



STITTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

**Stittsville Minor Hockey Association
Monthly Council Meeting – June 17, 2025
7:00pm - Amberwood Lounge & Eatery (ALE)**

In attendance:

Executive (voting members)		Council	
Terry Foley, President	Y	Ben Kirkwood	N
Nichole Dufour, Secretary	Y	Bill Corcoran	Y
Natasha Pappin, VP - Support Services	Y	Brad MacDonald	N
Kelly Evans, VP - Finance	Y	Brayden Bowditch	N
Rob Lomas, VP - Operations	Y	Courtney Milbury	Y
Mike Kemp, Director - Competitive	Y	Holly Foley	Y
VACANT , Director - U7/U9	N/A	Jennifer MacDonald	Y
Mike Bew, Director - U11/U13	Y	Joe Discher	N
Andrew Dunmore, Director - U15/U18/U21	Y	John McNamee	N
Omar Sultan, Director at Large	Y	Leanne Simpson	N
		Stacey Nestruck	Y

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with Terry Foley (President) chairing the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Mike Bew (Director House, U11/U13) made a motion to approve the agenda. Kelly Evans (Vice-President, Finance) seconded the motion. All remaining voting members approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Andrew Dunmore (Director, U15/U18/U21) made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 20th, 2025. Mike Bew (Director, U11/U13) seconded the motion. All remaining voting members approved.

Mike Kemp (Director, Competitive) put forward a motion to approve the minutes from the annual budget meeting held on June 3rd, 2025. Mike Bew seconded the motion with the caveat that a small change be made to the registration fees table to clarify that all SMHA players pay

the base registration fee, not just house league players. All remaining voting members agreed and approved.

Secretarial Note: The requested changes were made post-meeting and sent to members on July 3rd, 2025 for their awareness prior to the notes being published on the SMHA site.

4. Conflict of Interest

Not applicable.

5. President Update

LCMHL Updates:

- Mike Taylor is now president of LCMHL.
- LCMHL and D4 are also looking into moving to Google for email.
- The LCMHL handbook will get some updates over the summer.

HEO D4 Updates:

- D4 put forward a motion to get an exception that home tournaments won't count towards the pathway total. HEO Boards of Directors (BOD) will vote next week.
- D5 has pulled out of the Ottawa B League.
- Registration fees have increased for HEO.
- New Gender Identity Training (GIT) course is available. No cost.
- Respect in Sport (RIS) is being removed. A new course is supposed to replace it, no news yet.
- Chair has asked HEO if we can host a coaching clinic ASAP, HEO has said requests can't come in until August.
- Mike Clarkson is leading the charge for a new Referee in Chief (RIC) for D4; interviews are next week.
- Tournament sanctions are being signed.
- Ref scheduling for John - needs to use more Stittsville refs in Stittsville, especially at the younger ages.
- HEO directive is to follow 6.54 for non-sanctioned hockey.
- West Carenton lost 2 Directors already this season after the first meeting.
- U9 and U18 OVSS registration will open August 1st.
- HEO sent the OWHA memo on US tournaments. MTK has told teams that in order to do a US tournament 100% of families on the team must agree to go. SMHA to decide if we'll send any additional communication.
- MTK has all coaches named and is working on U18, they have several applicants.

6. Vice-President of Finance update

- Kelly Evans (VP, Finance) put forward motions to have two updated policies approved. The policies were circulated to council members for review prior to the meeting.
 - Refund Policy
 - Financial Assistance Policy
- Rob Lomas seconded the motions and all remaining voting members approved.
- A note will be added to the Financial Assistance site indicating that support may also be available for equipment purchases for qualifying families.
 - The early bird deadline for registration was set at July 27th, 2025.

- See [June Finance report](#) for more information.

7. Fundraising & Sponsorship Coordinator update

- No golf tournament is being run this year.
- Will be using the tiered sponsorship model again.
- See [June Fundraising & Sponsorship report](#) for more information.

8. Vice-President of Operations update

- Goalie clinics are good to go.
- See [June Operations report](#) for more information.

9. Vice-President of Support Services update

- Brad secured email accounts for free.
- Jenn has submitted tournament dates for approval.
- See [June Support Services report](#) for more information.

10. Director of Competitive update

- See [June Competitive report](#).

Note: Coaches were approved at a previous meeting.

11. Director of U7/U9 update

- Danny Grills, outgoing U7/U9 convenor, put forward a list of families that would be a good fit for the role. They have been contacted directly.
- No report this month (no Director)

12. Director of House U11/U13 update

- See [June House U11/U13 report](#).

13. Director of House U15/U18/U21 update

- See [June House U15/U18/U21 report](#).

14. New Business

a. Picture Day

Nichole Dufour (Secretary) spoke with Hugo Bouchard of InAction Photography. Details for conversation can be found here: [Photography Options](#). The Council agreed to move forward with InAction for the 2025-26 season.

b. House League Evaluations

Based on feedback from U11/U13 coaches this past season, some adjustments are being made to how evaluations are structured and run this year.

- More evaluators are needed. Some individuals were left on the ice for 6-8 hrs/day.
- If you have indicated that you want to be a coach, you will have to participate in the evaluations.
- Considering having the U18 players run the skills and game play sessions to free up coaches for evaluating. Would offer volunteer hours in exchange.

- It was decided that having coaches provide a “report card” for players at the end of the season to help with the following year’s evaluations wouldn’t be fair to the U9 coming into U11 as they would not have seen the same amount of game play/seasons are not structured the same.
- Will shift to a 1 skill session, 3 game play model. Players will still start out sorted alphabetically but will be resorted after each session. This means families will be getting their ice-times with less notice but this can be communicated at the beginning of the evaluation period so set the expectation.
- Mike Bew (Director, U11/U13) will continue to brainstorm ideas and work towards formalizing the evaluation sheets and defining the criteria being sought.
- Balancing games may be removed from the process. If coaches are doing the evaluations and picking their teams, there should be no question about talent on each team.
- Any changes made to the evaluation process will apply to all levels U11 and higher.
- The volunteer call-out to be posted on the website.

c. Coach Mentor

Mike Kemp (Director, Competitive) advised that Scott Rogers has expressed interest in becoming the Coach Mentor for this season.

15. Adjournment

Natasha Pappin (Vice-President, Support Services) made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. Motion was seconded by Rob Lomas (VP, Operations). All remaining voting members approved.