

OMHMHA Meeting Minutes – November 4th 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Attendance: Kristy Abrams, Kersti Toews, Amanda Grabowiecki, Mark Bissat, Kaitlynn Allenby, Amber Malm, Irene Tinney, Mandy Grierson, Jason Cameron, Kim Marinus, Natalie Scott and Trishia Edwards.

Motion to adopt the proposed agenda as amended to add U18 Development, Fundraising and U11 Female, seconded, and carried.

October 7th meeting minutes were previously circulated via email for everyone to review. A motion to accept the minutes, seconded and carried.

REPORTS:

President's Report:

Unfortunately, our current VP2 and Equipment Manager has stepped down effective immediately. The main role of VP2 is appeals chair for looking after unresolved issues. Looking to fill these roles. The President can appoint someone for the remainder of this year, but that person would not be a voting member until elections at AGM next year.

Treasurer's Report:

\$9169.18 Volunteer fee account

\$5896.95 Main account

\$37,000 gaming grant has been received for this year.

\$59,504.87 tournament fees account. **Motion to move the \$26,000 from this account to the main account to repay from last season, seconded and carried.**

Still a lot of outstanding registration fees owed, the Treasurer is in the process of contacting these people to arrange payment. Also, will start contacting managers to start getting repayment from teams for tournament fees that have been paid out already by the association. Our ice is paid up now until January.

Referee in Chief:

Able to now schedule referees through Spordle, check their availability and book them to ref. This will also pre-populate their names in the scoresheet.

Coach Coordination U7-U11:

The new player pathways for the coach training program are difficult to find and navigate online. Looking at finding time towards the end of the season to do a coach appreciation event, which will also give the opportunity for coaches to provide the association with feedback from the season to move forward with.

Female Hockey:

Working on ideas to encourage more of the female players to try the goalie position, as it's always the hardest one to fill for female teams.

Tournaments:

- U15, first home tournament coming up, things are all ready to go. There is a Kamloops team that will be using a 100 Mile goalie for this, which is all approved.
- U11 and U13 still have openings for more teams; we have been sending out invites to other associations to try to fill spots. U11 currently has 4 teams, and U13 has 7 teams.
- Motion for a set price for raffle and 50/50 tickets for all tournaments, 3 tickets for \$5 and 15 tickets for \$10 for the 50/50 draws, and 3 tickets for \$5 and 15 tickets for \$20 for the raffle draws, seconded and carried. An email was sent with a poster for advertising for everyone to use. This will make it easier for license applications.
- Tournament rules posted on the website are still the old ones from NCD. We will get it updated with OMAHA ones.

Equipment Manager:

No report

Manager Coordinator:

Most of the managers are getting on fine; a lot of them are reaching out to the manager coordinator directly if they have questions or need help. Most of the requests to date have been equipment-related. Jerseys, Pucks, etc.

Manager Reports:

U7 - \$1400 donation for sweaters for all players and coaches. Cross-ice board helpers have been a challenge. Collecting tournament fees from players. Looking for some of the old swag to make up little swag bags to give kids for Christmas.

U9 - First away game, Oct 19th in Clearwater, was a lot of the players' first game ever. Was great enthusiasm from coaches and players. A 50/50 license was applied for so they can

run draws at home games. Signed up for the Clearwater tournament in January and Williams Lake in February. Have a lot of safety people in the process of taking the course, and 2 are currently with safety.

U11 – Good start to the season, lots of parent support. They have a tournament in December in Quesnel, Williams Lake in February and their home tournament. Had Cindy come out and do a power skating session with the kids, it went really well, and they are looking at booking more. The team sponsor is supplying the players and coaches with jackets.

U11 Development – Exhibition game in Ashcroft coming up. Hosted a bottle drive last weekend and raised \$1500. Sanction request has been submitted for the planned mini-stick-a-thon, waiting to get this back to plan a set date. **Santa Parade coming up on Nov 21st, motion to allow the team to set up and sell hot chocolate during this event, seconded and carried.** They have a game coming up in Kelowna this weekend. Have had one injury where the player did need to be carried off the ice, was taken to the hospital to be checked out and only had minimal bruising.

