



## **GDMHA Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** April 22, 2025

**Location:** Golden Civic Centre

**Time:** 6:30pm

### **1. In Attendance**

Ashley Durning, Heidi Delmonego, Adam Watchorn, Adam Sheriff, Andrea Sheriff, Kathy Poland, Mike Charlebois, Derek Penno, Blaine Broderick, Raelene Colonna, Nick Beuglet, Susan Olson, Spencer Lainchbury, Amanda Baryluk, Rick King, Lucille Hayward, Helen Page, Niall Gleeson, Michelle O'Grady, Jessica Chagnon, Bryce Balon, Katie Balon, Arranny Khuong, Sue Dukelow, Shayne Martin, Mandy Horseman, Jordan Petrovics, Cathy Leblanc, Kris Beattie

### **2. Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM by Vice President Jessica Chiles.
- Quorum confirmed.

### **3. Welcome Message from the President**

- Jessica Chiles acknowledges Bruce McKnight's contributions as the previous President.
- Thanks extended to coaches, managers, and Board members.
- Registration growth highlighted:
  - 2022 Season: 126 players
  - 2023 Season: 166 players
  - 2024 Season: 183 players
- Season highlights included:
  - First Shift Program success.
  - Continued player development.
  - Stronger governance and policy clarity.
- Goal for upcoming season: Strengthen the association's governance structure and continue collaboration with CBT and community supports.

## 4. Approval of Previous AGM Minutes (2024)

- Motion to approve: Jessica Chiles
- First: Jess Chagnon
- Second: Adam Sheriff
- Motion **carried**.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

- Presented by Michelle O'Grady.
- Income: \$234,000 — increased through higher membership, clinics, tournaments, raffle, grants, and donations.
- Expenses were higher but ended with a **\$3,000 profit** and a **\$22,000 reserve**.
- Acknowledgment and thanks to Michelle and the fundraising team.

## 6. Correspondence

- Nil.

## 7. Reports of Committees

### Registrar

- Growth from 166 to 183 registered players.

### Chief Referee

- 198 games were officiated.
- 52 officials total; 12 female officials.
- 18 new officials trained through clinics.
- Assignr App used for scheduling — improved operations after initial challenges.
- Four officials are being supported to attend BC Hockey's 3-day officiating clinic being held in Salmon Arm this summer.

### Ice Manager

- Update on ice management; tried some new things this season. Lots of coordination when booking practices, games, additional programs and tournaments. Big goal this season was to try to keep things fair, consistent and equitable ice time amongst all the teams.

- 671 hours of ice booked (+21 additional hours with the extension of the arena during spring break).
- GDMHA was the largest user group in Golden's arena.
- Managed 3 league weekends and 10 tournaments.
- Good relationship built with the Town of Golden.
- Arena reopening date: August 22nd, 2025.
- Ice extension and possibly hosting U18 provincials in 2026 being reviewed.
- Town reviewing recreation fees.

## Female Development

- First year with two all-female teams.
- 36% of registrations are female; 8 players were dual-rostered.
- U11 Female League launched successfully — championship won.
- Black and pink jerseys for the new U15 Female team this year.
- Strong progress compared to other East Kootenay associations.

## Coach Coordinator (and AP Committee)

- Thanks to all coaches and helpers.
- 16 sessions run with Chuck Wight, previous Jr. Rockets coach — very positive feedback.
- Power skating emphasized for skill development.
- Plan to continue with Chuck next season.
- Thanks to Blaine Broderick for support with the Conduct Committee we hope to continue to gain his expertise.

## 8. Unfinished Business (Bylaw Updates & Votes)

### Bylaw Updates and Special Resolutions

- **By-Law 1 (Membership):**
  - All registered players in good standing are members.
  - Each player is entitled to one vote, cast by a parent or guardian.
  - Members must comply with the Constitution and bylaws.
  - **Vote: 3 opposed; majority in favor.**
  - **Motion passed at 7:01 PM.**
  - *Note: Must be present in person to vote.*

- **By-Law 5 (New Board Positions & Role Updates):**
  - Created new positions: Female Development Director, Fundraising Chair, Manager Coordinator.
  - Separated Registrar and Secretary roles.
  - Updated Board role descriptions.
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  - **Vote: Unanimously passed at 7:07 PM.**
  
- **Special Resolution (Full Bylaw Replacement):**
  - Replace all bylaws with updated versions.
  - Effective immediately upon approval.
  - Vote: Passed at 7:08 PM.

## 9. Election of Officers

### Voting Process:

- Proposal: Voting via **ballot** rather than show of hands.
- One minute for each nominee to speak or submit a statement to be read.

Position	Nominee	Result
President	Jessica Chiles	Elected by acclamation
Vice President	Niall Gleeson	Elected by acclamation (note: seeking Referee Coordinator)
Secretary	Ashley Durning	Elected by acclamation
Treasurer	Michelle O'Grady	Elected by acclamation
Registrar	Malin Ewan	Elected by acclamation
Coach Coordinator	Derek Penno	Elected by acclamation
Ice Manager	Amber Granter	Elected by acclamation
Chief Referee	[Position Nominee TBD]	No nominee or volunteer
Risk & Equipment	Spencer Lainchbury	Elected by acclamation

Female Development	Josee Roy	Elected by acclamation
Manager Coordinator	Heidi Delmonego	Elected by acclamation
Fundraising Coordinator	[Position Nominee TBD]	No nominee or volunteer

## 10. New Business (Open Floor)

- **Arranny Khuong:** Question about Whitefish rejoining league play. To be discussed at the EK meeting. Concerns with travel to the US.
- **Lucille Hayward:** Survey discussions about player plans for U13 & U15; Presidents and VPs will take over communication. Conversation started before the new board elected.
- **Derek Penno:** Question about expanding tournaments beyond 4 teams. Limited by ice availability.
- **Susan McRoberts:** Proposal to offer 6-team tournaments to new teams next season; subject to ice availability.
- **Jordan Petrovics (Town of Golden):** Explained recreational fee structures and general public access obligations.
- **Susan McRoberts:** Concerns over out-of-town rates; Town aims to prioritize local access but confirmed any out of town tournament bookings are paying a much higher rate for ice.
- **Lucille Hayward:** Thanks to outgoing Board members; supports stronger collaboration with junior hockey groups. Spring camp was a success and we plan to do a fall back-to-hockey camp.
- **Acknowledgements:**
  - Big Thank you to outgoing Board members: **Blaine Broderick, Chantelle Lacasse, Kristine Divall and Jon Hayward.**

## 11. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 7:48
- Moved by: Jessica Chiles / Seconded by: Ashley Durning.
- Motion **carried**.

## Certification

I certify that these minutes are a true and accurate record of the GDMHA Annual General Meeting.

**Ashley Durning**  
**Secretary, GDMHA**

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