APMHA October 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, October 6th, 2026 @ 6:30pm

Almonte Legion

Position	Name	Attendance
Voting Members		
President	Kristen Drynan	Present
Director Discipline and Risk Management	Grant Cotie	Present
Director of House Programs	Ben Nyveld	Present
Director of Finance	Angie Ferguson	Regrets
Director of U7 (Initiation Program)	Amy Thom	Present
Director of Coach and Player Development	Coady Lowry	Present
Director of Registration	Candace Nunn	Present
Director of Scheduling	J-F Meloche	Present
Director of Community Engagement	Sophie Nieman	Present
Director of Tournaments	Kristina Chapman	Present
Director of Communications and Webmaster	Liz Blonde	Present
Director of Equipment	Nick Feeley	Present
Referee in Chief	Hunter Coady	Regrets
MTK Representative	Brad Colbourne	Regrets
OVSS Representative	Brad Doran-Veevers	Regrets
Non-Voting Members (Level Convenors)		
U9 Convenor	Mallory Lowry	Regrets
U11 Convenor	Dawn Martin	Present
U13 Convenor	Danielle St. Louis	Present
U15 & U18 Convenor	Angie Kelly	Present

Meeting called to Order: 6:34pm

Approval of September minutes – Kristen, Ben

Member	Comments

Kristen Drynan
President
	APMHA business:
	• Firstly, THANK YOU to all you volunteers for putting SO MUCH time and care into the start up of the season.
	• League Team Placement Meeting:
	  ○ We were approved for 1 variance at U11 to have a T3 team
	  ○ Found out at the meeting that U9 must have fewer rostered players per team than older ages therefore we had to add a 5th U9 team.
	  ○ I've shared the final team placement chart in group chat.
	• Following evals, our Coach Appointing Committee met, deliberated, and voted on head coaches.
	• All divisions including U7 have hit the ice aside from U21.
	• U15T2 went to District to express concerns. While the league and district have already been aware of the challenges for this group, its currently being discussed at that level.
	• With such small teams, I think we should confirm to increase team fees. New max up to $400
	
	LCMHL business:
	• The handbook was sent out for review; there are a few adjustments to be made.
	• Oct 15 will be the league coach and manager meeting and will likely be virtual.
	• A motion to allow SMHA to take a U15C team to Nepean interlock was denied. There must be at least 5 teams to have a C division.
	
	D4 business:
	• Travel Permits submitted by the end of October.
	• HEO is asking if districts are interested in a goalie program.
	• No one is supposed to be on the ice without their VSCs and declaration.
	• Association invoices will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Fees should remain the same as last season.
	• Dressing Rooms: Reinforce the Two-Deep Rule — minimum two qualified adults present at all times. Room Monitors: Must have a valid VSC and Respect in Sport / The Shift Forward certification. HEO has a Dressing Room policy; all room monitors should read- Grant. Candace to make a list of parents for each team that already have qualifications
	• Meeting with the risk and discipline representatives quarterly.

	• Associations need to put their teams into TTM so they can input transfer suspensions from last year. Candace to work on this in the coming week • Officiating complaints should first be directed to Association President and RIC for review. • There will be increased shadowing and mentoring of officials. Coaches must know that while there is an extra person on the ice, they will not be making officiating calls.
Grant Cotie **Director of Risk and Discipline**	• Encourages everyone involved in dressing room to read the HEO Dressing Room policy.
Ben Nyveld **Director of House Programs**	• We held a convenor's meeting before conditioning and sort out this season which was really helpful. • A big thank you to all convenor's who worked tirelessly to keep everyone organized. • Follow up and overview on conditioning and sort outs. • 18 evaluators participated this year, no evaluators had a tie at any level they evaluated. • Hockey Life Player Passes were handed out to all levels apart from U7. May need more, I am in possession of the remaining passes but have not counted them. ○ Liz has ordered more. • Great feedback on new drills for the most part at all levels. Having officials and volunteer timekeepers for evaluation games was a huge plus and took some of the load off coaches. • Working on implementing new considerations for next season, such as firm directions and guidance on lineups for evaluation games so on-bench volunteers are aware of our expectations during evaluation games. • Working on a document to outline all processes involved in the conditions and sort out process including weights of skills vs game, how evaluators are selected etc. This will be added to the website, so we are transparent to everyone involved. • I am still taking calls and emails on different concerns and have had 1 on 1 meetings/phone calls with parents requesting debriefs on their hockey player's results. Most of these conversations and meetings have been constructive and have ended positively. This process has been something new I've implemented and I feel it gives parents a good chance to understand why their hockey player placed where they did, and it helps encourage transparency while also trying to capture individual concerns before getting too far into the season. I am finding many people will reach out via email but very few will approach me in person to discuss their concerns, while I was in the rink so often.

