

## **OMHMHA Meeting Minutes – August 19<sup>th</sup> 2025**

In Attendance: Irene Tinney, Teresa Ritchie, Kersti Toews, Kristy Abrams, Kim Marinus, Amber Malm, Jason Cameron, Mark Bissat, Courtney Arsenault and Mandy Grierson.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM.

### **Agenda Items**

- Add photos to the agenda.
- Add discuss the hockey schedule.
- Move Mark's reports until he arrives.

**Motion to adopt amended agenda, seconded and carried.**

Meeting Minutes from the July 3rd Zoom meeting read out by the President.

**Motion to adopt the minutes from July 3<sup>rd</sup>, seconded and carried.**

### **President's Report**

Approved at all levels to be permanently part of the Omaha district now, effective immediately.

Since we are now permanent members of Omaha, there is no need to apply for guest status anymore.

Player fees are \$16 per player, with no guest fees, saving between \$7,000 - \$10,000 a year. Participation at the Fall Omaha meeting on September 13th in Kelowna is mandatory for the President, female hockey coordinator and Referee in chief. The association will cover travel costs.

We are still missing one of the iPads from last year. If it's not found, we may have to look at replacing it, but it doesn't need to be an Apple iPad; we might look at an Amazon tablet. One of the board members may have an old one that they could donate. We will wait to see if one needs to be purchased.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Roughly \$40,000 in the regular account.
- \$26,000 in the tournaments account from last year. • \$9,000 in the volunteer fee account.
- \$5,000 paid to Levi.
- Travelling expenses were a little over \$2,000.
- Tournament team snap app was \$422.19.
- Office lease is a little over \$2,000.

- \$600 for the U11 tryouts.
- A little over \$4,000 for the rep camp ice.

#### Outstanding Payments

- Many people haven't paid yet, which is normal.
- The commitment is to have everyone paid by the end of September.

#### **Coach Coordinator Updates**

U7: Two assistant coaches, no head coach.

U9: One head coach applicant, one assistant coach applicant.

U11: Two assistant coaches.

U13: One head coach, two assistant coaches.

U15: One head coach, two assistant coaches, possibly three.

U18 Female: Two head coaches, one assistant coach.

U18: No coach applicants yet

#### **Team Formations**

Ashcroft only has five U18s, which may lead to some of them joining OMHMHA.

There are enough U15s for two teams. There is talk of U18 teams instead of having 22 kids on a team.

#### **U11 Development**

21 kids want to try out for development, but many may not know what they clicked if they are first-time registrants. All eligible coaches in that division belong to the development group, causing a shortage of coaches for the rec U11 league. In-depth discussion on not offering U11 Development this year due to the small number of kids it would leave for the recreational level team. The association is looking to focus more on all the kids and their development instead of just a handful of them. Approved tryouts for U11 development earlier on due to having a head coach and enough registered kids. Concern now is separating the U11s into a development team and a house team may create a skill gap and coaching imbalance. If we have a standalone team, the kids who don't play on that development team don't get the development. Suggestion: Keep all U11s together, form two equally drafted teams, and provide extra ice time for a tournament team and the development tryout would be for a tournament team.

Debate on the pros and cons of this was discussed in length, and the board members who

do not have a conflict of interest will vote on this after talking with the U11 development coach applicant to make their final decision on what would be in the best interest of all the U11 players.

### **Team Declarations**

First round of declarations is due on Monday, we will be declaring high as it's better to declare more teams and drop them later than to try to add teams.

### **Female Hockey Update**

U18 team has 15 girls and a goalie.

U13 team has 8 girls and 1 goalie.

A "try hockey" event for girls is being organized for September 7th at 2:15 PM, minimum equipment: helmet, gloves, stick, and skates; neck guard recommended. New female players won't be charged the late fee.

### **Coaching Outreach**

The next meeting September 2nd, so the focus is on getting coaches in the next two weeks. The coach coordinator will send out a blanket email to all registered players' parents asking for coaching. It will also be posted on our Facebook page.

### **Referee Update**

The referee meeting reviewed changes for the upcoming season. Adult referees will have an additional online component to streamline the clinic process. A meeting is scheduled to learn how to deliver clinic materials. One of our junior referees attended the referee camp and was happy with it.

### **Rep Prep Camp (Preseason Conditioning Camp)**

The camp was rebranded to a "preseason conditioning camp" to attract more participants. There are 28 kids participating, resulting in a financial loss due to dropouts and ice costs. The camp is focused on motivation and competition, with positive feedback on the dry land training.

### **U11 Player Movement Request**

One player has requested to move down from U13 to U11 based on skill level, but was also requesting to be able to try out for the U11 Development team. Discussion on this and motion to approve request to play down in U11, but decline request to try out for U11 development, seconded and carried.

### **Residential Waiver Requests**

Two U18 players are going to Williams Lake for U18 tryouts, nine U15 players are trying out in Williams Lake, and two U13 players, plus two female players, are trying out for U15 in Williams Lake.

### **Scheduling and Meetings**

The first week of the minor hockey schedule is posted on the bulletin board, and an electronic copy is available. Exhibition game for the Wranglers is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th, and practices are moved to Sunday, September 14th.

### **Equipment**

All locks on the cages in the equipment room were cut, and the door code has been changed.

We are seeking a volunteer to serve as the equipment manager for this season.

### **Outstanding Fees and Office Hours**

There are outstanding fees that need to be collected. The board needs to manage the collection of fees and provide office support. Office hours will be Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. September is a must for office hours, and maybe October as well. Everyone will rotate to sit in the office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Next meeting Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00pm

