



## **North Okanagan Minor Hockey**

### **Monthly Meeting Minutes March 5, 2025**

**Attended:** Martin Southworth, Warren Lightfoot, Jim Soper, Alida Lucas, Caroline Esser, Kim Holt, Sarah Blackwell, Albert Blackwell, Jen McEwen

**Absent:** Tracey Hamilton, Brandon Mazur, Travis Mann, Jena Carlsen, Brad Farynk

#### **Adoption of Minutes:**

Minutes of the North Okanagan Minor Hockey Association Executive meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. Holt/Southworth

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Soper/Esser

a. **Additions-**

b. **Deletions-**

#### **Reports –**

##### **President’s Report-**

- Congratulations to the U11 Rec team for winning division “B”, to all teams on the season.

##### **Vice President-**

- Discussion regarding U18 division. He watched games in different associations, and they are higher level rec teams with several players at the top that should be on rep teams. They didn’t have the opportunity to play on a T3 or T4 team, if they had the opportunity that would have the recreation teams more equal and similar caliber. True rec teams are teams that play and have fun. U18 has always been a very tough age group as there are so many kids that want to play rep, kids working or have girlfriends and leave hockey. We cannot stop them. Something to think about “What can we do?”. More discussion after AGM.
- Patterns in U13 rec and U15 rec- Lumby should have rep teams and going forward they will be different.
- Comparison between U15 last year and this year similar results for the U15.

#### Vice President #2-

- Complemented on Ryerson Tabers' refing. He was very stern, professional and controlled the game very well.

#### Report from Referee in Chief-

- A thorough explanation of this season's challenges and what challenges will be in store for next season. Number of games are increasing, ref costs are increasing, losing refs in younger age groups and next season level 3 refs are going to be going to work at new jobs and will not have time to ref. There needs to be attention to recruiting more refs and maintaining refs.
- There are sufficient refs to cover the U7 – U13 Rec/Rep, but not enough for the Rep teams U15 to U18.

#### Report from Head Coach- Absent from meeting

#### Report from Registrar- Nothing to report

#### Report from Treasurer-

- Update on accounts.
  - Chequing \$22,407.97
  - Gaming \$0.0
  - Savings \$33,453.19
  - Novas Prov \$10,349.99
- Finances are looking better than last time we met.

#### Report from Equipment Manager-

- Discussed jerseys for the 8 graduating players, was agreed upon by the whole executive. The association will then replace those jerseys.
- OMAHA is offering the Novas expired sponsorship contract jerseys for \$25 each for both home and away. North OK will purchase 1 jersey for the graduating players, and it is up to them if they want to purchase the other jersey.

#### Tournament Coordinator –

- Currently summing up the season's numbers for costs. Missing a few numbers will have update at the AGM.

#### Risk Manager- Nothing to report

Ice Scheduler- Absent

Goalie Coordinator - Absent

Female Director- Absent

Secretary –

- Next meeting AGM April 23, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Will confirm location once Odd Fellows Hall is booked. Will contact Jim to post on website and Facebook when location is solidified.
- Will contact the newspapers to have details of the AGM added.

New Business

Unfinished Business

Correspondence

Adjournment: 7:15 pm (Lightfoot/Soper)