U13 Female – They have their extra jerseys now and all match along with socks. Just waiting on their name bars.

U13 team 2 – Have had a couple of games so far, have lost a player who moved away, but are gaining a new registered player. Have a tournament coming up in December in Clearwater and another one in Winfield. Have done power skating with Cindy as well, went good and looking to add in more coming up. Name bars for jerseys have been donated by one of the parents and are being put on the jerseys now. There are also some parents who want to sponsor jackets and hoodies for the coaches and players.

U15 – Team has been doing well so far this season. Planning for the upcoming home tournament is well underway, with a couple of parents who stepped up to take on the organizing. They have ordered team track suits that should be coming this week. An anonymous donor was thanked for the generous donation to cover the cost of these. Ice cleans are now back on schedule and happening as they should be for practices. Still waiting to get extra jerseys that were requested; one of the goalies is wearing a player jersey, which is pretty tight.

U18 team 2 – Attended a tournament last weekend in Chase, making it to the finals and bringing home second place. Always short on players due to the small roster and new relief player rules, which don't enable pulling other players to top up the roster to 15 like last year, can only pull to replace the players on the roster not attending. Kids play hard and well even when short and games are going good. Planning for the home tournament is

underway, with awards and medals being ordered. Lack of matching jerseys, so some of the players have really old ones that are different colors and styles.

U18 Female:

The girls will be attending the Wickfest tournament in Calgary this weekend.

Old Business

12. AFFILIATIONS to Williams Lake – Due to the fact 100 Mile is now within OMAHA, Williams Lake teams must have taken a player on a Residential Waiver from 100 Mile (that both districts supported) at that age category to be able to affiliate them back from that age category. Williams Lake (outside the zone) will need to follow 4.7B in BC Hockey Regulations for affiliations. 100 Mile will now follow the OMAHA Zone pilot policy. So, unfortunately, because we fall within the OMAHA pilot, we can only AP players to any team within that zone in the pilot program or if WLMHA takes players on full cards.

This is why some 100 Mile U15 and U18 players were permitted to AP back to WL T2 teams in their age group. Because WL has carded 100 Mile players to both of those teams. U13 Players could potentially AP to any OMAHA Zone team of eligibility. 100 Mile players are still eligible to tryout for Williams Lake teams as their right of choice (WLMHA is an adjacent MHA to ours regardless of District); but can only choose OMAHA zone teams or WLMHA for tryouts -not both.

13. OMAHA Zone pilot – Looking at zones for the OMAHA pilot program and discussion on re-grouping them to see what zone 100 Mile would fall into for rep next season. There will be a zone rep team tryout, and depending on which zone we are in and with which other towns, it will then be decided which town ices the rep team. There will be a meeting in January where we will get more information and see what zone we land in. Players are also allowed to still try out in Williams Lake for rep if they choose.

New Business

15. Player movement request – Motion to move a player who has requested to go from U13 to U11 rec based on their skill level not keeping up with U13 players, seconded and carried.

16. Equipment – U13, U15 and U18 teams need more jerseys. Discussion on needing better tracking done with the team managers for the jerseys that they are using and giving to players for the year, so we know who has what, and to ensure they are put back properly at the end of the season. Email sent to all, making sure to take out any jerseys being currently used OUT of their lockers by Nov 11th so that the association can take the

remaining ones and sort them out to see what is there. Also need a list of size, colour, number and material from all team managers of the jerseys that they have and are using.

Request made by U15 for the association to purchase them colour-coded practice jerseys. It was brought forward that they have already been offered the old Wranglers practice jerseys for \$2 a piece, and no one came to get them. Will be reaching out to them to let them know that this is still an option if they would like to buy them.

There have been a lot of teams that are missing pucks and didn't have any in their lockers to start off the season. There was a puck bag with pucks supplied to all team lockers at the beginning of the season. Not sure what has happened to them, but reminding all to make sure that, unless you are in the equipment room, always make sure to leave the door closed and locked. There will be more pucks ordered to supply the teams.

The U9 team thought that they were missing jerseys as well, they didn't realize that they were only supposed to give each player one jersey, either a blue or a white and not one of each. They will sort this out.

Henry's Behind the Net Café is always supplying Band-Aids to the players who come to the café looking for them when needed. **Motion to supply the café with Band-Aids for this, seconded and carried.**

17. Logos and names – Reminder that any team apparel does need to be approved before ordering by the association. The apparel needs to have the 100 Mile Minor Hockey logo used and not the 100 Mile Wranglers logo.

18. Starting Nov 17th, goalie training can't use the shared ice with the younger group, as they will be transitioning to full-ice practices. Looking at moving goalie training to the Lac La Hache arena, but not a lot of the goalies would be able to make it out there for the ice time. Suggestion to instead have the wrangler goalies rotate through the teams and go to their practices and work with the goalies there instead. It would be the coach's choice for each team if this is something they want for their goalies.

19. U9 development – They would like additional ice time for more development for the U9 team. The families taking part in this additional ice time would be responsible for paying the additional fee to cover this ice time. These additional sessions will be held at the Lac La Hache arena as there is no ice time left at 100 Mile. It is to be offered to all of the U9 players, and the ones who commit to it are responsible for covering the cost.

20. Thursday night ice cleans – These are back on track after a miscommunication with the arena staff and the ice cleaner and will be on schedule going forward.

21. Cross Ice boards – U7 comes on ice after figure skating and is responsible for setting up the cross-ice boards. They have had some conflicts and issues with who is to set these up and getting volunteers to do so. Discussion on if the boards are needed, or if we can bring down the bumpers from storage and use them instead, as they are quicker and easier to set up. Will talk with the arena staff to see if they can be stored in the area to use.

22. Jr Players coming back to minor hockey – Two Jr players have been released from the Wranglers back to minor hockey. Discussion on the fees to charge them. Agreed that they would be charged a pro-rated amount for registering for minor hockey from the registration date, so that this will cover them, and the insurance needed for the players.

23. Dressing rooms – There were complaints regarding the home and opposing teams having to use the change rooms side by side, as they would then share the bathroom and showers. There is no way around this, as we can't have the boys sharing with the girls. This is the only option to avoid that, and coaches and security need to make sure to let the players and opposing team coaching know this is the case, so that they don't have issues inside with the players. This is why we require a dressing room supervisor and security to monitor.

24. It has been discovered that the Amazon Fire Tablet we have for scorekeeping is not compatible with the Spordle app and doesn't allow the officials to confirm games. This tablet is not to be used for the score anymore, and a motion to purchase a new Samsung tablet that is compatible was put forward, seconded and carried.

25. If you are holding a team event for anything, like fundraising, you are required to have a special event sanctioning license.

26. Mental Health support – buddycheckforjessie.com and home1616 are two good websites to assist with any mental health issues for anyone needing it.

27. Fundraising – So far, the poinsettia fundraiser has sold \$800 worth of plants. Reminder to keep advertising, as your teams will get 50% of the proceeds earned by their team. Paper copies of these order forms will be available in the lobby at the arena if needed.

28. U11 Female – Exhibition game scheduled with Williams Lake and looking to schedule more. In January, some of the first shift players may move to U11, which might not be suitable for the exhibition games at that time. Looking to make a specific exhibition game roster when this happens.

29. U18 development – Practices for the U18 development program will be held on Tuesday mornings at 6:15 – 7:45 am. These have started on Nov 2nd. The players for this program who are coming to the practices to use the ice will be responsible for paying the

additional fee to cover the cost of the ice time. This is open to all U18 players who would like to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Next meeting TBD as the original date was Dec 2nd, as there is a Wranglers game happening that date.