

MINUTES
WMHA
Board of Directors Meeting
JULY 28 2025
6:00 PM
Virtual

Attendance: Louise Tomcheck, Robyn Akehurst, Lon Martin, Trevor, Burton, Marc Kester, Nate McIntyre, Laura Blumes, Dayna Birch, Norma Gonzalez

Not in Attendance: Ainslie Conway, Lorelee Seitz, Nadia Demers

A	Call to Order Meeting called to order at 6:15pm. Quorum confirmed.
B	Approval of Agenda Moved by RA, seconded by LT. Approved.
C	Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting To be approved prior to August Meeting
D	Team Configurations The board discussed current registration numbers across all age groups. It was agreed that a communication should be sent to senior female players clarifying the senior female team's current status, age range, and registration numbers. Dayna's message of commitment will be included. Norma will draft the communication and share with the board for review. The board discussed options for forming two versus three U13 teams. Concerns were raised regarding roster size, safety, and ice availability. It was agreed that two teams would be held for now. The possibility of a third team will remain open, pending registration growth. The board decided on targeted communication to U13 families, encouraging registration and transparency. <i>Decision: Proceed with U13 and Senior Female communications; defer further decisions to mid-August meeting.</i>

E	<p>Coaching Recruitment and Assignments</p> <p>The board reviewed the status of coaching assignments. Recruitment is ongoing for U11, U13, U15 and U18 positions. Jesse, Dan Lang, Taylor Legge, Chris McLeod, and potential coaches from the Men's League (via Dan Babin) were identified for follow-up.</p> <p>Marc will contact Marc Keenan and confirm with Dayna regarding returning coaches from last season. Robyn will renew the Indeed subscription. Louise will follow up with Ainsley to rerun the Call for Coaches advertisement.</p> <p><i>Decision: Proceed with targeted recruitment and follow-up conversations.</i></p>
F	<p>Tournament Strategy</p> <p>The board approved a two-tier approach: one tournament per team will be secured and WMHA-funded, prioritizing October/November. Applications for second tournaments (January–March) will be submitted, with WMHA-funding decisions to follow review of gaming grant availability. It was suggested to prioritize securing two tournament slots for younger teams (U11–U13), with older teams opting in.</p> <p>Marc, Laura, and John Whitmee will finalize tournament applications. Laura will also follow up with last year's team managers to gather feedback.</p> <p><i>Decision: Approved, with 2nd tourney funding decision deferred.</i></p>
G	<p>Rotating Ice Schedule</p> <p>The board discussed a bi-weekly rotating ice schedule aimed at increasing full-ice practice access and broadening scheduling options for development by Dayna & Beck. Concerns were raised about impacts on membership in the short and long term. It was agreed that coach feedback would be the first step before engaging the wider parent group. Concerns were raised about impacts on membership. Marc will gather coach input and present findings at the next board meeting.</p> <p><i>Decision: Proceed with coach feedback phase.</i></p>
H	<p>Jersey Management</p> <p>The board discussed improvements to jersey management. New orders will be deferred until after teams are finalized. Implementing a new jersey deposit policy was discussed. Laura will develop an online inventory tracking system, investigate garment bag pricing, and sort spare jerseys into division lockers.</p> <p><i>Decision: Proceed with development of tracking system and sorting of spare jerseys;</i></p>

	<i>approved deferral of new jersey order pending team formations.</i>
I	<p>Rep Tryouts The board discussed registration logistics. Goalie assessments will not be required for U11 or U13 due to low registration. Deposits will be collected as part of registration. Refunds for cancelled tryouts will be applied to player registration. Norma will send tryout forms for U18 and U15.</p> <p><i>Decision: Approved.</i></p>
J	<p>New To Hockey Outreach The board agreed to promote the New To Hockey portion of the Back to Hockey week to encourage new players to join, particularly at the U13 level.</p> <p><i>Decision: Approved.</i></p>
K	<p>Termination of Meeting</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.</p>