

OMHMHA Annual General Meeting Minutes – May 27th, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm

Attendance: Tammy Mikkelsen, Trishia Edwards, Melanie Hendrix, Kersti Toews, Marie Heit, Jamie Heit, Melissa Cadsand, Kristy Abrams, Ashley Splendorio, Bryan Splendorio, Jason Cameron, Jim Meade, Phil Johnston, Jen Johnston, Jessica Murphy, David Bissat, Amanda Grabowiceki, TJ Grabowiecki, Kirsten Nash, Jason Nash, Chelsea Geddert, Grayson Winters, Chloe Winters, Natalie Scott, Heather Williamson, Mark Bissat, Nicole Bissat, Mandy Grierson, Richard Deneef, Courtney Arsenault, Jesse Arsenault, Brittany Rhodes, Sydney Freeman, Jim Malm, Amber Malm, Chad Paddersen, Jody Malm, Kim Brown, Dale Brown, Charlie Bridal, Candice Killian, Wes Mackay, Kim Marinus, Teresa Ritchie and Tiffany Pincott

Welcome to all and reading of the land acknowledgement by Kersti Toews.

Motion to adopt the proposed agenda, seconded, and carried.

Review of the 2024 AGM meeting minutes.

Motion to adopt the 2024 AGM minutes as read, seconded, carried.

Reception of Credentials

There was a total of 45 paid voting members in attendance.

Report of Committees

Big thank you to all our 2024/2025 coaches/managers/executive members/parents, and volunteers of all kinds for a successful season.

The finance committee met on May 21st to propose the 2025/2026 + budget, which was presented to all in attendance.

Motion to adopt the budget as presented, seconded and carried.

Treasures Report:

Irene was not able to attend today's meeting, but Kersti circulated a copy of the annual statement and profit/loss statement.

Unfinished business from 2024

A strategic plan is still being worked on for the association that was started in 2024.

Election of officers

All voting was done by show of hands as per by-law 4

President: Kersti has agreed to stand as president. Nominations were open to the floor three times, Mark Bissat was nominated, he respectfully declined, with thanks to his nominator, there were no other nominees.

Kersti Toews elected by acclamation as President.

1st Vice President - Gord Moore declines to stand as 1st Vice President. Nominations were open to the floor three times, Marie Heit and Mandy Grierson were both nominated and accepted the nominations.

Mandy Grierson elected as the new 1st Vice President.

2nd Vice President – Marie Heit is the current 2nd Vice President, and she agrees to stand in this position. Nominations were open to the floor three times. Courtney Arsenault was nominated and accepted. Jason Cameron was nominated, he respectfully declined, with thanks to his nominator.

Courtney Arsenault elected as the new 2nd Vice President.

Secretary – Kristy Abrams agrees to stand as secretary. Nominations were open to the floor three times, there were no other nominees.

Kristy Abrams was elected by acclamation as the secretary.

Treasurer – Irene Tinney agrees to stand as the treasurer. Nominations were open to the floor three times, Marie Heit was nominated and accepted.

Irene Tinney was elected as the treasurer.

Directors at Large – Current directors at large are Tammy Mikkelsen, Tiffany Pincott and Anke Levermann. These three decline to stand in the position. Nominations were open to the floor three times.

Marie Heit was nominated and accepted. Heather Williamson was nominated and accepted. Mark Bissat was nominated, he respectfully declined with thanks to his nominator. Jason Cameron was nominated and accepted. Kim Marinus was nominated and accepted. Brittany Rhodes was nominated and accepted. Amber Malm was nominated and accepted. Tricia Edwards was nominated and respectfully declined with thanks to her nominator.

1. Amber Malm

2. Jason Cameron

3. Kim Marinus

Were elected as the three directors at large.

Director of female hockey – Roxanne Sutton declines to stand in this position.

Nominations were open to the floor three times. Melissa Cadsand was nominated and accepted, Teresa Ritchie was nominated and accepted.

Teresa Ritchie was elected as the director of female hockey.

It was brought up to add a position to the board for an indigenous liaison. At this time, adding this position to the board would be a change in the bylaws, which would need to be presented and adopted 30 days before the AGM. This is something that will be tabled for the future to be added.

Through review of bylaws and discussion, it was determined that there could be a special committee formed, which would be the Indigenous Relations Committee.

Motion to create an Indigenous Relations Committee, Chaired by Heather Williamson as parent Advocate, seconded and carried.

OMAHA –

Kersti attended the OMAHA AGM this year to represent our association and ask to be accepted in again as a guest to their league for both the rec and rep levels. 100 Mile Minor Hockey has been approved at both Rec and T4 levels.

Kersti stated that we have an opportunity to apply to change districts and move into the OMAHA district permanently. Part of the reason was so we would no longer have to apply to be a guest and pay the guest-level fees annually. There were many pros stated to change from North Central District (NCDMHA) to Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association (OMAHA). No recreational leagues for our teams to play in; no T4 league for our teams to play in; lack of district support at the AA level in the south end of our district and difficulty and lack of district support in forming teams were a few. This change must be approved by OMAHA, NCD and BC Hockey. OMAHA has already unanimously approved.

It was motioned to begin the process to change OMHMHA from NCDMHA to OMAHA on a permanent basis, seconded and carried unanimously. Kersti will start on this process.

REP teams – This year the rep leagues will work differently. In OMAHA each rep team will be required to play three exhibition games before the OMAHA ice scheduling meeting and teams will be placed accordingly. Should we not get approval to move to OMAHA permanently for the 2025-2026 season, our T4 team(s) will also be required to play in their NCD league.

Free registration draw – Bryan Speldorio won the free registration for this season.

Appointment of executive committee positions (non-voting)

Referee in Chief – Mark Bissat

Equipment Manager – Tabled

Head coach/Coach coordinator – Jason Cameron (U7/9/11) Gord Moore (U13/15/18)

Risk management coordinator – Tabled

Sponsorship coordinator – Tabled

Tournament coordinator – Natalie Scott

Communications and website coordinator – Mandy Grierson

Rep team coordinator – Tabled

Ice Scheduler – Marie Heit and Jason Cameron

Volunteer/Manager coordinator – Kim Marinus

Division Managers

U18 – Kristy Abrams

U15 – Tabled

U13 – Tabled

U11 – Tabled

U9 – Tabled

U7 – Tabled

Appointment of special committees

-Finance committee – Irene Tinney + 2 (chosen by Irene)

-Discipline committee – Mandy Grierson + 3 (chosen by Mandy)

2026-2027 season dates are set

Rep Prep Camp – Aug 18th Aug 21st

Regular cutoff for registration in June 30th to avoid late fees and to make sure that you are counted for the numbers for the rep teams if interested.

Regular fees are due to be paid in full by Sept 30th

Rep fees are due to be paid in full by Oct 31st

Rep tryouts will be held during the weeks of Sept 2nd – Sept 14th

Regular season will start Sept 15th

Meeting adjourned at 7:24PM