



Stonewall Minor Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026, Stonewall Curling Club

Kyle Kauk called meeting to order @ 7:06 PM.

Review of the minutes from the 2025 AGM – no questions or changes were brought forward. Byron Scrivens motioned to adopt the 2024 minutes and was second by Paige Moman and carried.

President - Kyle Kauk

Good evening,

As the 2025/26 hockey season has come to a close, I'm proud to say that our board is already hard at work preparing for what we hope will be another successful 2026/27 season.

To begin, I would like to sincerely thank all of our volunteers for the time, dedication, and energy they have put in throughout this past season. The success of our association would not be possible without the commitment of our coaches, managers, safety personnel, timekeepers, scorekeepers, and parents, all of whom play an important role in helping our teams operate throughout the year.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who served on our tournament committees this season. Tournament weekends require an enormous amount of time, organization, and effort, and while they always come with challenges, once again they ran extremely well from start to finish. That is no small accomplishment, and it speaks volumes about the people involved.

This season also marked an important milestone for our association. For the first time in many years, we were accepted into Hockey Winnipeg with a Co-Ed U9 A1 team. This came after several years of persistence and continued effort, and I want to thank my fellow board members for staying committed and helping make this happen.

In addition, for the first time ever, we were able to send all of our U11 through U18 teams to Hockey Winnipeg. While this transition certainly came with some challenges, I believe it was an extremely successful season overall for our teams.

I would also like to congratulate our four teams that captured City Championships this year:

- Co-Ed U11 A2
- Female U11 A2
- Female U11 A3
- Female U15 A2

This is a tremendous achievement and something our entire association should be very proud of.

Looking ahead, we will continue working closely in the coming months with both Interlake Minor Hockey and Hockey Winnipeg so that we have a clearer picture of what next season will look like well in advance.

Our hope is to once again have all of our teams competing in Hockey Winnipeg next season. This will help simplify many of the internal processes for our board members and allow us to better plan and establish registration fees from the beginning, rather than having to collect additional fees after team formation.

Another positive indicator of a successful season was the fact that suspensions and complaints involving coaches, players, and team officials were minimal. To me, that is always a strong sign of a great year both on and off the ice. Any concerns raised by Hockey Manitoba, Interlake Minor Hockey, or Hockey Winnipeg were addressed in a timely and respectful manner.

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank all of our board members for their countless hours of work and dedication this season. The amount of time and effort that goes into keeping this association running smoothly throughout the year is significant, and it truly does not go unnoticed.

Most importantly, thank you to all of our families, players, volunteers, and supporters who continue to make SMHA such a strong and successful organization. The growth and success we experienced this season is a direct result of the commitment and passion of everyone involved.

I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together this year, and I am excited for what lies ahead. With the continued support of this community, I have no doubt that the future of SMHA remains very bright.

Finally, if anyone has an interest in becoming involved with the board and helping contribute to the continued success of SMHA, please do not hesitate to reach out. New ideas, new energy, and additional support are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Kyle Kauk
President SMHA

Vice President – Kyle Breen

This past season tryouts were utilized for the third year in a row for the U11 and U13 age groups. Overall, they were received well, and we will continue using the same format next year.

For the second year in a row Stonewall Minor engaged Max Analytics to run our tryouts and evaluate the U9, U11, U13 and U15 players. Their fully digital system as well as running the on-ice sessions helped the process run smoothly. The Stonewall Jets were again engaged to run our Player Pathway Pre Skates prior to evaluations. I would like to thank everyone who helped with this year's evaluations for their countless volunteer hours.

Stonewall Minor Hockey tryouts/evaluations schedule took up the majority of September, out of which 25 teams were formed for SMHA this season. Although the template from the previous Tryout/Evaluations was again utilized for this season, there were scheduling issues that affected U13 and U15's which extended the evaluation process. Changes will be made to the schedule for next season to allow for proper coordination between Lightning and High School tryouts to acknowledge players a minimum of 48 hours from the end of Lightning and High School tryouts to the beginning of Stonewall Minor. We will also use the same 48-hour buffer between tryouts that are being ran by Stonewall Minor. Conversations with the Interlake have taken place to have hard dates for the Lightning tryouts to be completed, to allow for proper planning for the Stonewall Minor Tryout and Evaluation process to be completed.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the 25/26 season a success across Stonewall Minor as well as everyone who helped with this year's evaluations. Planning for next seasons evaluations will start early this summer, and information will be sent out to families as soon as possible to start preparing for the 26/27 season.

