

OMHMHA Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm

Attendance: Danielle Prince, Amber Malm, Jason Cameron, Mark Bissat, Kiara Daiziel, Miranda Matsuda, Teresa Ritchie, Courtney Arsenault, Natalie Scott, Mandy Grierson, Kim Marinus and Kristy Abrams

Territorial Acknowledgement by VP 1

Review of the Sept 25th meeting minutes read out by VP 1 for review.

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended with some spelling errors from the Sept 25 meeting, seconded, and carried.

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented from the Sept 25 meeting carried forward from past months' meeting, as there was no quorum, seconded, and carried.

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented for Oct 7th meeting, seconded and carried.

President's Report:

As per the email report from the current president, a memorandum from OMAHA has been circulated regarding the use of cell phones to keep score during minor hockey games. It is NOT acceptable, please always use the provided iPad or tablet.

The length of game time and warm-ups has also been circulated, and they are different from previous years. Please ensure that all coaches, players and volunteers have this info and are aware of these changes. Team managers to put into their team snap so all parents are aware of these changes.

Minimum suspension guidelines have also been circulated; ensure all coaches and managers are aware of this.

We have a board member who has volunteered to look after the PIXELLOT for home games, thank you. Does the board want to have practices streamed as well? **Motion to just stream home games only, seconded and carried.**

First OMAHA league games are happening this weekend for U18 team 1, U13 team 1 and U13 female exhibition game. Let's represent well.

Team managers, please make sure to fill out the tournament travel permission form for ALL tournaments, whether they are in our district or not. This way, OMHMHA knows where

teams are going. The approval is a bit different, as in district ones do not have to go to OMAHA. BC Hockey is in the process of having this process done online only.

Sean Ross has accepted the position of First Shift lead for the season. Thank you.

Sponsorship:

We have all teams with sponsors this season

Treasurer:

Emailed in report from the acting treasurer

Main account \$31,445.61

Gaming account \$78.84

Volunteer fee account \$9169.18

Tournaments account \$44,251.03

An email was sent to gaming, as we still haven't heard back; however, they state on the website that due to reduced capacity, program grant decisions may be delayed. There have been no payments received yet from our sponsors, except for Forest Grove Legion 261. Outstanding registration fees are around \$21,000. Several families are still waiting for funding or have asked for a payment plan. The treasurer is trying to send out individual emails to the families that have not been heard from yet. We have paid \$13,800 in tournament registration fees and can now send via e-transfer. BC Hockey fees will be paid this week as well.

Referee in Chief report:

Hosting a referee clinic on Oct 11th, 9 new officials have registered. Total of 21 registered so far. RIC has applied to the First Whistle Grant program to see about having whistles and ref shirts supplied for new refs.

Coach Coordinator:

Teams are now all equipped with coaches. Asked U9 coach to start recruiting for future years.

Female Hockey:

No report

Tournament coordinator:

U15 and U18 tournaments are both full and have teams on the wait list. Both divisions have teams that have still not paid and have not been responding. Suggested to try reaching out directly to that association to confirm payment, and if not, then move on to the next team on the waitlist.

Discussion on how far in advance our tournament coordinator should be requesting the teams' rosters to be provided to us. Consensus was a minimum of 2 weeks before the tournament date.

Equipment manager:

14 boxes of old items from the 90s have been removed from the equipment room. 8 bags of items from First Shift, sticks are going to be given to the younger divisions to use for their tournaments for raffles. Goalie sticks for U7 and U9 are waterlogged and not in good condition. Need new neck guards, face guards and goalie equipment for these divisions. The current items are not in safe working order. There was going to be a post made on Facebook asking if anyone out there had newer equipment that they would be willing to donate before voting on buying stuff new. U13 was given some swag bags with old toques, and the rest will be handed out to some team managers to give out.

Manager coordinator:

A meeting was held with all of the team managers, the manager binder and forms were handed out. It was a good turnout.

Team Manager reports:

U7: 21 kids, Nov 16th is their first game. Entered into a tournament in Logan Lake on Jan 17th, parent meeting has been done.

U9: There has been a new manager take over since the manager's meeting. The parent meeting was done. They have applied for a tournament in Clearwater for Jan 10-12. Asking if there were other jerseys for this division, as the sizing for the players was all too big, but they have found a solution.

U11 development: They will be in Winfield this coming weekend with a very small bench of players. Organizing a bottle drive for Nov 1st to fundraise to cover tournament costs. The team manager was asking about doing a mini-stick-a-thon at the Lone Butte Community Hall for another fundraiser. This would be where players will be in the hall playing mini sticks from a set time until a set time, and they would be asking around for pledges for this.

Looking into whether Lone Butte will donate the hall use to them, and if they would need any additional insurance for this event. No objections to this fundraiser idea.

U11: No report

U13 (Pincott): Still sorting out their jerseys and have a set roster now. U15 player who was moved down is still not showing on their roster in Spordle, will contact the President to make sure it's done before their first game, which is happening this weekend. They also need to have their team managers' names added in. No sponsor bars yet, as they still need to have them made for Forest Grove Legion 261. They are looking into re-scheduling the Oct 11th game with ice scheduler as they just got their roster and team snap set up and feel that it is too soon to organize for a game already and don't have many players able to attend on short notice.

U13 Female: Need more jerseys; they have 14 complete sets.

U15: No report

U18 (Burgess): Looking for jerseys that have matches, all the jerseys in the U18 locker are mismatched, different styles and materials. Have found enough for the team, but a lot of them are the really old style and don't match the rest of them. Using some of the extra U15 jerseys that are not needed to be able to make a complete set.

Old Business:

U13 and U18 drafts:

Drafts were held on Sept 26. U18 went smoothly, but there were a few issues with U13. A new head coach had stepped up after the draft and wanted to have a say in the draft that had already happened. One change was permitted, and now both team rosters are set.

Player Movement request:

Jordan Argent, 2nd year U11, requesting to move up to U13 to help with family travel as he has an older sister who is also on this team. Discussion on skill level had and determined that he is skilled enough to play in an older division. **Motion to approve the movement request of Jordan Argent to U13 from U11, seconded and carried.**

E-Transfers:

Discussion of if we would like to give the officials the option to be paid with an e-transfer instead of a cheque. There may be fees associated with this, but there are also fees associated with ordering cheques, mailing ones that can't be picked up in person, printing

them out and the postal strike. Motion to give all officials the option of an e-transfer for payments, seconded and carried.

Fundraising:

Motion to move forward this season again with the Growing Smiles Poinsettia Fundraiser, seconded and carried. Our VP1 has offered to head this fundraiser and will see about getting the earliest delivery date for the orders.

Motion to table the discussion of the competition and possible awards for best-selling team etc, to November's meeting, seconded and carried.

U7 tournament funds for Logan Lake:

The U7 team is going to Logan Lake for a tournament in January and have asked if the association would cover the cost of their tournament fees. Discussion had on this, and the motion to cover their tournament entry fees has been turned down as the association hasn't paid for registration fees for any other division before, and poses the risk of all other divisions also wanting their fees paid, seconded and carried. The U7 team was asking if they would be allowed to wear the Wrangler jerseys to their tournament instead of their Timbit jerseys. Motion to allow them to wear Wrangler jerseys to the tournament, seconded and carried. As long as they are able to find small enough sizes to use.

Player affiliations (AP):

We have had a number of requests from WLMHA to affiliate some of the players who tried out for the carded T2 rep teams. Just received confirmation from OMAHA that the 2 players at U15 level and 1 player at U18 level will be able to AP back to the T2 rep teams they tried out for. The 3 players at the U13 level will not be permitted to AP back to their WLMHA T2 rep teams because WLMHA did not take any players at the U13 level from 100 Mile House. All players were released after their tryouts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

Next meeting dates

Tuesday November 4th at 5:30 PM

Tuesday December 2nd at 5:30 PM

Tuesday January 6th at 5:30 PM

Managers Reports:

U7 – No Manager's Report

U9 - No Manager's Report

U11 Team 1 – Team is doing good, they have a new member who joined in recently, still looking for more exhibition games. Kersti has gone out to the Lac La Hache arena and done an inspection which has passes and we will now be able to use this arena along with the one in Clinton for the U11 and U18 to schedule more exhibition games. Working on their upcoming tournament, has 7 teams confirmed at this time.

U11 Team 2 – No Report

U11 Dev – No Report

U13 T1 – No Manager's Report

U13 T2 – Team is doing good, was just in Clearwater for a tournament which they placed 2nd. They have also been having some of their second-year player's helping with the younger divisions practices and this is going well.

U15 T1 – No Report.

U15 T2 – Team is doing good; home tournament was a success with a good profit to split between the teams. Lots of parent volunteers from both teams and players all have a good time. Kersti is looking into some player relief for the U15 playoff's as it is the same weekend as the U13 playoff's and both teams have 3 AP players from U13. Will be a conflict if they are not signed off to play for U15's as this will leave both teams short.

U18 Fem – Doing good with a couple more tournaments coming up in the new year.

U18 – Home tournament went well, still waiting on final numbers from manager. Have been having some bench shortage challenges along with getting ice time for exhibition games. Hopefully having access to LLH and Clinton will help with this.

U18 Rep – Hosted their beer and burger fundraiser on Dec 8th, which was huge success, have some players who seem to have dropped interest in playing along with one player out with broken leg for a bit. Will also be looking at taking advantage of Clinton and LLH arenas to get more ice time for practices.

First Shift – Going well, kids are loving it.

Goalie Training- Going well, have been getting more sponsorship to try to keep the cost as little as possible for parents, at this time there is still no charge for this training, but depending on sponsors that may change in the new year.

Treasures Report: Went over the balances in the accounts. Credit Union is still waiting for the Rep team managers to go into the bank to sign what is needed to be added to their accounts.

Poinsettia Fundraiser – Was a little disappointing this year, with only about a \$400 amount raised. Smallest we have had yet. U11 Team won the most sold for the team, winning them a pizza team lunch and Hunter Cadsand winning most sold by individual winning a gift card.

Equipment Manager Report: Puck bags have arrived as well as the first aid kits that were donated by Sean Dirkson. These will be handed out to each team, please keep them in good shape and try to keep track of what was used to they can be easily re-stocked.

Coach Coordinator: There have been some coaching issues come up that are being looked after. Still planning on a coach appreciation night. Also looking at bringing in some of the wrangler coaches to this to discuss strategy etc. with our coaches.

Ice Scheduler: Tough season this year with not much open ice time, hopefully having access to the Clinton and LLH arena will make this much easier going forward.

Referee in Chief: No report

Tournament Coordinator:

U11 Rec Tournament – January 4-5, Still have room for 1 more team. Right now, including our 2 teams there is a total of 7 teams.

U13 Rec Tournament – January 11-12, have a full tournament now with 8 teams.

U9 Rec Tournament – February 8-9 – Currently has 8 teams registered.

Rep Team Coordinator: No report

Old Business:

Territorial Acknowledgement – The wording is still being worked on; it is a busy time.

Team meeting info for BCH – All team managers who have hosted their start of year team meetings still have not handed in all their player/parent contracts or meeting attendance sheets, these do need to be handed in and sent to BC Hockey it is mandatory.

U11 Dev playoffs – Trying to find a date that works for all teams and our ice schedule. Might be hosted at the LLH arena.

New Business:

OMAHA playoffs will be hosted at our arena for the U15 teams.

Guns and Hoses fundraiser game happening Saturday Dec 14th at 7PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Next MHA meeting will be held on Jan 7th at 6:00PM