no financial gain to the team and it was a requirement for the sponsorship.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

It was agreed the next meeting of the Board would be held virtually on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM (Pacific).

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 7:50 PM (Pacific).

LEAH HODGES
Chair of the Meeting

DONN OBERG
Secretary of the Meeting