



STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

**Stittsville Minor Hockey Association
Monthly Council Meeting – March 4, 2025
7:00pm - ALE and Zoom**

In attendance:

Rob Lomas*	Danny Grills*	Jennifer McDonald	Paul Reid
Terry Foley*	Cory Poole	Mike Bew	Omar Sultan*
Holly Foley	Marie Côté*	Brad McDonald	Bill Corcoran*
Kelly Evans*	Natasha Pappin	Leanne Simpson	Ben Kirkwood
Mike Kemp*			

*voting member

Agenda:

1- Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm with Terry Foley (President) chairing the meeting.

2- Approval of the Agenda

Not applicable for this meeting.

3- Approval of the Minutes

Rob Lomas (Vice-President of Operations) made a motion to approve the minutes from the January Council Meeting. Natasha Pappin (Vice-President of Support Services) seconded the motion.

4- Conflict of Interest

Not applicable

5- President Update

HEO Minor Council Updates:

- HEO was asked about the \$25 fee that people pay to SMHA when they tryout at OVSS and OVT. What do we do with it and where does the money go?
- Hockey Canada is removing Respect in Sport and will be creating two new courses as well as re-doing the Gender Identity Training.
- For the new PRC extra check, an additional waiver will be added. More details to follow.
- Video review policy will be reviewed again by HEO.
- D1 (RSL), D5 (Aces) and D11 (Kanata) will have new chairs next year.

- U9 penalties are being changed to 1 and 3 minutes. HEO wanted to change U11 as well but it was voted down.
- Refs - monthly quizzes are happening and so are supervisions across the district.
- Amanda would like the new refs to also be trained as a timekeeper to help them learn more and would also help them work more.
- Amanda is going to send a google survey to all officials about the season and any concerns they have. Ex: no heat in Beckwith ref room. She would also like to try to do an end of year event for them. More details to follow.
- Almonte, West Carleton and Osgoode still need Referees in Chief.
- Another call out for a D4 RIC will be coming out in the spring.
- Suspensions - 419 in D4 so far which includes 28 slurs.
- Abuse of officials by parents and bench staff is getting worse as the year goes on.
- Had one suspension overturned by video this year.
- Succession planning across the district, who is staying and who is going. Andy Baka will be stepping away as the webmaster for LCMHL and D4. West Carleton will have a new president next year. D4 needs someone with some financial background to take over for Glenn Austin. Andrea Tunks from MTK has put her hand up to take that over. Several associations are looking for new Presidents.

6- Vice-President of Finance update

- No updates this month

7- Director of Fundraising update

- No updates this month

8- Vice-President of Operations update

- No updates this month

9- Vice-President of Support Services update

- No updates this month

10- Director of Competitive update

- No updates this month

11- Director of Development update

- No updates this month

12- Director of House U11/U13 update

- No updates this month

13- Director of House U15/U18/U21 update

- No updates this month

14- New Business

A- Student Bursary:

An announcement will need to be posted on our website and social media to collect applicants for our Student Bursary Program. We have 3 bursaries available for \$500 each. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2025. Application will be reviewed by the President and other Executive Members.

B- Volunteer of the Year Awards:

Brad to post volunteer of the year nomination form - deadline for nominations is March 21, 2025.

C - Succession Planning:

The following Executive roles are open for election: Director of Development, Secretary, Director At Large, and VP of Support Services. We will begin to canvas for the non-elected roles such as Convenors, etc.

D- Annual General Meeting April 22, 2025:

The AGM has been booked at Sacred Heart High School in The Learning Commons. We will need to create some signs for directions to The Learning Commons. The AGM notice will need to be posted by March 23, 2025 and nominations for the Executive roles will need to be submitted by April 12, 2025 (the President will receive the nominations). AGM Planning meeting scheduled for April 15, 2025.

E- Volunteer Appreciation Night

Scheduled for April 12, 2025 at the Barley Mow. Marie will lead the planning. Will need to collect raffle prizes from local businesses.

F- Summer ice and conditioning skates

The Council has decided not to run summer conditioning skates in August. Will return the majority of the reserved ice but will keep some for potential early coaching clinics.

G- Season End Survey

We will work on drafting the survey that will focus on direct feedback questions. Will need to include 2 new questions: *Are you interested in volunteering next season and if you want someone from the Executive about your feedback, please leave your email address in order for us to contact you.*

H- Unsanctioned Hockey

A reminder that Coaches and Players can't be involved in both sanctioned and non-sanctioned hockey.

I- Tournaments

Pathways outlines that there is a limit of 4 tournaments permitted per season. Teams are able to request permission to attend tournaments that are outside of the permitted distance. Will add tournaments as a topic at the Coach/Manager meeting in October.

J- Team Fees and Budgets for Next Season

Rob Lomas to draft a policy about team fees. We expect that team fees will have to increase next season to the rising costs of tournaments. Will discuss further at the budget planning meeting in May.

K - Growing SMHA registration:

Discussed several ideas on how to grow the SMHA registration by focussing on the U7 Program. Ideas included: offering free equipment, hockey gear swap, once a week U7 program, involving sponsors to assist with incentives to register. Will continue to discuss this topic at the next council meetings.

15- Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:06pm. Motion made by Rob Lomas (Vice-President of Operations) and seconded by Mike Kemp (Director of Competitive).

