

## **OMHMHA Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm

Attendance: Kristy Abrams, Amber Malm, Marie Heit, Jason Cameron, Kim Marinus, Teresa Ritchie, Mandy Grierson, Kersti Toews, Natalie Scott, Chloe Winters and Irene Tinney

Land acknowledgement read by the president.

### **Agenda Items**

Team formations

Schedule

Coaching updates

Female hockey update

Player movement requests

Tournaments

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

Reading of the August 19th meeting minutes from the president.

**Motion to adopt the August 19<sup>th</sup> minutes with the following amendment: update that two youth attended the ref camp, not one. Add in that picture day will be October 16<sup>th</sup>, seconded, carried.**

### **Tournaments**

Hosting U11 development icebreaker on September 27th and 28<sup>th</sup> for the NCD. U11 team will still be allowed to play in the tournament even though they are not part of the NCD anymore.

### **Coaching Updates**

U7 has up to five people willing to coach, some only part-time. No firm head coach yet.

U9 has one head coach.

U13 has one head coach and one assistant coach.

U11/13 Female has enough kids to roster a team, one head coach

U15 – One head coach

U18 – One head coach and two helpers, but might be having 2 teams, so will need more.

## **Team Formations**

Still uncertain on team formations for U15 and U18. We are waiting for the Williams Lake Rep tryouts to end so we know which of the 100 Mile House players made the team and which will be coming back to play at home.

The hope is to make a total of three teams between the U15 and U18 players. Looking at possibly moving up some second-year U15's permanently to U18 to allow for larger teams when they are split into two teams, then leaving U15 with fewer players to have a good number for one team.

## **Player Movement Requests**

Three applications for player movement.

U15 female goaltender wants to dual-roster with U13 coed and U13 girls team. She has played goaltender for one or two games only last year and is not comfortable or skilled enough yet to be safe moving into the U15 division. **Motion to allow movement, seconded and carried.**

U15 female player wants to play coed at U13 and dual roster on the U13 female team. There is concern due to her small size of going up into U15 at this time and she would like to play in the U13 division one more year. **Motion to allow movement, seconded and carried.**

U15 female wants to move down to U13 and play primarily on the coed team, would feel more comfortable in the lower-level division for one more year. **Motion to allow movement, seconded and carried.**

Generally, there is a limit of two overagers, but there is flexibility with female hockey.

## **Female Hockey Update**

Set for Sunday.

Eight older girls are going to come down.

People are interested, but no commitments.

## **Website Access**

The info email is not working; the username for the back end of the website is needed. The president will work on this.

We have had a tablet donated from one of the board members. The tablet is an Amazon Fire tablet, likely 7 or 8 inches. We will get a case for this and be able to use it for spordle for the season.

The passwords and usernames should be kept in a book in the office drawer. The old book will be replaced with a new one. When a password is changed, the book should be updated.

### **Omaha District and Hockey Updates**

We do have two board members who also sit on the NCD board; they will remain on the NCD board if they are not voted out by the NCD.

The new district map applies to the current season for rep hockey (single A) at U13, U15, and U18 levels. It does not affect recreational hockey, which is in the Thompson Cariboo Super Rec League which includes Clearwater, Lillooet, Logan Lake, Ashcroft, Merritt, Chase, and us for U11, U13, U15, and U18 recreational hockey.

U11 development teams will be placed in the north end of the zone after the tiering weekend to minimize travel.

For rep teams, players can try out for Kamloops or Williams Lake Single A teams, as they are adjacent associations for next season.

### **Rep Hockey and Zone Teams**

The north zone teams will be formed from players within the designated associations. Players must live within one of those associations to try out for the zone team. Smaller associations can band together to form a team if they don't have enough players individually. Players may need to travel to the town where the team is based for practices.

### **U11 Development and Team Rosters**

The recommendation from Omaha is to let the U11 development team proceed and see how it goes at the tiering weekend.

Minimum roster size is 13 (11 skaters and 2 goalies), but the recommended size is around 16, with a maximum of 20. U11 recreational players can be affiliated with the U11 development team. Affiliating players across the same division (e.g., U11 rec to U11 rec) is not allowed, but player relief is possible.

There may be adjustments to team numbers at U11, U13, U15, and U18 to avoid overly large or small teams.

### **North Central District**

Because the association is no longer part of the North Central District, the U11 Development team will not play in the North Central District league but will play in the hosted ice breaker tournament weekend.

Exhibition games with Williams Lake and Quesnel are still possible but require travel request forms to be submitted to the Omaha district.

To play in the North Central District league in the future, the association would need to apply to be a guest, which may not be approved immediately.

### **First Shift and U11 Transition**

The plan is to keep the First Shift transition program together on Monday nights at 5:30, unless there's a specific reason to move a player up. Moving First Shift players to U11 teams in January can be challenging for coaches and players. Exceptions can be made for advanced players who would benefit from moving up, provided the teams have room.

### **First Week Schedule**

Wranglers game on Tuesday, so practices moved to the prior Sunday, the 14th. • Sunday the 14th schedule. The first week is posted in the lobby of the arena and has been emailed to all parents and will be posted on the website as soon as access is granted.

### **Development Team Practices**

Development teams will likely ask for two evening practices. The answer is no, unless there is only one U18 and one U15 team, morning ice time is part of the commitment.

### **Financials**

Regular account: \$41,532

Volunteer account: \$9,106.88 (untouched)

Gaming account: \$87.69

Tournament account: \$28,771 (most belongs in the regular account) and still needs to be transferred.

### **Ice Booking and Fees**

Ice time costs \$90,000-\$100,000, and a grant of \$39,000 is usually applied to ice fees. The organization applies for a \$45,000 grant and usually receives \$39,000, which goes directly to ice fees. The grant comes from Community Gaming BC.

### **Tournament Awards and Prizes**

Managers have complained about the extra work involved in picking out prizes.

Personalized items like pucks with the logo and "Heart and Hustle" or "MVP" are preferred. It's suggested to sit down with managers in a meeting to discuss the prizes that will be

ordered for the tournaments. Order generic items without specific dates to avoid leftover inventory.

### **Tournament Teams and Registration**

Aim for eight teams per tournament.

Princeton Posse has applied and paid, Lillooet has applied but not paid, and Williams Lake sent money without an application for the U18 tournament.

Direct teams to register through Team Snap.

### **Office Hours Schedule**

Board members are primarily handling office hours, it will be open Tuesday's and Thursday's from 5-7 for the month of September to allow people to come in and pay outstanding registration fees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm