
Windermere Valley Minor Hockey Association

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

Minutes Monthly Meeting May 7, 2025 at 6:00pm Kari Saunders – Hosted

Attendees (x) / Regrets:

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

1. **Call to Order:** 6:22pm; By Lainey Willson
2. **Approved Agenda:** Agenda approved by Kari and seconded by Laura with the following additions – Jerseys and tournament teams.
3. **Meeting Minutes:** Approved by email review and posted online Thursday, April 17, 2025.
Link: <https://www.windermerevalleyminorhockey.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/1819/2025/04/040925-Minutes.pdf>
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a. EK Avalanche U15 AA & U18 AA Camp details available on WVMHA website.
 - b. Cranbrook Bucks Registration details are available on WVMHA website.
 - c. Board Resignation:
 - Mike Dubois resigned from the board in late March. We thank him for his time and efforts. He did pass along concerns about team numbers for U15 and reaching out to Golden along with some suggestions to various policies to be reviewed.
 - Christine Banham will be stepping down from her role at the AGM as their family will be moving.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Dual Rostering Policy:
 - Dual Rostered players should be able to practice with both teams if both coach groups support it. Female players suffer in MANY ways, and they deserve this small advantage over male players. It will help get enough female players to form a team.
 - The goal is to provide female equality in Sport. By providing the opportunity to play at both practices ice time we are trying to provide further confidence and support within the sport.
 - This was approved
 - Updated the policy to read Dual rostered players must follow the extra practice time policy of the WVMHA. Players can attend all practices with their primary team and secondary team if both coach groups support the additional practice and provide this request to the president in an email. All present approved the change.
 - b. Fair Ice Time Policy:
 - The Parent Meeting template has been updated to reference Fair Ice Time policy.
 - Including playdowns in fair play will ensure that WVMHA rarely qualifies for Provincials. If there are A & B teams in an age group, then winning play downs is possible with fair play. But if an age group only has one team (which is usually the case in U13, U15, U18) they have absolutely no chance of winning against rep teams from other towns with fair play. If U13 this year had been forced to use fair play in play downs, we would have lost two straight games in round one and been out. 16 players would have been denied the opportunity to play 4 very competitive play down games

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and going to provincials. Remove play downs and provincials from Fair Play.

- Request was not approved and play downs and provincials are to remain within the policy with the additions that “Players are to be rotated throughout the season”. All members.
- Players are to be rotated throughout the season including banner, playdowns, and provincials.
- The request to add in a section that coaches have increased discretion last 10 minutes of game and Eliminate “Under no circumstances should a coach or team official determine ice-time based off the skill level of a player” was not approved as there are ways within this policy to allow all players to have similar ice time throughout the game.

c. Provincial Funding Policy:

- The new policy was reviewed with a few updated words and approved by all members.

6. Old Business:

a. Annual AGM:

- Nominations have been communicated for vacant positions by email, website, and Facebook. We will continue to push this information out.
- The Constitution is currently being updated to reflect the approvals from previous years meeting minutes. Are there any other changes needed?

b. Evaluation/Team Splitting Policy:

- Updated the policy to reflect supporting forming a rep team from divisions U11 and up. If a division within WVMHA has enough players for two teams the board will review the level of commitment and resources to form a Rep team. Details of the decision will be communicated and outlined to all division members prior to the first practice of the season, as decided by the board.
- Updated Carding process to reflect If coaches of Divisions U13 or higher wish to form a carded team, they do not need approval from the Board of WVMHA, but the coaching staff must follow the selection process set out by WVMHA. This must be identified by September 30th with the WVMHA Registrar to ensure correct roster categories are in place.
- All members approved changes, and the deadline will be added to the website with other key dates.

c. Board Member Code of Conduct – No update

7. Approval by email: N/A

8. Reports:

a. Ice Coordinator:

- 25/26 season ice booked in Invermere.
- September weekends have been booked.
- October weekend will be requested.
- August drop-in sessions to reflect 1 hour and start at 5:30 and 6:45 pm
- Jan 3 & 4, 2026 weekend has been booked in Invermere.
- The board has decided not to hold the ice for Dec 19 and 20 and the first week of Christmas break.
- Goalie Clinic; Has Nathan been confirmed? To follow up with the program coordinator in June.
- Thanks Lainey!

b. Fundraising: Nothing to report. Thank you, Laura!

c. Equipment Manager:

- Practice Jersey and Game Sock Quote came in at \$100.00 per player. Everyone agreed that it is not something we want to add to registration at this time. Danielle will reach out to the coaches and try to come up with a solution.

