



NORTH OKANAGAN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



Minutes of a North Okanagan Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Wednesday April 23, 2025 @ Centennial Hall, Armstrong, BC

- EXECUTIVE:** Albert Blackwell, President
 Alida Lucas, Referee in Chief
 Sarah Blackwell, Tournament Coordinator
 Paul Pacheco, Executive Assistant
 Kim Holt, Risk Manager
 Tracey Hamilton, Ice Scheduler
 James Soper, Vice President #1
 Warren Lightfoot, Vice President #2
 Jen McEwen, Equipment Manager
 Martin Southworth, Treasurer
 Travis Mann, Head Coach #1
 Caroline Esser, Registrar
- Directors:** Brandon Mazur, Goalie Coach Coordinator
 Jena Carlsen, Female Director
 Spot Open, Jr Director
 Brad Farynuk, Head Coach #2
 Randy Zbytnuik, Past President
- ABSENT:** N/A
- OMAHA:** Tim Giandomenico , OMAHA Chair of the Board
 Dave Dupas, OMAHA OPERATION MANAGER
 Amanda Huston, OMAHA Female director

1. CALL TO ORDER:

President, Albert Blackwell called the North Okanagan Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting of Wednesday April 23, 2025 to order at 6:34 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

/: That the North Okanagan Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting of Wednesday April 23, 2025 be approved as presented.

Hamilton/Blackwell

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

Minutes of the North Okanagan Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday April 24, 2024 was available for review and was sent out via email prior to the meeting.

/: That the minutes from the North Okanagan Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting that was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 be approved.

Soper / Pacheco

CARRIED

4. **President Address and Report:** Please see attached.

5. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Martin Southworth (Treasurer) presented the report prepared by Patricia Patterson, Chartered Accountant, the 2024/2025 Unaudited Financial Statements for the year. These financial statements are attached and form part of the minutes.

Accounts are as follows:

Checking: \$23,665.45

Gaming: \$0.00

Contingency: \$33,472.86

Novas: \$6,983.42

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(i) **Report from Risk Manager:** Report attached.

(ii) **Report from Female Director:** Report attached.

(iii) **Report from Ice Scheduler:** Report attached.

(iv) **Report from Vice President # 1:** Report attached.

(v) **Report from Vice President # 2:** No Report, all was mentioned in VP1 report

(vi) **Report from Registrar:** Report attached.

(vii) **Report from Interim Secretary:** Report attached.

(viii) **Report from Tournament Coordinator:** Report attached.

(ix) **Report from Head Coach #2:** Report attached

(x) **Report from Jr Director:** Nobody in this position

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- (xi) **Report from Referee In Chief (RIC):** Report attached.
- (xii) **Report from Equipment Manager:** Report attached.
- (xiii) **Report from Goalie Coach Coordinator:** Report attached.
- (xiv) **Words from the past President:** Randy Spoke quickly about the board and NOMHA's success over the years.

7. **READING OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence to report.

8. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Positions were up for election this year:

- (i) **President:** Albert Blackwell has completed his Term and advised that he would like to stay as President for another term. Alida Lucas was nominated by Tracy Berrecloth, Alida Accepted. We went to a secret ballot vote, 1 vote per family allowed. Votes were counted by three OMAHA members and verified by Past President Randy Zbytnuik. Vote tallies were as follows:
 - i. Albert – 16
 - ii. Alida – 26**Alida Voted in as New President.**

Make note at this point of the meeting Past President Randy took over the meeting.

- (ii) **Treasurer:** Martin Southworth has completed his Term and is stepping Down. **No nominations were made for a replacement, called 3 times. The position is vacant and needs to be filled.** Marty advised having a paid bookkeeper in this position
- (iii) **Secretary:** Sarah Blackwell has been in temporary position for the last while. There was still 1 year left on the term. Paul Pacheco was voted in by the majority vote on April 14, 2025, Reins were handed over on April 21, 2025. Voted.
- (iv) **Referee In Chief:** With Alida Lucas moving to President this position has become open. No nominations, called three times. **The position remains open and needs to be filled.**
- (v) **Registrar:** Caroline Esser has completed her term and is stepping down. No other nominations, called 3 times. **The position is vacant and needs to be filled.**

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- (vi) **Equipment Manager:** Jen McEwen has completed her term and advised she is stepping down. Chris Doak was nominated and accepted. Acclamation
- (vii) **Tournament Coordinator:** Sarah Blackwell is stepping down leaving an open 1-year Term. Tracy Berrecloth was nominated by Sarah, and Tracy accepted. No other nominations, called 3 times. Acclamation

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Open Discussion:

- a. OMAHA was asked to give a breakdown on the new 3-year pilot project. Most of the questions / discussions were around this subject.
 - i. Many questions asked.
 - ii. Lots of frustration in the room
 - iii. Need to get working on the 2025/2026 season quickly so we are all ready.
 - iv. Not everyone is sure yet on the full complete details.
- b. Lots of discussion around U18 Rec and short player roster, how do we do better?
- c. Some discussions around overage player criteria by OMAHA and how selections are made.
- d. Past president Randy advised to the group about open board positions and if your wanting to be part of the change then step up and join the board.

Meeting adjourned 8:55pm

Certified Correct:

****Attachments to the NOMHA AGM Minutes for Wednesday April 23rd, 2025****