
Windermere Valley Minor Hockey Association

P.O. Box 2848, Invermere, B.C. V0A 1K0

Minutes

Monthly Meeting March 5, 2025 at 5:30pm Eddie Memorial Arena, Minor Hockey Room

Attendees (x) / Regrets:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gregg Walker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Dubois	<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Vernon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aldene Atkinson	<input type="checkbox"/> Danielle Galloway	<input type="checkbox"/> Lainey Wilson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine Banham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Kipp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trina Wolfenden
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Botterill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kari Saunders	

1. **Call to Order:** Gregg Walker made a motion to call the meeting to order at 5:37pm.
2. **Approved Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Laura Kipp.
3. **Meeting Minutes:** Approved by email review Thursday, February 27, 2025 and posted online Friday, February 28, 2025.
4. **Correspondence:** No correspondence reviewed.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Annual Year End Award Ceremony
 - Gregg to send out a request to the association if a committee would like to put this on.
 - b. Tournament Teams and Fair Play
 - Requesting to generate a tournament team from other association divisions to keep players motivated that want to play hockey.
 - Players must fill their obligation to the home team first.
 - Laura, Jason, and Mike will provide an outline/ wording to capture what tournament teams could look like. For example: U11 and Up will have league games, banner, and a minimum of 3 tournaments anything over and above is no longer part of the fair play policy.
 - c. Board Composition - See Appendix A "Suggestion Board Composition" page 3.
 - Laura to draft a request for board members and Jason to reach out to coaches to push this at year end events.
 - Board members review appendix A and review/vote at the next meeting.
 - d. Annual AGM
 - Gregg/Christine to set up proper nominations ahead of time.
 - Christine to book the Fire Hall or Invermere Community Center and schedule a target date of the last week of May.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. Evaluation/Team Splitting Policy – Skipped for this meeting.
 - b. Parent Meeting Format – Skipped for this meeting.
 - c. Prorate Policy – Skipped for this meeting.
 - d. Board Member Code of Conduct – Skipped for this meeting.
 - e. Late Registration Policy – Skipped for this meeting.
 - f. Update Fair Play Policy to indicate "Play Downs." – Completed and added to the Policies to be voted on at AGM.
7. **Approvals by email:** Donated old jersey's to U13 to sell without the funding match.
8. **Reports:**
 - a. **Ice Coordinator:** Some opportunities based on feedback from the 24/25 season for review:
 - i. When or can we start booking Canal Flats and Invermere ice for weekends for the 25/26 season?
 - ii. Requesting to move 2 tournaments to November/December from the original schedules of January/ February; for playdowns.
 - iii. Hold 2 weekends of ice for Banner (2 weekends before spring break).
 - iv. Booking ice through Canal Flats could Manager and Coaches go through Canal Flats to eliminate the 3rd person?

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- v. Monday practices held on a Stat Holiday to be followed up with to ensure teams have practice times for that week.
- b. **Fundraising:**
 - i. Mountain Home Productions 50/50 Fundraising CCR event held on Feb 14, 2025 had a slightly smaller pot of \$760.00; however, was successful.
 - ii. Mountain Home Productions 50/50 Fundraising opportunities going forward.
 - Estimate \$750 / show in revenue for approx. 4 hours of work for four adults and two players.
 - How to draw volunteers, at a team level and utilize the fundraising bond.
 - Aldene will facilitate April's event and reevaluate.
 - iii. Purdy's rebate cheque of \$2700 was received for 24/25 sales.
- c. **Equipment Manager:** To be reviewed at the next meeting.
- d. **Referees:** To be reviewed at the next meeting.
- e. **Treasurer:**
 - i. Annual Purchase of Zoom Meeting - Submitted a request for a subscription for Zoom; purchased on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. To host recorded meetings suggested by BC Hockey.
 - ii. Reviewed 24/25 Tournament Summary. Numbers were positive for all teams and some teams were very successful.
- f. **Website/Advertising:** No report
- g. **Coach Coordinator:** No relevant discussion this month.
- h. **Registration and Carding:** To be reviewed at the next meeting.
- i. **Risk Management:** No report
- j. **Discipline:** To be reviewed at the next meeting.
- k. **Female Hockey:**
 - i. Jamborees in Cranbrook and Sparwood over Spring Break and have been forwarded to all Female Players.
 - ii. RMFHL registration for 2025/2026 will be submitted at the end of March.
- l. **East Kootenay Minor Hockey Association (EKMHA) Update:**
 - i. Meeting to be held on Sunday, March 9, 2025. Request to approve U18, U15, U13 & U11 Jamboree Showcase.
- m. **Zone Update:** No report.
- n. **Manager's Update:**
 - i. Manager year-end meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2025.
 - ii. Handbook to be updated by Sarah M.
- o. **Programs Update:**
 - i. First Shift Program – To be reviewed at the next meeting.
- p. **U7 Team Report:**
 - i. Home Tournament took place on Feb 22 & 23
- q. **U9 Team Report:**
 - i. Home Tournament Feb 17 to 19
 - ii. Full Ice Tournament Feb 28, Mar 1 & 2
- r. **U11 Team Report:**
 - i. Banner for both U11 Teams Mar 8 & 9
- s. **U13 Team Report:**
 - i. U13 Fair Play Exemption Request - U13 can set a roster to play a game with U11. – This is no longer applicable as U11 will be away at Banner.
 - ii. Provincials Mar 16 to 19 - Provincial Sponsorship and Fundraising efforts.
 - 1. Trina made a motion to match up to \$3000.00 in fundraising efforts excluding any funds made through the donation of jerseys. All in favor.
 - 2. Columbia Valley Rockies were generous to allow the U13 to sell old jerseys by donation. They sold out of what they were provided.
 - iii. Banner Mar 1 & 2 in Elk Valley.
- t. **U15 Team Report:**
 - i. Banner was held in Whitefish, Feb 22 & 23
- u. **U18 Team Report:**

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i. Banner Mar 1 & 2 in Kimberley.

v. Female Team Report:

i. U18F \$300 Fine. Due to admin errors.

9. Additions: No Agenda Additions

10. Next Meeting Date: March 12, 2025 at 5:30pm

11. Meeting Adjourned: Gregg Walker adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm

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APPENDIX A - New Business / c. Board Composition

Suggestion for Board composition:

At all times there must be one representative for each birth year in the Association. Each division is composed of two birth years; therefore, each division will have two individuals that sit on the Board (except for U18 which comprises three birth years, but there must be two representatives, minimum). Having more than two representatives is fine (and welcomed). There are Board positions that need filing and there is always the opportunity to “shadow” a position for a smooth transition if those Board seats are vacated. It is expected that a new Board member can only be a Director at Large for one year with the intent of taking on a Board position the following year (or shadowing a senior Board member to take over their position down the road. Some positions take more time to grasp than others and may take more than a year of shadowing to ensure continuity of the Board).

If there is no Board representation as outlined above, there will be no practice for those teams until the representative position is filled. For example, if there are not two Board representatives at each division prior to launching registration, there will not be an option for those divisions to register. There will be a note on the registration page that Board members are required.

As a Board member, you can only fill the quota of one child. For example, if you have multiple children in the association, your Board position will be assigned to the oldest child. Once they age out, you can move your position to that of the younger child(ren). On an emergency basis only, can a Board member act as the representative for the younger child(ren)’s division until a replacement is found (only one Board meeting can occur without a representative and then a new one shall take over or there will be loss of practice times).