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- Danielle will put together a policy for goalies to provide their own equipment at U11.
- U7 needs a Right goalie stick.
- Was successful in getting the final orders; whiteboards and left-handed U9 glove & blocker. Way-To-Go Danielle!
- The arena has agreed to install a keypad to the equipment door prior to the season starting.
- Outstanding jersey's: Managers to provide Kari and Trina the individuals that have not returned jerseys, and a bill will be sent out. Registration will be on hold until payment or return has been made.
- d. **Referees:** No Update provided.
- e. **Treasurer:**
 - Budget for 2025/2026 review. – Trina was away; no update provided.
- f. **Website/social media:**
 - Christine will provide training on the website when an individual takes this role on.
- g. **Coach Coordinator:** Nothing to report.
- h. **Registration and Carding:**
 - 2025/2026 Registration target date May 15, 2025. Kari walked us through the new registration screens and looked impressive. We all agreed to give it a try and would provide us a link to register and provide feedback asap.
 - Medical Form App – ePac details were sent out to the board. Quoted \$5.00 per player and no integration costs. Package details provided are appendix A. All members like the app and agreed to move forward with the app for 25/26 season.
 - U18F team requested their team fees be lowered as they are no longer a tournament team. We know they played in some tournaments this year and do not know the breakdown of those costs. The discussion we had was to make it the same as all other teams. Lainey motions to decrease the U18F Team Fees to \$500.00 from the current \$600; Seconded by Danielle. All in Favour.
- i. **Discipline:** Nothing to report.
- j. **Female Hockey:**
 - Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League (RMFHL) AGM is June 5, 2025. We will need to attend to participate within the league for 25/26 season.
- k. **East Kootenay Minor Hockey Association (EKMHA) Update:**
 - Minutes of AGM and monthly meeting attached as Appendix B.
 - Any age division can schedule jamboree weekends if managers can coordinate.
 - Scheduling will be completed for the beginning of October. Teams can play games in October.
 - Coeur d'Alene will be invited; however, to play in Canada.
 - WVMHA to follow-up regarding Whitefish and what travel may look like. To review in August.
- l. **Zone:** Nothing to report.
- m. **Manager's Update:**
 - Manager's meeting March 13, 2025. Went great, requested that Female power skating and dryland sessions be provided on the weekend in September and October. Lainey to investigate ice time.
 - Manager Handbook to be updated.
 - Concession issues: Lainey to talk to Colin and provide some feedback.
- n. **Program Update:** Nothing to report.
- o. **Division Update:**

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- Currently talking to Golden regarding U15 and U13 teams and possible options to work together here. Gregg will be talking to Golden with some further numbers and possible options.

9. Agenda Additions:

- a. Tournament Teams: **Provide flexibility!**
 - Implement at U11 and up evaluates; How and who does this?
 - The cost would look like an additional \$1000.00 and would include tournament fees, jerseys and practice time prior to a game.
 - Other Associations appear to be interested.
 - This is not Fair Ice Time; beyond your Tier 4 team you can play more.
 - Further details will need to be outlined in detail, so everyone understands.
- b. Add pond hockey tournament to the agenda in July - Aldene
- c. Add 3 on 3 tournament to the agenda in July - Aldene

10. Next Meeting Date:

- a. AGM - May 28 at 6:30pm; Location: Fire Hall.
- b. Regular Meeting – June 4th; Lainey's School! 6:30 pm "Open Doors" kiddy corner of the youth hub. (RING the BELL)

11. Meeting Adjourned: Adjourned by Lainey at 9:12pm

Appendix A:



ePACT - BC Hockey
Package 2025.pdf

Appendix B:



EKMHA Monthly
Meeting Minutes (May 3, 2025)



EKMHA AGM
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