Registrar – Scott McFayden

2025-2026 registration numbers were as follows:

U7 Coed – 46
U9 Coed – 40
U9 Female – 12
U11 Coed – 40
U11 Female – 30
U13 Coed – 36
U13 Female – 16
U15 Coed - 28
U15 Female – 25
U18 Male - 40
U18 Female – 35

Making 25 teams,

17 Co-ed (4-U7, 3-U9, 3-U11, 3-U13, 2-U15, 2-U-18)
8 Female (1-U9, 2-U11, 1-U13, 2-U15, 2-U18)

2024-2025 registration numbers were as follows:

U7 Male – 35
 U7 Female – 11
 U9 Male – 25
 U9 Female – 22
 U11 Male – 39
 U11 Female – 18
 U13 Male – 40
 U13 Female – 19
 U15 Male - 18
 U15 Female – 21
 U18 Male - 37
 U18 Female – 36

Making 23 teams,

16 Male/Co-ed (4-U7, 3-U9, 3-U11, 3-U13, 1-U15, 2-U-18)
 7 Female (2-U9, 1-U11, 1-U13, 1-U15, 2-U18)

Secretary – Jocelyn Mitchell

Serving as a board member in the role of Secretary for SMHA has been a highly rewarding experience this season. Since joining the board in April 2025, I have had the privilege of working alongside a dedicated group whose collective commitment has contributed to the success of the season.

This year, I was pleased to assist for the U11 coach selection committee. In addition, I was responsible for coordinating child abuse registry and criminal record checks for bench staff. Looking ahead, my goal for next season is to further streamline this process to enhance efficiency and better support our bench staff.

Treasurer – Krista Kuzyk

Stonewall Minor Hockey Association			
AGM 2026 - As of April 1st, 2026			
Opening Balance(Jul 1, 2025):			\$ 44,456.93
Revenue:			
	Association Fees	\$	304,776.06
	Tournament Profits	\$	28,935.50
	Hockey Wpg team fee reimbursement	\$	20,111.00
	U11A1 extra Ice repayment	\$	2,240.00
	Hockey CA grant	\$	2,000.00
	U13AA Fee Reimbursement	\$	1,305.06
	U15A1 Extra ice usage repayment	\$	1,097.53
	U13A2 Tournament fee reimbursement	\$	750.00
	U18A1 Team sponsor	\$	600.00
	U15F Sponsor Cheque deposit	\$	500.00
	Hockey MB Grassroots	\$	340.00
	Jersey Purchase repayment	\$	291.20
	Chuck-A-Puck	\$	89.00
	Ref Pay funds return(incorrect emails)	\$	135.00

