



SMHA AGM April 27, 2026

Dugald CC 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to order 7:01 pm

2) Attendance and Verification of voting governance, 1 vote per household

-SMHA Executive; Jeff Church, Tony Cianflone, Mark Dyck, Laurie Turnbull, Kevin Maslechko, Dustin Dent, Tiffany Kirton, Joanne Jefferys, Courtney Lechman, Lissa Vandorp, Jason Teerhuis, Mat Bannerman, Jennifer Tremorin, Lindsey Smith.

-SMHA members; Chad Urbanovitch, Jackie Urbanovitch, Michelle Maguet, Jen Tholenaer, Ryan McDonald, Amanda McDonald, Chad Oughton, Aymsley Bishop-Mahon, Marianne Bowker, Tom Schmalz, Pam Schmalz, Brittany Abraham, Bruce Nesbit, Justin VanDorp

3) Acceptance of Agenda; Laurie Turnbull first, Mat Bannerman second, All in favor

4) Acceptance of 2025 AGM; done via email vote as minutes did not get sent to executive. Email vote April 29, 2026. Danielle Taylor first, Courtney Lechman second.

5) Board Member Reports; Please see reports after minutes (to be attached to AGM when posted online).

6) Question and Answer Period;

Concerns brought up regarding U15A2 hockey

-Why non-contact is not an option with SMHA. Parent suggested that maybe it can be an option and kids would be inclined to signed up if it was an option. Jay Teerhuis responds that it was available on registration, there were approx. 7 or 8 that were interested and therefore not enough for a team.

-Parent asks if we could incorporate hitting into max analytics for U15, which would help identify better placement then for kids. If it is assessed and determined that there are x number of kids who are not fit for contact, then this could determine if there are enough kids to create a

non-contact team within SMHA. Jay Teerhuis says he will reach out to max analytics and see if this is an option within the tryout procedure that they can incorporate.

Concerns on officials and how they mark the game sheets.

-Why does what is marked on a game sheet not match certain situations, ie a player being suspended and the suspension doesn't match what was written on the game sheet? Kevin Maslechko states that the officials are doing the best they can and that they make mistakes and we are ok with that as this is a learning environment. The goal is for the officials to learn from the mistakes and encourage them so they return to officiate the following year. Parent responds but my child received a suspension for one game and it didn't match what was written on the game sheet. Kevin Maslechko, well again unfortunately mistakes happen and we are doing our best with the officials and try to look at live barn when there are discrepancies and we work with the officials.

Concerns on developmental issues at U15

-Why do some of the kids not know how to play their position at this level and why are coaches not coaching the kids though earlier levels so kids understand the game? Jay Teerhuis, coaches are given all the resources available to them from SMHA. We can't be creating coaching plans as volunteers. They do the best that they can do, and we rely on the limited number of coach volunteers that we get every season. Every kid develops differently and understands the game differently.

Thanks to the ice scheduler, registrar, and all the board members who helped out this season.

7) Changes to the Constitution; changes were made to the constitution to modernize words and language no longer used. Following changes fall under 6 (h, j), 9 (c), 20, 21, 29 (j), 31, 36 (c, e, l, j), 37 (c,d), 38 (c). Motion to accept the changes, Dustin Dent first, Courtney Lechaman second, all in favor.

8) Awards; U15 Player of the Year Adam Nakamura, Coach of the Year Rick Kirton, Volunteer of the Year Chloe Mueller

9) Elections; The following positions are up for election; President, VP of Operations, Treasurer, Tournaments, Ice Scheduler, U7 Convenor, U9/U11 Convenor.

-President, Mat Bannerman put his name forward, no other candidates, acclaims position.

-VP of Operations, Courtney Lechaman puts her name forward for another term, no other candidates, Courtney Lechaman acclaims position.

-Treasurer, Tyler Seman puts his name forward via email to Jeff Church, no other candidates, acclaims position.

-Tournaments and Fundraising, no candidates, Lindsey Smith will remain in position for another term or if someone else would like to take over the role, acclaims position.

- Ice Scheduler, Tiffany Kirton puts name forward, no other candidates, acclaims position.
- U7 Convenor, no candidates, Mark Dyck will remain in position for another term or if someone else would like to take over the role, acclaims position.
- U9/U11 Convenor, Brittany Abraham nominated for position, no other candidates, Brittany Abraham elected to U9/U11 Convenor.

The current secretary is stepping down from position, and therefore a new one will need to be nominated for a one year term to fill this position.

- Secretary, Jen Tholenaer nominated, no other candidates, Jen Tholenaer elected to Secretary.

The Ice scheduler assistant position is now available with Tiffany Kirton being elected into the Ice scheduler position, and therefore a new one will need to be nominated.

- Ice Scheduler Assistant, Aymsley Bishop-Mahon nominated, no other candidates, Aymsley Bishop-Mahon elected to Ice Scheduler Assistant.

This concludes all elections.

- 10) Closing remarks; Jeff Church would like to thank everyone who joined tonight and the new candidates for joining the board, as well as the old candidates for all their time and what they have done on the board over the years.

- 11) Meeting adjourned; 8:18 pm Joanne Jeffreys first, Aymsley Bishop-Mahon second

President



AGM REPORT

SEASON SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	DESCRIPTION	PREPARED BY
6	2025/26 SMHA Hockey Season	Jeff Church

OVERVIEW

First and foremost, I want to take some time to recognize and offer my sincere gratitude to all of the volunteers that put countless hours into making SMHA and hockey happen for our over 430 members. My fellow SMHA board members, I'm grateful for the willingness to give your personal time to a cause that rarely comes with praise or accolades. The effort and hours that each of you have put in this past year and over your tenure as fellow board members does not go unnoticed and without you SMHA and hockey for the youth of Springfield simply wouldn't happen.

To coaches and team officials, thank-you for stepping up to your respective positions. Without coaches and managers hockey simply can't go on. You all give so much to the members of SMHA that it really becomes difficult to find the words to fully express the SMHA Board's gratitude and appreciation for your efforts. Given the seemingly countless rules/regulation changes I believe it's becoming more challenging and time consuming to take on coaching and team official roles so on behalf of the Board and all SMHA members a huge thank-you to our volunteer coaches and team officials.

We're a Big Association – Good But Challenging

One good news story that also comes with it some challenges is the continued growth Membership of the SMHA. Over the past three years we've experienced over 15% growth in our membership numbers. In terms of our mandate to grow the game and provide as many youth as possible with the opportunity

to play our great game, this is a positive them. However, the growth is creating other challenges and if it continues on an upward trend we'll have to get very creative to serve the needs of all of our members. The challenges include:

- Ice availability, practice times, etc.
- Eastman (small and large associations with different needs)
- Number of Volunteers required to make it work

Evaluations and Team Formation

Once again we partnered with Max Analytics, an unbiased third-party evaluation provider. Judging from the survey most members continue to want evaluations that are unbiased and transparent and felt that Max Provided that. Through the process we had some challenges related to a larger pilot project that Eastman was undertaking with Max that posed some timing challenges with Team formation and placement of teams at certain tiers. We have gathered lessons learned from the experience and will incorporate those learnings into next year's process.

SEASON TAKEAWAYS

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

V.P. Development



AGM REPORT

SEASON SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	DESCRIPTION	PREPARED BY
April 6, 2026	2025/26 SMHA Hockey Season	Courtney Lechman

OVERVIEW

Hello I'm Courtney Lechman, VP of Development. Thank you for coming out this evening. I'll go over some highlights of the season in regards to development.

SEASON TAKEAWAYS

Rustbuster:

Started the season off with Owen Blocker running our Rustbuster camp prior to season start. We had 236 kids come out. We look forward to offering another preseason camp next season.

Pathways:

We continued with U11 pathways skates for all players entering into U11 to practice full ice, learn new rules and shoot on bigger nets. 41 players attended.

Jason Teerhuis hosted a hitting clinic in October geared towards new U15 players to prepare for their first year in hitting.

Max Analytics:

We used Max Analytics for a 3rd year, to make teams for all ages with enough players to make multiple teams. We use the MA data to create the teams with no input from coaches. Teams where a blend is used to create 2 equal A,B, or C teams use the scores and are divided evenly.

Goaltending/Byron Spriggs Goaltending:

Byron returned this season to help SMHAs goalies Monday nights in Hazelridge. Goalies had the ability to work with instructors twice a month starting from the end of October to beginning of February. That's a total of 7 times per age group. He also held an Intro to Goaltending camp for the U9 kids interested in playing the position. That was held early January for a total of 3 hours with 15 goalies attending.

We continue to encourage teams to have a designated goalie coach on the bench to work specifically with their goalie throughout the season.

Power Skating:

For a 2nd year TJ Spruyt, a trained power skating coach and community member came out to teach teams twice per team this season. We also encouraged teams to book him separately to continue building on the lessons.

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

We are always looking for new coaches, assistant coaches, goalie coaches and new bench staff. Applicants are encouraged to apply at the beginning of the season. Courses are online and can be done over the course of a few weeks with a minimal cost. Child Abuse and Criminal record checks will also be required.

V.P. Operations/Registrar



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SEASON SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	DESCRIPTION	PREPARED BY
April 6, 2027	2025-26 SMHA Hockey Season	Joanne Jefferys

OVERVIEW

2025-26 Actual Registration Totals									
Division	Minor Age			Major Age			Total Players	Total Goalies	Total
	Birth Year	Players	Goalies	Birth Year	Players	Goalies			
Intro to Hockey				2021					
U7	2020	29		2019	46		75	0	75
U7 Female	2020	5		2019	6		11	0	11
U9	2018	33		2017	26		59	0	59
U9 Female	2018	11		2017	8		19	0	19
U11	2016	31	2	2015	38	3	69	5	74
U11 Female	2016	13	2	2015	12	0	25	2	27
U13	2014	35	3	2013	29	2	64	5	69
U13 Female	2014	13	2	2013	6	0	19	2	21
U13 - Regional	2014	3	0	2013	8	0	11	0	11
U15	2012	28	1	2011	16	1	44	2	46
U15 Female	2012	4	1	2011	9	1	13	2	15
U15 - Regional	2012	11	0	2011	11	1	22	1	23
U18	2009/2010	12	2	2008	5	0	17	2	19
U18 Regional	2009/2010	7	1	2008	0	0	7	1	8
							Total Players =		435
High School	2009/2010/2011	16	3	2008	5	0			
U15 Non Contact TMHA	2012	4	0	2011	1	0			

2026-27 Estimated Registration Totals							
Division	Minor Age			Major Age			Total
	Birth Year	Total	Goalies	Birth Year	Total	Goalies	
Intro to Hockey				2022			
U7	2021	?		2020	29		?
U7 Female	2021	?		2020	5		?
U9	2019	45		2018	33		78
U9 Female	2019	6		2018	11		17
U11	2017	26	0	2016	31	3	60
U11 Female	2017	8	0	2016	13	2	23
U13	2015	38	3	2014	35	3	79
U13 Female	2015	12	0	2014	13	2	25
U13 - Regional	2015	?		2014	3	0	?
U15	2013	29	4	2012	28	1	62
U15 Female	2013	6	0	2012	4	1	11
U15 - Regional	2013	8		2012	11	0	19
U18	2010/2011	26	3	2009	5		34
U18 Regional	2010/2011			2009			?
							408
Notes:							
- Numbers based on final team placements							
- Do not have accurate numbers for regional players/HS							

SEASON TAKEAWAYS

~30 less registrants this year compared to last, however likely due to Intro program held with Can Skate this season.

31 teams

U7 - 7 (5 + 1 female), first year for an all girls team at U7!

U9 - 7 (5+ 2 female)

U11 - 7 (5 + 2 female)

U13 - 6 (5 + 1 female)

U15 - 4 (3 + 1 female)

U18 - 1 (no female)

Predicting a similar number of teams and registrations next year, but hard to do so based on Regional teams and no intro.

Registration opened July 15 - August 15 with Early Bird Registration. Majority of registrations

received during this time allowing for Convenors and VP Hockey Operations to prep and plan for Evaluations.

During this time it was open for those interested in being a part of the Bench Staff for the season to register. However, there is a gap noted between the Spordle registration and the coaching application.

One family with an outstanding payment.

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Continue with the Early Bird Registration for a 1 month duration. Open Bench Staff registration again at the same time player registration opens, however, will have a note to direct those interested in Coaching to complete the Coach Application Form on the SMHA website.

Treasurer



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SEASON SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	DESCRIPTION	PREPARED BY
	2025/26 SMHA Hockey Season	Lissa VanDorp

OVERVIEW

SMHA's finances are organized into key categories which include program operations, development, tournaments, and administration expenses. This year, league registration revenue was insufficient to fully cover program expenses, however, other revenue opportunities allowed the association to offset costs in other areas, bringing the association close to a break-even position.

SEASON TAKEAWAYS

The rustbuster camp was delivered as both a development opportunity and a revenue source. Revenue generated from the camp successfully covered all player development expenses for the season.

Tournament operations generated a positive return.

Bank interest and the icehawks apparel rebate covered administration expenses.

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Despite a slight deficit, the Association remains in a stable financial position. Strategic use of alternative revenue sources allowed us to nearly balance the budget while continuing to deliver strong

programming and development opportunities. Rustbuster camp and tournaments continue to be a crucial revenue source. Based on the current financial position, we do not anticipate the need to increase fees for the upcoming season, provided ice costs remain consistent.