



## North Okanagan Minor Hockey

### Monthly Meeting Minutes January 22, 2025

**Attended:** Martin Southworth, Warren Lightfoot, Alida Lucas, Caroline Esser, Kim Holt, Sarah Blackwell, Albert Blackwell, Jen McEwen, Travis Mann (joined late), Tracey Hamilton (joined late), Jena Carlsen, Brandon Mazur and Brad Farynuik

**Absent:** Jim Soper

**Adoption of Minutes:** December 11, 2024. Minutes from the meeting could not be adopted. Minutes will be provided for the next meeting.

**Call to Order:** 6:05 pm

**Approval of Agenda:** Lucas/Lightfoot

- a. **Additions-** Outstanding fees, U9 goalies training added by Caroline
- b. **Deletions-** U7/U9 from Carolines report

### Reports –

#### President's Report-

- No changes to the U7/U9 dates and full ice
- All locations and dates of playoffs have not been solidified yet
- Kruger Big assist program was discussed. We will submit a nomination for the \$100,000.
- Aaron Hoffman will be coming back next season and would like to assist with forming a pathway for our coaching and players in recreation. Sarah read an email sent to Albert from Aaron.
- U7 discussion regarding how there was no guidance from start of season as the executive normally have a meeting with the parents at the beginning of the season. Policies will have to be updated. Better prepare the younger age groups going forward. There was a suggestion to have separate rosters to alleviate the confusion of scheduling games and teams.
- Projections for next season. Caroline handed out projected numbers going from this season's numbers.
- First Shift – ask coaches and everyone if they would help with hosting the program, before we commit to running the program again.
- Upcoming executive positions- RIC, Treasurer, Registrar and Equipment Manager. Secretary has 1 more confirmed year left in 2-year term.

- Martin suggested that better communication amongst the executive needs to be sent out should an executive resign, to alleviate conflicts or putting others in difficult situations.

Vice President- Jim was absent. Albert went over his agenda items.

- Association mascot was discussed to have for events such as tournaments, games and IPE parade to name a few. An order can be placed with a couple options we can always return one. Budget was \$500. North OK can have a contest to name the mascot.
- Discussion regarding purchasing hoodies or jackets for the executive members so that we are more visible to our members when attending events with multiple associations.
- NOMHA Awards- Brad/Travis will look after the coach awards and players. Date: March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm or 7:30 pm. Tracey will look into options and location for the awards.
- At the end of the meeting before adjournment a vote was held to not host the U18 A Female Novas next season. We have had the Novas for 3 years. **Albert will pass on information to OMAHA.**

Vice President #2-

- Discussion regarding eliminating the positions of Jr and Sr director. Due to all inquiries or concerns being sent to Jim or Albert. Travis mentioned in other associations VP#1 & VP#2 are the Jr & Sr contacts. Will be reviewed again at a later time.

Report from Referee in Chief-

- Discussed U9 full ice refing and how there must be a level 1 ref. An email needs to be sent out to the U9 coaches to clarify rules for full ice and communication with RIC.
- Saturday Kelly McKenzie is coming out for refing clinic. Jakin will also attend to help assist.
- Alida made 200 bully cards to give out to parents. Which lets parents know that if they have complaints to do the refing course and get out on the ice or get out of the rink.

- Summer refing school cost is \$700, Alida will go through and see if there is a ref to send.

#### Report from Head Coach-

- Discussion regarding shortage of goalies for U11. Travis asked inquired, if it was possible, to have movement from other associations if needed.
- Playoff locations and times have not fully been completed for all age groups. OMAHA will be posting final information soon.
- Complaint process issues and how we can make clearer for everyone. There is the admin email to send all information to, which Jim goes through.
- Fear the North
  - o The U13, U15 and U18 Rep will be going forward. All associations in OMAHA have approved and are forming committees.
  - o August ice possibly in Armstrong to start camps and tryouts earlier. Albert will be attending meetings with Parks and Rec to propose putting the ice in early. Enderby advised that because it is so hot they cannot put ice in early.
  - o Coaches will be selected by the north committee.
  - o Evaluation of players there will be 2-3 evaluators from each association.
  - o There will be more information coming once all association committees have had meetings.

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#### Report from Registrar-

- Outstanding fees of \$13,000, invoices and letters have been sent out to the parents.
- U7 registration is different amounts for U7 one, U7 1<sup>st</sup> year and returning U7.

#### Report from Treasurer-

- Update on accounts
  - o \$51,378.87 Chequing/Main
  - o \$4,052.19 Gaming
  - o \$33,406.43 Savings
  - o \$10,349.15 Novas Provincial Fund
- Gave update on raffle box sales
- Discussed feedback from experience attending Spokane for league games.  
Albert will take the feedback to OMAHA's next meeting.

Report from Equipment Manager-

- Pinnies for U7/U9 discussed and will be ordered
- 250 sublimated patches have been ordered \$3.50/each
- Goalie equipment will be purchased for the U7.
- Discussion regarding retaining or selling the boards in Enderby was to keep the boards for the time being.
- Suggested everyone look at registration fees and increases to cover the increasing costs of equipment, ice, refs etc. We are low compared to other associations. Sarah advised that she did a comparison before the season started and suggested then that the registration be increased.
- U13 Rec coaching- head injury occurred and the proper safety measures were not followed. The coach sent the player out after a bad head injury; the player should have been pulled from the remainder of the game. Proper safety measures need to be followed.

**The following reports were not completed due to the length of the meeting and long discussions.**

**Tournament Coordinator**

**Risk Manager**

**Ice Scheduler**

**Goalie Coordinator**

**Female Director**

**Secretary – for remainder of the season Sarah will be temp secretary.**

- **Next meeting February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**The following also were not completed due to the length of the meeting.**

- **New Business**
- **Unfinished Business**
- **Correspondence**

**Adjournment: 9:01 pm (Lightfoot/Hamilton)**