Expenses:				
	Ice Cost		\$ 144,593.71	
	Hockey Winnipeg Fees		\$ 68,406.00	
	Hockey MB Fees		\$ 35,576.32	
	Ref Pay		\$ 26,631.50	
	Dryland Sessions		\$ 24,118.81	
	Talbot - Accounting fee		\$ 14,868.00	
	Max Analytics - Evaluations		\$ 13,104.00	
	Board member honorarium		\$ 10,775.00	
	Transfer to GIC account		\$ 10,000.00	
	Interlake Minor Fees		\$ 6,517.00	
	Sportspay fees & Assoc fee refunds		\$ 6,338.76	
	Goalie equipment		\$ 5,535.61	
	Ice Convenor Pay		\$ 4,800.00	
	Ref In Chief Pay		\$ 4,800.00	
	Ref clinic reimbursement		\$ 4,080.23	
	Source for Sports - Jerseys		\$ 4,039.75	
	Goalie training reimbursement		\$ 2,462.85	
	Home Hardware ie. Pucks, First Aid kits etc		\$ 2,292.24	
	Hockey CA assist fund to members		\$ 2,000.00	
	Board Insurance for 25/26		\$ 1,740.89	
	Stonewall Jets Gala		\$ 1,200.00	
	U13A2 tournament Fee		\$ 750.00	
	Town of Stonewall Insurance		\$ 615.90	
	U18A1 team sponsor		\$ 600.00	
	Sponsor cheque to U15F		\$ 500.00	
	Evaluations - Stonewall Jets fee to assist with tryouts		\$ 420.00	
	HM appeal charge		\$ 324.45	
	Etransfer fees		\$ 264.00	
	Thank the Stripes		\$ 210.00	
	Advertising - Stonewall Tribune		\$ 205.38	
	Coach clinic reimbursement		\$ 158.72	
	Interlake School facility rental		\$ 140.00	
	Bank account cheque fee		\$ 115.00	
	Registration fee refunds due to Interlake tryouts		\$ 100.00	
	Paymentech		\$ 80.00	
	Supplies		\$ 35.59	
	Ending Balance:		\$ 398,399.71	\$ 363,170.35
				\$ 9,227.57

Question from the floor: Why was Dryland double this year?

Kyle Kauk: We are aware this is a large cost and we have already talked about making it more of a voluntary thing for next year. We might charge a monetary fee just to keep those kids going for those who are interested. Then we would also have a better idea of numbers as to who is going and how they are going. We had 9 teams participate this year. Still deciding what we want to do for next year. We originally started with the jets hockey development, so we need to balance those options out. We already have a lack of ice in Stonewall already which is why it was a nice addition for some kids.

Discussion occurred about why the cost was doubled, and board members mentioned that we haven't had to raise fees in years and the cost to play hockey with Stonewall Minor Hockey Association is very low compared to other organizations. Concluded that feedback was coaches about dryland was positive and negative and we are looking into other options for next year.

Question from the floor: Is that a standard amount to contribute to the GIC?

Krista Kuzyk: No, that was just because we had a surplus. We will reevaluate every year and that could change. We opened it at the beginning of the season when we had that surplus and we moved \$10,000 into it.

Question from the floor: If we had a large surplus at the beginning of the year, the board would have to increase fees this year to be able to keep up because we used more funds to maintain that?

Kyle Kauk: Yes. The reason we did it is because we had the surplus. If at the start of next season we feel we can't put any into a GIC, it's a decision at that time. There's no set amount we are trying to achieve each year.

Kyle Kauk: The one thing we noticed that is not on the financials simply because we haven't been reimbursed yet but we pay \$1000 bond and that doesn't get returned to us normally until June/July. With 19 teams playing, we are getting \$19,000 back. It's just not showing in the financials right now. So we need to take that into consideration as well.

Krista Kuzyk: At the start of the season our hourly ice cost was increasing and we incurred almost \$20,000 additional expenses because the town of stonewall increased our hourly fee. Expenses went up everywhere.

Kyle Kauk: We don't want to go into the red in our account but we also don't want a surplus either. We are a little less than last year but we did spend a lot more on dryland. A lot of that is due to how successful our tournaments are. That's why we structured the way we do it.

Director – Bylaws and Policy – Dana Scrivens

Constitution and Bylaw Updates – a draft constitution including the following changes is attached in pdf.

The SMHA Regulations Amendment 5 April 2026 are amended as follows:

1. Summary of Changes: Remove 2023 to keep 3 years (includes original and re-write year) of changes in the summary at any given time.
2. Article 2 Update: Add 2.3 Commitment to Female Hockey
3. By-Law # 1 Update to Registrar Job Duties
4. By-Law # 4 Update to tryout/evaluation committee and coach selection committee
5. By-Law # 8 remove repetitive wording re; committees covered in By-Law # 4. Update wording re; “bubble” when the head coaches player is on the “bubble” and the use of the “bubble” when there is no head coach.
6. By-Law # 9 Remove information about coach selection committee as it is moved to By-Law # 4. Update wording regarding coach eligibility and eligible team staff for course reimbursement.

