

OMHMHA Meeting Minutes – October 9th, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm

Attendance: Ashley Sblendorio, Lauralee (Lolly) Bennett, Anke Levermann, Roxanne Sutton, Tiffany Pincott, Tammy Mikkelsen, Irene Tinney, Teresa Ritchie, Marie Schaff and Kersti Toews.

Lolly Bennett – Territorial Acknowledgement process – Land acknowledgement.

Lolly will draft wording for the land acknowledgement so we can put it onto the website.

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

Review of the September 18th, 2024, meeting minutes. Reviewed the policy amendments that were made.

Motion to adopt the September 18th, 2024, minutes, seconded, carried.

Motion to implement tournament entry fees as discussed in September for the 2025/2026 season, seconded, carried.

Work in progress points to keep track of by Kersti.

Presidents Report:

Well, it's been an interesting and stressful start to the 2024-2025 season.

Not only did we lose a U15 carded team; but during the NCD U13 Rep Icebreaker that we hosted, we lost our U13 T4 team as well. I have to say that this has been a very disappointing and hectic few weeks. Disappointing in that our 3 coaches decided when they did to fail these kids and fold the team at the conclusion of the ice breaker. We cannot force coaches to continue where they fail to see the opportunity. I was present at the Coaches meeting as well as the

Parent Meeting along with our Rep Coordinator when the Head Coach announced that they would be folding the team. He stated that all 3 coaches were of the same opinion – this team was not capable of competing in the NCD league. We also required NCD approval to pull the team from the NCD league – which I got after an emergency NCD zoom call.

Now, their decision becomes our problem and leaves 100 Mile MHA left with finding playing opportunities for all U13 Rep players after any option to tryout elsewhere has passed. Super

frustrating for me and the players and their families. We have rolled all U13 Rep players into the U13 division and have rostered 2 large, evenly matched teams. 3 Rec teams at U13 did not seem viable. Now we move forward with our season and consider going forward with applying to BC Hockey to change Districts. We will discuss this option next month. Right now, we need to focus on getting all teams up and running for the season.

Further to Lolly Bennett's assistance with our new Territorial Acknowledgement, I just wanted to share about my experience in August with the BC Hockey and I-SPARC (Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council) Indigenous Cultural Safety Training sessions. WOW!! It was one of the most incredible experiences that I have ever been part of. The sharing and learning about how we got to Truth & Reconciliation and the effects of the Residential School system and intergenerational trauma. Simply mind-blowing learning as a settler who was never taught any of this in school. The Blanket Exercise – an incredible visual! Firsthand accounts of adults who have survived the Residential School system – so powerful. I was interviewed by freelance writer from Victoria about my experience. I am forever changed and grateful by this opportunity to learn.

I believe it is our duty as an MHA to establish and maintain a mutually respectful relationship with our First Nations communities and create a safe and welcoming space for our Indigenous community members to participate in. We cannot do that without first acknowledging the history leading us here and taking steps to change the future. BC Hockey is working to implement these teachings into its programming. Our first step is the territorial Acknowledgement -the next may be looking at Indigenous specific programming. I would like to set up a committee that could meet regularly and include Lolly or other members of the Canim Lake community to assist us in developing programs that remove the barriers that might be keeping their children from playing hockey. Sport, and in our case, Hockey specifically, saves lives. It's our job to create safe spaces for everyone to play. One player at a time.

Kersti will be drafting a letter to the U13's and U15's AP's players.

Talked about the possibility of making district changes

Treasures Report:

- Payments received – Tournament fees, Sponsor payments
- BC Hockey's invoice has been paid
- NCD invoice has been paid

We still have some outstanding player fees.

Equipment Manager Report:

All team's jerseys have been assigned, waiting for the Rep U18 jerseys and U18 Female Royals jerseys to be ready for pick up.

Coach Coordinator:

The U15's will be drafted on October 9th, 2024.

All teams have coaches in place, U18 rec. Is still waiting to assign a HC, this will happen before their first game.

Ice Scheduler:

I went to OHMHA Scheduling weekend. All league games have been scheduled for the season. There are still a few kinks that are being worked on.

100 Mile House will be hosting the U15 Playoffs March 2025

Referee in Chief:

We hosted a ref clinic on October 5th. Had 20 participants. We are hoping that some 11 year olds will be able to attend the Ref clinic in Ashcroft.

Tournament Coordinator:

Lots of applications have been sent in. But we are still waiting for tournament fee payments to be sent to us. Looking into the possibility of using team snap for tournaments registration for next season.

Asked for a list of Managers to be able to reach out and discuss the tournaments with them.

Rep Team Coordinator:

Any issues that become known will be brought to the board's attention.

New Business:

U18 Female team would like get permission to fundraise for their tournament costs as they do not have a home tournament.

- **Motion was made, seconded, and carried.**

Photo night October 17th – team managers will be there; no dressing rooms will be provided unless the team has ice scheduled for that evening.

Went over the list of sponsors for the season.

Managers Meeting – to be held by Marie and Corrine – October 10th, 2024 at 5:30pm in the lobby.

Coaches meeting – TBD – hoping Anke and Bill can schedule a coaches meeting for all the coaches.

Scorekeepers Clinic – Will be held over the next week or so. Kersti and Marie will set up and host this meeting.

Motion for the U11 teams to be allowed to keep their Atomic Jersey's

- **Motioned, seconded, and carried**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm