OMHMHA Meeting Minutes – August 26th, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm

Attendance: Kristy Abrams (by phone call), Kersti Toews, Rick Fowler, Sean Ross, Kim Marinus, Teresa Ritchie, Ray Krueger, Edward Dalziel, Tiffany Pincott, Wayne Pincott, Brittany Rhodes, Chloe Winters, Kyle Ritchie, Marie Heit, Melissa Cadsand, Natalie Scott, Hadley Bigham, Irene Tinney and Brian Splendorio.

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded and carried.

July 16th meeting minutes were previously circulated via email for only the board to review as this was an in-camera meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was seconded and carried.

REPORTS:

President's Report:

Sept 11th is the OMAHA semi-annual meeting which is held in Kelowna.

Sept 25th is the scheduling weekend.

Zone tryout questions from parents. U13 Tier 4 zone team will be hosted this year in 100 Mile. Phase 1 tryouts in Kamloops have been completed with cuts made for tiers 1 and 2 and the second phase for tier 4 ranking will be held Aug 28-Aug 30 in 100 Mile. 17 players are registered to tryout currently with a couple from Ashcroft and Clearwater.

Kamloops has changed the dates on their tier 3 tryout phase, which now conflicts with our pre-booked tier 4 tryouts. If any player is still in the tier 3 tryout phase and misses our tier 4 tryouts, we will be able to use Kamloops evaluations to determine if they can be placed on the tier 4 rep team.

Wayne Pincott and Dale Brown have both signed up to coach the U13 rep team this year, but as their players are still in the tier 3 phase in Kamloops, we might be needing to look at replacement coaches as if their kids are playing in Kamloops, they will not be able to coach the local team.

Sept 18th is the rep flight weekend which all rep teams will be required to participate in.

Discussed having female player evaluations as well to determine which players will be moved up a level and which players moved down a level if we need to have split female team again this year due to numbers in registration. (Eg: U11/U13 mixed U15/U18 mixed)

doing these evaluations early on will help to be able to form the teams early so they can be set before league play starts.

Parent concerns about the female age groups sharing the dressing rooms if the U15 are mixed with the U18 as a first year U15 and a third year U18 are a large age gap and there have been some past incidents regarding this.

Treasurer's Report:

$48,574.45 Regular account

$9172.61 Volunteer Fee account

$39,061.57 Tournament Fee account – There have been 5 teams who have already applied and requested payment from the association for tournaments this season.

We have more sponsorship funds still coming in and being recruited.

Referee in Chief:

There are referees scheduled for the tryout and evaluation weekends already for the last days on each as this will be a game with referees.

Sept 26th is the tentative date for the referee clinic in 100 Mile. We have two co-mentors' taking on the RIC role this year with Marie handling the scheduling side of things. More refs are always needed, and it would be nice to see more of the older ref's coming out to mentor and support the younger ones. It is also hard when a lot of the refs are also players who are away playing their own games most weekends.

RIC is going to put a proposal together to present to the board regarding fee increase for the refs.

Scheduling:

Current count of numbers to date for registration is as follows

U18 – 27 Rec (2 female trying out in WL, 2 males trying out in WL) 10 U18 female only player.

U15 – 17 Rec (11 are trying out for the tier 4 zone team) 9 female only players.

U13 – 20 Rec, (15 trying out for zone teams) 8 female only players.

U11 – 28 Rec, 7 female only.

U9 – 26 Rec

U7 – 10 Rec

The number of players and teams are much higher this year, which is great. Due to this factor, we do have limited ice time as we are sharing the ice with other clubs in town too. To make practices work for everyone with the ice time that we have been given, we might have to look at some shared ice practices with other teams where the practice might overlap with sharing for half hour per practice. This is something that is very common is larger areas with more teams than us, and it will be something that we will all need to make work. We are still able to utilize Lac La Hache ice, but it doesn't usually go in until later in October.

Question in if the Jr Wrangler players are still able to come and help on ice with practices, yes, they can, if they have all the proper credentials (same as a coach would need) as they are no longer sanctioned and none of their credentials will transfer over.

League games are set to start this season the first weekend in October, ice cost this year Is $125/hour.

Tournament blackout dates are REQUIRED to be in by Sept 9th, if you don't give your blackout dates then you might not be able to attend the tournament in question as there may be league play scheduled for that weekend for your team.

Equipment Manager:

Mini nets are falling apart and need new netting and replacing.

U13 – Ordered 11 replacement jerseys to make a full set again.

U18 – 2 full new sets have been ordered for both teams.

U9 – 5 replacement jerseys ordered to make a full set again. Socks have been ordered as well. They are no longer sponsored by Timbit's so we now need to provide jerseys and socks for them.

U11 – Deadline was missed to order the usual ATOMIC jerseys for this season. They will be using the regular Minor Hockey Wrangler's Jerseys this season and we will ensure to get the usual ones ordered for next season.

U15 – Set of white and blue 'throw-away' jerseys ordered. They will still have a multi-colored logo in them.

U15 Rep – They will use the Milers jerseys this year along with the U18 development/tournament team.

Female socks have been ordered and U15 rep socks.

Kim found a box of brand-new jerseys in the storage room for U13, they didn't have any logo, stop sign etc on them. She hosted a bottle drive to make a good portion of the funds that would be needed to have these put onto the jerseys.

We will make sure to have some of the nylon socks this year for purchase as well as the knit socks so players can choose which they prefer to buy.

Still need to order new pinnies for practices, which was previously voted on at another meeting.

Old Business

Team Formations:

Evaluation weekend for teams will be held Sept 12/13. 1st day will be for skills and 2nd will be a game with referees to be able to evaluate all players and have an evenly drafted team made up prior to the starting of the season.

Evaluators will be there to watch, players/coaches/parents will NOT know who they are. They will not be talking to any of the parents/players or coaches just evaluating the players and providing the board with their evaluations.

Player Movement Requests:

U13 goalie (second year) requesting to move down to U11. Due to the age gap in a second year U13 player compared with a first year U11 player after discussion, it was motioned and defeated.

There are two families combined who will be travelling from out of 100 Mile for play this season and are requesting to have all the players on the same team for travel accommodation. It would be to move one U15 first year player down to U13, and two second year U11 players up to U13 rec. Motioned, seconded and carried.

U15 female player request to stay one more year on U13 co-ed team, motioned, seconded and carried.

U18 rec female player request to stay one more year in U15 co-ed, motioned, seconded and carried.

U11 dev player would like permission to try out for the U13 zone tier 4 team. Motioned, seconded and carried, pending tryout and evaluation that this player makes the team.

Connect Sports Training

It is known that the new required Connect Sports mental health training does not have our association listed to choose when you go in and try to complete this course. We are aware and are working at having out name added in. We will push the deadline on this if we need to due to not being able to get this completed yet.

Sponsorship

There have been about two dozen email sent out for sponsorship along with feet on the ground going into the businesses in person. We have been able to secure a couple of new sponsors already for the season and are hoping for more soon. Sponsorship costs for a rec team are $750 and a rep team are $1150.

First Shift Lead

We currently have one person step up to take lead for the First Shift program. There will also be some U18 players and Wranglers again coming out to assist as before.

Coaching Clinic

During the BC Hockey Summit in Whistler, there was a coach there with 25+ years' experience coaching and running coaching clinics. He had been approached by a member of the association to ask if he would be interested and willing to come up to 100 Mile to run a coaching seminar this season, which he would. Motion put forward to have him come for a one-day clinic paid for by the association for the coaches this year, seconded and carried. We will reach out to him and see if he still has availability to come up for this soon.

Female Evaluations

Discussion on booking a female evaluation weekend to have the U15/U18 girls come out and play together to see who would be able to fit and play with what age level to be able to form the female teams if we don't have the numbers to make two separate U15 and U18 teams this year. It's hard with female for this due to the registration numbers in each age group to make it work each year and not have combined age group teams.

If we don't get enough U18 female age group players to form a stand-alone team, the U18's we do have will need to move down to the U15 team. Due to the number of over age players that team will then have, they will have to register in the league as a U18 team which means that they will be slated to always play other U18 teams. This is not ideal for all U15 players, and there are several first-year players this year in that group too. Alternately some of the U18 females would also be able to choose to join the U18 co-ed team instead of moving down. The only way we will be able to ice a full female U18 team is if we have more registered girls in that age join before the season starts.

Zone Tryout and Cross district requests

The tier 3 Zone tryouts are still in progress in Kamloops as they have now extended their tryouts.

Every player who did choose to try out for the Zone tryouts over Williams Lake, so didn't make it into tier 1,2 or 3 will now be able to come back to 100 Mile and try out for the tier 4 zone rep team. Any player who has tried out for the zone rep team in Kamloops, will NOT be granted permission to also try out in Williams Lake for their tier 2 rep team. If they did not make the tier 1,2 or 3 teams in zones, they will be allowed to try out for tier 4 rep only. It was communicated at the beginning of the year that players would be allowed to CHOOSE one place for tryouts to a higher level of hockey play and NOT both.

Motion to allow these 5 U13 players who have already tried out for the Zone rep team to also try out for the Williams Lake rep team was defeated.

We are hosting our own rep team locally this year and there for players will be able to try out for this in the zone tryout process if the higher tiers were not made.

Any player who did NOT try out for the zone teams and instead have applied to try out for the Williams Lake team as their one choice will be granted permission.

Motion to amend the decision that states 50% off registration fees for any brand new player who registers into hockey who has never been registered for any minor hockey association in the past for age group U11 and over, will receive their fees at a 50% discount for that first year, seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm