



**Springfield Minor Hockey Association
September 2025 – 7:00 pm- The Lift/Teams Online Meeting**

Present: Jeff Church, Courtney Lechman, Mark Dyck, Matthew Bannerman, Jennifer Tremorin, Lindsey Smith, Lissa VanDorp, Danielle Taylor, Tony Cianflone

Absent: Joanne Jeffereys, Jason Teerhuis, Laurie Turnbull, Dustin Dent, Kevin Maslechko, Tiffany Kirton

Called to order at 7:00 pm

Adopt December 2025 minutes, first CL, second MB, voted unanimously.

Additions to the Agenda: Add hockey survey to old business

Adopt the Agenda, first CL, second MB

EXECUTIVE REPORTS	REPORT	ACTION
President’s Report – Jeff Church	-HM governance meeting to discuss the model with Regional Hockey Associations. -HM will be dealing with all hockey associations directly, SMHA will have no authority on any of the decisions made from HM/EMHA. -Girls Hockey in Brandon -Need to re-iterate the process for gamesheets, have the secretary to send out to all team managers.	
Comments by others: CL, LT sent email in regards to girls hockey in Brandon.		
V.P Business Operations Joanne Jefferys	Nothing to report	
Comments by others:		

V.P. Hockey Operations Courtney Lechman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Went through the constitution and bylaws, made notes -Jan 2-4, U9 Goalie camp had 14 kids attend. Thanks to Matt for helping out each day. -Starting to look ahead for next season's ice requirements for Rustbusters and evaluations. -Mark and I are in communication with Hazelridge skate club regarding the PrePower CanSkate program that we used in place of Intro. Feedback from parents etc -Thanks to Jenn and Tiffany for helping Eastman with scheduling 	
Comments by others:		
Intro, U7 Convenor Mark Dyck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -asked about process to obtain contract ice for year end jamboree 	
Comments by others: - JT send dates to her, LS ask teams if they want a tournament first, JT we might be able to accommodate a date for the year end jamboree, MD will reach out to Hazelridge to see if we can get a hotdog or something for an event, JC confirm your dates for insurance purposes.		
U9, U11 Convenor Matthew Bannerman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -U11 Provincial Playdowns are scheduled to be completed by February 1 -U11 B (Black and Blue) is competing to take part in Provincials this year -U11 C & A teams were not required to complete playdowns and were directly entered into the Prov. tournament. -U9 Transition Season Information has not been communicated yet or scheduled, will ask for an update at the next Eastman meeting -U9 Transition Season Tournament -discussions around moving to ½ ice to potentially attract more teams. -concerned that not enough teams have registered to date. -Require parent/team volunteers asap to make it a success. 	
Comments by others:		
U13, U15, U18 Convenor Jason Teerhuis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No report given 	
Comments by others:		
Female Hockey Director Laurie Turnbull	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -OBCC incident has been handled and their president has emailed all parties involved with their resolution -U13F large roster struggling with ½ slots - need to explore ways to both avoid and accommodate large rosters in the future. (Looking forward - Likely need to plan for 2 female teams at U9-U13 age levels, including more female spots for camps, etc). -Our female tournament this upcoming weekend. 	
Comments by others:		
Ice Scheduler Jennifer Tremorin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Meeting with OBCC Thursday Jan 22 -Hazelridge canteen exemptions - were these submitted? Need to be submitted earlier -Need to discuss U13 Girls - possible solution with U13B Yellow 	

Comments by others: JT, asks to be CC'd on emails with OBCC as she is the club liaison. JT there are concerns being raised with OBCC saying what SMHA contract ice can be used for. Ex: sticks and pucks, if it is our contract ice we are offering the ice to our membership for the use of enhancing their skills. JT canteen exemptions need to be sent out earlier. CL they have been sent out now. JT, I am working on a solution for the issues for the ice for the girls and U13B yellow. Proposal Girls get full ice on Mondays, and U13A/U13 B Yellow share ice. JC this seems like a reasonable solution.

Ice Scheduler Assistant Tiffany Kirton	-Look at Tournament Dates for next year - move away from Playdowns -We assisted with Eastman Scheduling -Scheduling and rescheduling has been a fair amount of work	
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Comments by others:

Referee in Chief Kevin Maslechko	-No report given	
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Comments by others:

Timekeeping Scheduler Dustin Dent	-No report given	
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Comments by others:

Community Club Liaison - Jennifer Tremorin	-Meeting Jan 22/26 all board members can attend.	
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Comments by others: MB I will attend

Tournament Coordinator Lindsey Smith	-Female Tournament this coming weekend! -U9 transition season tournament, isn't fully up and quickly as we hope. Concerns will small rosters and lots of minors on teams not making it worth it.	
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Comments by others:

Treasurer's Report - Lissa Vandorp	-nothing to report	
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Comments by others:

Equipment Director Danielle Taylor	-still missing orange pinnies	
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Comments by Others:

Secretary Tony Cianflone	--missing approx 25 CAR's and some teams have not submitted team documentation confirming negative results on CRC. Emails sent to coaches/managers and SMHA President asking for action, no responses given. SMHA will need to determine a clear process on this and add to our Bylaws with a date to accept all documents and stand by the decision.	
Comments by others: MB wasn't aware, send out list to all convenors and we will look after it.		
NEW BUSINESS	-draft document and send to membership for upcoming board positions	TC, will draft and send to JC for approval

OLD BUSINESS	<p>-HW release/Survey to membership</p> <p>-JC, what are we asking for as an association? CL, 1st step Jeff needs to confirm if HW will accept all of our programs, if not which programs. JC, I will email and ask HW. MB, once we find out that information, then we can survey the membership.</p> <p>CL, maybe we should also be involving EMHA in this process because blending teams is a challenge. MB, suggest inviting Dan to a meeting. JC will reach out to Dan about challenges we are facing.</p> <p>-Evaluate registration fees</p> <p>-LV, membership has no idea what our fees go to and why certain age groups are paying marginally less for fees if ice time is comparable. CL, Stonewall Minor has a great breakdown of fees and allotted ice time, a document like this should be available for membership. MB fees seem high for the amount of ice being offered. CL, are we meeting the needs for ice time, development related to costs. LV is there a document available showing how much ice time each player and team at each level is getting? JT I have supplied this document previously and can supply it again. CL will reach out.</p>
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CL motioned to adjourn; MD seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm Next meeting: March 25, 2026 6:30 pm The Lift