



MEETING MINUTES March 3rd, 2025

Golden & District Arena Meeting Room

In Attendance: Malin, Jessica, Ashley, Josee, Michelle, Amber, Chantelle, Niall, Blaine, Neelam, Rosie.

Call to Order: 7:09

Motion: to accept minutes of last meeting: 1st Michelle, 2nd: Niall.

Motion: to accept agenda as amended: 1st: Josee, 2nd: Ashley.

Topics for discussion

1. AGM/Bylaw updates and plan
 - a. Membership description - reviewed with Bruce McKenzie and he agreed with our changes.
 - b. Bylaw role descriptions vs. policy role descriptions
 - i. Really condensed versions for the bylaws because we don't want to change the bylaws every year.
 - ii. Special resolution at the AGM to approve the director descriptions.
 - iii. Go through Pacific sport for governance and bylaw changes.
 - iv. AGM updating board of director responsibilities, membership description, creation/separation of roles.
 - v. Define signing authority in long descriptions.

Short form bylaw role description reviewed by board of directors for revision.

Motion by Jessica to accept the revision of Bylaw 5 - Duties and Responsibilities of the Directors of the Executive to the short form version. Motion made at 7:40 pm on March 3rd, 2025. Seconded by Niall, all in favor. Motion passed.

Long form description for policy handbook:

- Need more support for some positions.
- Events and manager coordinator is too much for one position.

- Role that has to have some steering.
 - Events need better planning and support from volunteers.
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- c. Working committee to update bylaws and policies.
- Bylaw Separate operational roles and executive roles (Ice, Safety, Chief Referee, etc?)
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2. U15 Roster questions. (Neelam/Rosie from U15): Planning for next year.
- Dual roster: problem with dual rostered players, skewed the number for the coed, not conducive for success.
 - This season only a core group of 8-9 skaters, no chemistry always picking up players, really would like support for planning.
 - Dual rostering doesn't always support the numbers but does help. All female players are allowed to dual roster.
 - Small cohort this season with some players being more committed than others.
 - Look at numbers, suggestions around combining with Invermere. A lot of ideas. Early parent meetings.
 - Would like to keep the 2nd years together if they are like minded.
 - Discussions with EK, oversized rosters are allowed.
 - Delegating roles, give notice, people want to help. Could make team responsibilities.
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3. Monitoring emails.
- Fundraising now vacant, have logins for email and flip give. Ashley and Michelle will check in with Kristine on loose ends.
 - President - Jess will check email.
 - Safety - Niall will get the email login and password.

Board members' intentions for next year were reviewed.

Suggestions from Bruce McKenzie for future planning:

- Change to 7 executive board of directors.
- Directors vote in the president and vice president.
- No nominations from the floor.
- Operational committees.
- Committees to report which board members?

Nominations emailed to Jessica and she will communicate with the nominees.

Vice President Report:

Jessica Chiles

From EK meeting

1. Bucks Program – Tier 2

We are currently on year 3 of the 3 year pilot, so the program needs to go back to the minor committee to continue the program. Discussion around what the associations are receiving for feedback. It seems like the U15 group is the biggest question as we are currently building strong teams in each association.

- Discussion around the table at the EK meeting was that most teams are in favor of the program.
- Blaine - what we are noticing going around playing in the EK is it seems to be watering down the competition by taking players for U15 and U18 Bucks. Coaches have said it does take away players from their own community.

Talk with boards and finalize at the March meeting.

2. Official HCR rosters along with travel permits from every team must be submitted with a tournament package starting next season. BC Hockey will be spot checking during the end of tournament questionnaires. East Kootenay is moving to a minimum two week lead time to submit them. All tournament team rosters need to be submitted a minimum 21 days prior to the said tournament. The importance of HCR numbers and travel permits is so we can verify these teams are sanctioned. Everyone is open to penalties if late submissions, as it is easier at a MHA level to hand out discipline that way.
 - a. Tournament teams aren't always guaranteed. They look at bench staff, overage players, etc.
 - b. Feedback - you never know 30 days ahead, lots of variables, more things should get vetted through the president who sends to Leann at EK Hockey and on to BC Hockey.

Registrar Report:

Malin Sjoström

- Do we want to/need to discuss potential teams for next season or leave that for the next board?
 - Parents email suggestions, early team meetings to just gauge interest.
 - Meetings after the AGM.
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- U5 idea with split ice practice along with U7. Right now we have 4,5 and 6 year olds in U7 which makes for a huge team with very diverse skills and capacity for drills. Do we want to run them as two groups next year but during the same ice time?
 - Could just practice and not host or attend tournaments for the U5s but have fun skating games during their practice.
 - Then the 5-6 year olds can do different and harder drills.
 - U5's could use 1/3 of the ice.
 - Most associations do not accept 4 year olds.

- Hockey Canada & BC Hockey rules say you must turning 5 or 6 to register.
- U7 mini-program, separate program from U7.
- Get lots of parent volunteers.
- Update our policy to allow 4 year olds to join with different specifications.
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When do we want to start registration, decide or leave for the next board?

- After the AGM.

Female Development Report:

Josee Roy

1. Looking forward to next year, early numbers are looking like we'll be able to host a U13 and U15 female team and there has been some parent/player interest for a U7/U9 female team.
 - a. U7/U9 Female team in some capacity.
2. Jerseys for U13 female team for next year.
 - a. Jerseys needed for multiple teams. Next year's board to organize and order jerseys early.

Ice Manager:

Amber Granter

1. March break camp options and how to advertise outside of our community.
 - a. Wolski is doing their own registration.
 - b. Bruce is doing the 3 on 3 tournament.
 - c. Jr Rockets are doing their own registration.
 - d. Invoice Wolski for the ice.

Future Kraft funds to help camps. Committee to discuss in the future.

Ref Coordinator Report:

Niall Gleeson

2025 Summer Officiating Schools:

- For ages 13-17.
- Salmon Arm July 31 to August 4.
- \$700/person - up to 4 refs? GDMH has paid for 4 refs in a previous year.
- Would be valuable for experience.
- Each season could be a discussion.
- Would encourage some young officials to go.
- Could guarantee a certain amount of games next season?
- This year Ivy, Manalou, Dylan and Ashton officiated a larger amount of games. Will get in touch and see if they are interested in attending the camp.

Fundraising Coordinator Report:

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Treasurer's Report:

Michelle O'Grady

- Financials will be ready for the next meeting but the year end is April 30th.

Coach Coordinator:

Blaine Broderick

Manager Coordinator Report:

Chantelle Lacasse

- Awards
 - U7 & U9 are happy with pucks.
 - U11, U13, U15, U18 usually do the plaques with a trophy or medal for their players getting the 4 awards..
 - Certificates for all the players ?
- Mini Olympic Update: U18 has requested acknowledgement of banner winners. Finding somewhere to have that, possibly on Monday the March 10th.
- Will check with the town and the ice schedule.
- Concession - Indian Kitchen will run.
- Refs on the ice during mini-olympics.
- Teams are finalized.
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- Adult coed tournament: keep advertising for players and volunteers.
- Niall will advertise for refs.
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- Banquet- Reached out to Heidi as managers have had lots of questions:
- Food still to be determined approx \$10 per kid.
- Budget sent to Michelle.
- Info sent to managers today with details.

Secretary's Report:

Ashley Durning

- Insurance for Spring break is sorted.
- Civic centre AGM is booked.

Equipment/Safety

New Business

Date for next meeting: March 31st at 7:00pm

Motion to Adjourn by: Jessica.

Meeting Adjourned: time 9:22 pm.