7. By-Law # 22 updated plan for team reimbursement following hosting of their home tournament.

Town of Stonewall Updates:

Over the past year, our partnership with the Town of Stonewall and the Parks and Arenas Department has remained strong and continues to be very positive. We have maintained a consistent focus on open communication and collaboration, working together to support and enhance our facilities. We look forward to hearing more updates on the VMSC redevelopment plan.

Facility and Equipment Report:

- Flooring project in VMSC completed in 2025
- New toilets in all washrooms in VMSC in 2025
- New clocks in both arenas (larger, easier to read) in 2025
- New rubber matting around ice surface
- Updated paint in VMSC facility
- Bleachers Painted in VMSC
- Town took over canteen operations in fall of 2025
- VMSC redevelopment is at the costing stage for phase 1

Director Tournaments – Laura Billingham

This was another very successful tournament season. In my second year as Tournament Director, I've learned a great deal about what works well and what could be adjusted to make running tournaments more smoothly in the future.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who volunteered their time to help with tournaments, as well as all the tournament committee organizers—and especially the tournament chairs. This season would not have been as successful without your dedication and effort.

This season, we implemented non-refundable deposits at the time of registration. This proved to be extremely effective in ensuring that teams were committed to attending before registering. As a result, we had no last-minute withdrawals and did not need to scramble to fill open spots. We plan to continue this approach moving forward.

For next season, we will also be adjusting how funds are allocated from each tournament. Our goal is to ensure that both the tournament committees and SMHA are working together toward hosting the best tournaments possible, without concern over how funds are divided.

Previously, funds were effectively split 50/50 between teams and SMHA (for example, if a tournament generated \$6,000, three Stonewall teams would share \$3,000—\$1,000 each—while SMHA received \$3,000). Moving forward, instead of assigning specific revenue streams (such as silent auction proceeds to SMHA and 50/50 draws to teams), all tournament revenue will be combined and split evenly 50/50.

This simplified approach will make financial tracking easier and help ensure that all fundraising efforts are equally valued, without discouraging participation in any specific activity.

2025/2026 Tournaments	<u>Total Amount to Teams</u>
U9	\$3,535.00
Co-Ed U11	\$3,601.83
Co-Ed U15	\$2,592.00
Female U15	\$1,900.00
U7	\$2,944.50
Female U11/U13	\$3,900.00
Veterans Cup- Co Ed U13	\$8,000
Total:	\$26,473.33
Total Profits to SMHA after team payouts	
U9	\$4,523.05
Co-Ed U11	\$3,821.52
Co-Ed U15	\$2,098.02
Female U15	-\$244.59
U7	\$2,536.65
Female U11/U13	\$3,594.88
Veterans Cup- Co Ed U13	\$11,076.31
Total Tournament Profit:	\$27,405.84
Medal Surplus	-\$18.09
Tournament Profit Net After general expenses	\$27,405.84
Hotel Contract Profit	\$1,700
Total Amount for SMHA	\$28,935.50
2024/2025 Amounts	
Funds to Teams	Funds to SMHA
\$24,934.94	\$26,628.34

2023/2024 Amounts	
Funds to Teams	Funds to SMHA
\$22,126.00	\$17,976.90

Additional comments from the board:

Laura Billingham: We are going to structure the way we divide the money up for tournaments. For working your tournament your guaranteed 900 dollars back. Stonewall Minor is going to take the money from silent auction. I ended up running into situations where people were saying Stonewall minor is going to get the money from the silent auction but we want the money. If it wasn't for the \$29,000 for running these tournaments your fees would go up. I want your teams to succeed, and I want your teams to enter another tournament for free. If we are in Hockey Winnipeg, you are only getting two anyways so really you're not paying for any tournaments and the board does need some of that as a fundraiser. If you looked at how it was divided the board took 50%. If somebody wants to run extra, you can keep that but the main thing from tournaments is 50/50.

Kyle Kauk: It just shows that\$ 29,000 is a big number that comes back to the association. At 350 kids that's about \$80 per kid that we don't have so that would have to go towards registration. That really helps us offset our costs. Our costs compared to other associations are quite cheap. We also provide jerseys, ice time, etc. It looks like a big number. We can't compare to other communities like Teulon, etc. Our costs have been kept down for the most part and ice continues to get increased.

Director of Fundraising and Grants – Jaymie Deprez

This past season, fundraising efforts were led at the team level, with successful initiatives including Grey Cup ticket raffles, 50/50 draws, and other prize raffles. These were well supported by the community and helped offset team expenses.

Grant applications were submitted through corporate and municipal programs. These efforts remain an important part of our approach and will continue moving forward.

Work has also begun on developing a more structured strategy for tournament sponsorship, with the goal of creating consistent opportunities for local businesses to support the association and increase sponsorship revenue in future seasons.

Director League Liaison – Shayne Murphy

Hockey Winnipeg (HW) – Male (Co-ed) Program:

All teams applied for and submitted to HW were approved for the 2025-26 season. Only exception being U9 House League where HW does not want U9 HL teams travelling outside of Winnipeg to play. Stonewalls two U9 HL teams competed in league play that consisted of teams from Stony Mountain, Warren and Stonewall.

Season went fairly smoothly, with no major issues reported.

Hockey Winnipeg (HW) – Female Program:

Second season for SMHA female teams playing out of HW. All teams submitted for application to HW were accepted.

Season went very smoothly, with no major issues reported.

Interlake Minor (IMH):

SMHA had no teams playing out of Interlake Minor Hockey for the 2025-26 season.

Director Female Hockey – Pete Mandryk

I would like to thank all the coaches and volunteers for the time and energy you have put into your teams – your commitment is very much appreciated.

We had 8 teams playing in 4 divisions (AA, A1, A2 & A3) in Winnipeg Minor Hockey this season at U9, U11, U13, U15 & U18.

My time as Director of Female hockey has come to an end and it has been my privilege to have been a volunteer member of the board.

I encourage and thank everyone who volunteers their time to grow our hockey program.

Director Male Hockey – Trent Genyk

Once again, I would like to start by thanking everyone for their commitment to minor hockey and all who volunteered this past season. Thank you for spending countless hours in the rink and helping behind the scenes. It is you who makes minor hockey so enjoyable and successful for our children.

In the 2025/2026 hockey season, SMHA had **230** co-ed/male hockey registrants across **17** teams. Our four co-ed U7 teams and two U9 co-ed teams played rogue this year. We were fortunate enough to have **11** of our co-ed/male teams (all U11, U13, U15 and U18s) play out of Hockey Winnipeg this season. This was also the first year of having a U9A1 team compete in Hockey Winnipeg. We are hoping to continue this forward in years to come. It is a great opportunity for our children to develop and all play against like-caliber players.

Finally, congratulations to our U11 A2 boys, U11 A2 girls, U11 A3 girls and U15A2 girls on all winning the City Championship! Go Blues!

Director Equipment - Kyle Scrivens

Purchased 5 set of new goalie equipment for U9

Purchased 1 more set of jersey in bigger sizes (Adult Large/XL)

Purchased new first aid kits

Purchased new puck bags

Communications – Nicole Smallwood

I revisited my AGM message from the end of my first year on the SMHA Board. My primary objective then—and one I continue to strongly recommend today—was to **increase the number of volunteers actively involved in SMHA committees.**

Expanding volunteer participation would help:

- **Reduce the number of hours required of each board member** to fulfill their responsibilities
- **Improve transparency** by involving more members in board and committee decision-making
- **Build member confidence and trust** in the abilities and effectiveness of the board
- **Ensure broader representation**, allowing a greater cross-section of our membership to be heard
- **Increase the pool of volunteers** willing to step forward into leadership roles
- **Strengthen succession planning** by offering experience and training to potential future board nominees
- **Encourage longer board service**, as responsibilities are better distributed and support is shared
- **Increase accountability** across committees and leadership roles

Open and transparent communication between board members, and between the board and the membership is essential. By actively engaging more members we can build a stronger, more sustainable association that better serves everyone involved.