	• May need to consider adding U7 to the overall conditioning and evaluation process due to high volume of players and skill range. Might be worth checking to see how other associations with this many teams do the sort out process- age, years played, last name? • Quick word on personal conduct expectations for us all to consider.
Angie Ferguson **Director of Finance**	• Regrets • No comments • Still need to sort out how to get the lottery license. Angie to see if there is any way we can get around this, Kristen is willing to help. Ideally, we have the lottery license in place before APMHA day. Kristina says it will take 3-4 business days once submitted.
Amy Thom **Director of U7 (Initiation Program)**	• Kids on ice, teams are mostly happy with placement this year but our 2 x 2020 birth year teams we are having issues with parents being unhappy with OTHER KIDS ABILITIES on the teams!! • 2022 x2 (Orange & Yellow), 2021 x2 (Blue & Black), 2020 x2 (Red & White) APMHA Thunder U7 - Orange APMHA Thunder U7 - Yellow APMHA Thunder U7 - Blue APMHA Thunder U7 - Black APMHA Thunder U7 - Red APMHA Thunder U7 - White • Also have had a few complaints about a specific coach's attitude, interactions etc. Has caused us to lose one coach as well. • Happy with Timbits jerseys & socks this year. • Opening our waitlist to add in the one child on it.

Coady Lowry
Director of Coach and Player Development
	• Bench staff rosters slowly coming in
	• Slowly getting through each member to verify certifications, VSC's and waivers
	  ○ I added the Executive and Leadership teams to my list to monitor
	• Will be working on the slideshow this week for the Coach and Manager's meeting. Any new suggestions to add?
	  ▪ J-F to speak about scheduling
	  ▪ New team fee cap
	  ▪ Exhibition games are through a different form this year not Travel Permits
	  ○ Need to discuss phased role out of the Shift Forward program for bench staff- New U7, U11, U13, U15 and any new coaches to complete this year. Coady to

	manage coach involvement, Candace to monitor new players • U9 T3 now has bench staff support. U13T2 and U15T2 are next on my list to help. • Can we add the "how to" on Registering as a Bench staff on the website to stop some of the questions Coady is getting? • Dressing room monitor? Grant to look into what they would need. VSC and Respect in Sport/Shift Forward • Need to wrap up U7 and U21 bench staff rosters. • We will need to increase the cap for team fees due to the amount of small teams we have this year- $400 was approved • Currently working with Kristen and the U7 team on a sort out issue there. Seems to be mostly sorted, Kristen willing to have one on one conversation if need be

Candace Nunn
Director of Registration
	• I'm down to under 20 profiles needing attention (mainly address verifications) including 6 missing raffle fees- U7s x3 and 3 that returned from MTK. Emails will be going out again soon.
	• Totals for Registrations 2026/2027 are as follows:
	  ○ U7 = 81
	  ○ U9 = 59
	  ○ U11 = 31
	  ○ U13 = 24
	  ○ U15 = 22
	  ○ U18 = 35
	  ○ U21 = 18
	• The third child discount was used 11 times this year
	• Teams U9 through U15 have been set up on the Teamlinkt app, U18 and U7 will be set up this week. Only disadvantage to the app (other than the ads) is that even if more than one contact is added to the app, only one receives the initial email. I've added myself as Admin on all teams so I can share the code. Coaches can see it as well. I've been responding to individual emails and using the invite feature to include them. Once teams are more established, I'll remove myself. *Conveners how have codes for teams in their age group.
	• I was granted access to TTM this morning, I'll be uploading rosters before October 18 games start. I'll need all coach and manager names/emails to do that so I can give them access as well. Kristen has access and I gave Grant access this afternoon- will confirm he can get in.
	• I'll start building rosters in HCR over the next little while. Will need U7 team names to be able to do those ones. Last year we used Almonte Pakenham Thunder U7

	[Colour]. Same again this year? Amy to check if we need to include Timbits somewhere in our naming. ○ Liz also needs this info to add teams to the website • On my to do list is also figuring out how to add rosters for game sheets in Teamlinkt. It might just be from the roster added for everyone to access the app? Anyone looking to see what the game sheets will look like can enter code 00004444 to try it out at games.teamlinkt.com • Mallory sent out an email to U9 families this morning for last minute sock and name bar orders, there have been some hits, I'll update the spreadsheet for Nick. • Figure out how insurance works and how teams are to pay for extras. Candace to check with Angie on insurance coverage/breakdown.
J-F Meloche **Director of Scheduling**	• Schedule and games have been submitted, once that comes back, practices will be assigned. • Working with Tara to sort out a photo schedule • U7 should be capped at 6 teams as well as U9 so we have enough ice as these groups move up the chain.
Sophie Nieman **Director of Community Engagement**	<u>Fundraising:</u> • Sent email to the convenors to pass along to Managers <u>Donations:</u> • I haven't received any more interest from the local business <u>On-Ice Photo's</u> • JF and Tara (photographer) are working on a schedule. • Once the ice times are confirmed I will send an email to Convenors to send to Mangers outlining the process and all the details. <u>APMHA Day</u> • Liz - Social media post to save the date, and a more detailed post closer to the event • Will send a request for Convenors to send a number of tables required for team interested in fundraising. • Working with Gilks for APMHA clubwear items.
Kristina Chapman **Director of Tournaments**	• Attendees for our home tournament ○ U13 is full, U11, U15 and U18 are close ○ 7 payments have come in • Will repurpose some trophies for our tournaments, some to stay in our trophy case, some to be given out to winners • Our sponsor Kelsey's- will donate player of the game pucks for tournaments- APMHA on one side, Kelsey's on the other

	• Can the bar be opened during the tournament? Gives parents a place to hang out if they're stuck in Pakenham for a few hours • Swag bags- Kelsey's coupon, water/Gatorade, tape, granola bar etc. • Ben willing to sponsor tournaments in some capacity as well, will coordinate with Kristina

Liz Blonde
Director of Communications and Webmaster
	• What about a separate email account just for direct deposits, multiple people could access? For next year?
	• Reached out to Hockey Life for some additional Players Passes. Amy has the remaining passes
	• Coaching application has been updated to accept multiple age groups for interest
	• Set up the tournaments on the website.
	  ○ Registered teams showing up in our Teams is a TeamLinkT glitch that they are working on.
	• Still need to create an actual page with everyone's email address
	• Managers are being given APMHA emails this season. Ongoing.
	  ○ Still missing contact from several teams. Asked Coady for an update.
	• Need to finalize Code of Conduct and APMHA Respectful Behaviour, Bullying, Harassment, Cyberbullying Policy
	  ○ Plan to finalize this week
	• Social media post out for APMHA day save the date- done.
	• Reached out to Coady to assist with Coach & Manager meeting PPT.
	• Who gets mailing list for U21s? -Coach when that is finalized
	• Updating master mailing list for all of APMHA
	• All teams (except U7) have been linked to LCMHL
	• Need to add U7 teams to website
	  ○ What are the teams? No one has given me the lists- In Amys report above

Nick Feeley **Director of Equipment**	• I asked two companies what price they would offer if we got them to sew existing name bars on an estimated 360 jerseys. I wasn't sure about U7 so it may be more. One came back at $9 per jersey to sew on and $4 each to remove at the end of the season (at removal jerseys must arrived prewashed). The other company was $8 per jersey to sew on at the beginning of the season and $7 to remove at the end, but they wash, remove stains, mend, and return to garment bags with bounce dryer sheets). • Candace also willing to sew team name bars at $15 per set

	• Is this of interest? Can we coordinate with team managers to still have teams pay? Or does the association cover this cost? I know this may be a sticky subject because there are parents who can do it themselves and do a fine job. Can we impose that the association handles name bars to ensure uniform integrity of the new jerseys. The cost of name bar stitching and removal should have been baked into the price of registration, but I didn't think of this at the time of that discussion.
	  ○ Teams will be responsible to getting name bars done this year.
	  ○ Discussed we roll in a fee to do name bars into registration process next year. Can jerseys be sized at conditioning/eval sessions so they can be assigned earlier allowing more than 1-2 weeks to get name bars taken care of?
	• Overall, this may be too much to take care of this year and perhaps we stick with status quo until next year.
	• Logistically, getting name bars from everyone, sizing everyone, assigning jerseys, then conveying which names go with which jerseys to the company to have it done before first games may not even be possible.
	• New sort out jerseys are on the radar, will be tabled for a later date- J-F and Ben have expressed interest in sponsoring some
	• Bought 100 blue pucks for U7. Kits are setup and in the Almonte locker if coaches need to travel to Pakenham, they can just grab and go
	• Bought bags to go into larger bags for pucks so they're less clunky. Some coaches are still using crates.
	• U7 goalie kits are set and in the locker, all U9 teams have a set, working on a U11 set for T3

Hunter Coady **Referee in Chief**	• Regrets • Supervising 2 of our new officials on a game tonight • No comments
Brad Colbourne **MTK Representative**	• Completing U18 now. • No further comments
Brad Doran-Veevers **OVSS Representative**	• Regrets • Unfortunately the S7 executive meeting is at the same time as APMHA this month and I have been informed that my attendance is mandatory. • Things are rolling well at S7, all teams are now made and the regular season is underway for A and AA leagues. • Silver Seven Day is at the Sensplex this coming Saturday. • Nothing else to report.
Mallory Lowry	• No comments

U9 Convenor	
Dawn Martin **U11 Convenor**	• No comments
Danielle St. Louis **U13 Convenor**	• No comments
Angie Kelly **U15 & U18 Convenor**	• No comments

Adjournment	• Motion to adjourn: 8:40pm – Kristen and Candace
	• Next meeting: Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:30pm
	  ○ Almonte Legion
	• Other 2026 meeting dates:
	  ○ December 1st

Action Items:

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