Referee in Chief – Shaun Dalgliesh

Once again, I would like to thank and recognize Susan Scrivens for doing a great job of scheduling and continuing to buy in to the Development Plan set forth for young Officials. We had a fair bit of success in hosting a referee clinic earlier in the year this past season and followed through with arranging meetings to outline expectations as expressed we'd do in last year's address. We met on two occasions with all officials registered at the time and we provided our expectations of how the year would look and then began to implement the strategies. We were able to bring on board Matt Dyson, Riley Weiss, Spencer Schaeffer this year to support Kyle, Byron Scrivens and myself to ensure there was sufficient support of young officials as well as development opportunities for more tenured officials. We also worked with the likes of Stony Mountain in collaboration of shared evaluation data. All of these strategies we feel have proven to be successful as there have been limited concerns and officials continue to improve in the area.

This past season we were able to evaluate majority of the officials early in the season to ensure they were provided the guidance necessary with many having been seen multiple times. Areas we focused on this year were primarily positioning and effort for those newer to officiating and consistency in effort to ensure they were in an area to make the best call possible, as the officials continued to develop, we began to place more of an emphasis on in game management and communication skills. We continue to see officials moving into higher leagues and being recognized on a provincial level with Riley and Spencer working MMJHL on a consistent basis and being recognized as promising prospects.

Overall, I am very pleased with the direction our officiating program is going and anticipate seeing officials being recognized for their efforts through promotion in leagues they work. Thank you to all officials and parents for their support and dedication to improving the overall officiating program through your efforts.

Ice Convenor – Dave Underwood

Here is total amount of practice ice billed during the 2025-2026 season. U9 1/2 ice practices are included in SMHA total. U9 practice is in addition to the totals included in SMHA total. SMHA total includes U7, U9 half ice practices and any referee and/or coach clinics.

Team	Total Hours Practices
Female U9	6
Female U11A1	34
Female U11A2	30
Female U13	19
Female U15A1	29
Female U15A2	16
Female U18A	25.5
Female U18AA	30.75

U9A1 Coed	2
U9 Blue	2
U9 Yellow	
Male U11A1	48
Male U11A2	43.5
Male U11A4	31.5
Male U13A1	28.75
Male U13A2	39
Male U13A3	29.5
Male U15A1	42
Male U15A2	29
Male U18A1	20
Male U18A2	30.75
SMHA	126

Motion to adopt all director and board reports as presented, motioned by Kyle Moman, 2nd by Brad Smith. Carried.

Motions

Motion submitted by Bonnie Fortin:

I Bonnie Fortin, propose that Stonewall Minor Hockey Association discontinue all association-funded dryland training programs effective immediately and moving forward, and that no dryland training be added or reinstated in future seasons without prior approval by the membership at a duly-called Annual or Special General Meeting.

Rationale:

Significant cost increase: Dryland costs rose from approximately \$11,400 to over \$24,000 in 2025–26, more than doubling in a single year and creating a material financial impact. Low participation: Attendance at dryland sessions was low relative to total registration. No member approval: Dryland programming was added and expanded without member vote or formal authorization, despite the significant cost. Mandate and affordability: Large-scale optional off-ice programming does not align with the association’s core mandate without clear member support.

Discussion from the floor occurred on the pros and cons of removing dryland completely.

Vote held. Motion defeated.

Motion submitted by Dan Argue:

I propose increasing the ice allotments for u9 and above. Exact amount to be determined based on averages of the last few years overages at the respected age groups. Could be 2 to 3 hours at u9. 4 or 5 hours at u11. Etc....

Rationale:

We have a huge surplus in the bank account as per the treasurers report. And we are still paying out of pocket every year to get extra ice times.

Discussion was had in the room about teams being able to utilize more ice time during play off season, which Dan agreed to amend the motion to the following:

AMENDED MOTION: I motion to stick with current ice times in our provisions but once play offs start you can continue with your regular ice. Your weekly ice allotment will continue for no additional fee.

In previous years, Dave had a hard-set date and all the ice was gone and it was a free for all and it was chaos. We told Dave to keep ice practices the same so it was still allotted to teams but it was still counted towards those 35 hours paid for. Read bylaw #11.

Hand vote. Passed.

Motion Submitted by Jeff Morden:

I propose a change to Bylaw 8 evaluations. I propose to eliminate the bubble totally. The players listed 1-15 are on the team, 16-30 are the second tiered team.

Rationale:

It doesn't put prospective coaches in a position where they would have to pick anything, Lessening the pressure and possible anxiety of picking, the team is just made and given to you. This is contingent on Mr Kirby's motion with regards to Maxx Analytics.

Vote held. Motion defeated.

Motion submitted by Jeff Morden:

I propose a change to bylaw #9 coaches and bench staff. I visited this a few years ago, and I will try again. I would like to add to this bylaw that 1 person can not be a head coach of the same age group 2 years in a row.

Rationale

With the amount of people putting their names in to coach and the same people seemingly getting the coaching positions year after year, it allows more people to get involved should they wish to do so. Coaching is a daunting task, especially when you are coaching friends kids etc. The obvious reason would be to incorporate a new voice and a new plan for that age group. The board will still have the option should no other coaches put in for head coach to have a person come back for a third and maybe further years. Many thanks!

Amendment by Jeff Morden: For the age category u11, 13 and 15 I propose a bylaw that one person cannot be a head coach for the same age group two years in a row, The board will have discretion or the option should no other coaches should put in for head coach have the person come back for a third and maybe further years. Nonparent coaches should be exempt from this.

Vote held. Motion defeated.

Motion Submitted by Jason Kirby:

I, Jason Kirby, propose the following addition to By-Law #8 - PLAYER EVALUATION • Skills skates will account for 25% of players final evaluation score. Game sessions will account for 75% of players final evaluation score.

Rationale:

Hockey skills will be apparent in hockey games. Gameplay will not be apparent in skills sessions.

Kyle: We can talk with max analytics with how their matrix is weighted. If you're looking more for game awareness, offensive and defensive, etc, we can ask them to focus on certain areas.

Motion to table this and put together a subcommittee to look at max analytics to look at the system they are using. Jason was in favour.

Motion, submitted by Jason Kirby:

I, Jason Kirby, propose the following amendment to By-Law #8 - EVALUATION RESULTS, PLAYER PLACEMENT & THE "BUBBLE" Remove it.

Rationale:

We pay a lot of money to outside evaluators for a reason, why are we ignoring that same reasoning by allowing bubble picks?

**Combined with previous one as previous discussion. No need to vote.*

Motion submitted by Jeff Morden:

Add two board positions Director of Development Male and Female

Rationale:

We need to pay more attention development in my opinion. Love to hear others thoughts.

Vote was in favour and passed.

We will post these positions after the AGM so it's transparent. Female development 1 year term, male development 2-year term.

Motion submitted by John Douglas:

I, John Douglas, propose the following change/addition to by-law #11 - Ice Allotment & Fees. SMHA Ice Convenor will be responsible to book practice ice up to a minimum of 90% of the allotted ice hours for each team. Teams will be responsible to book the remaining 10% of allotted ice hours should they wish to reach the allotted hours as laid out in the SMHA constitution.

Rationale:

The rationale is that our fees are based on the allotted ice hours and we are only given one practice slot per week and left on our own to find the additional hours to reach the allotted amount. With limited ice availability, it becomes a competition between all SMHA teams to find and book ice which leaves some teams well short and others exceeding their allotment.

Motion withdrawn. Kyle will speak with Dave Underwood about the proposed concerns on scheduling ice times.

Motion submitted by Ian Billingham:

I, Ian Billingham, put forward a motion to amend BY-LAW #8 - TRY-OUTS, EVALUATIONS, TEAMS & AFFILIATIONS to include for the U13 divisions and older, players must register for tryouts at a specific position (ie: forward/defense/goalie) for the purpose of team allocation following evaluations. A player's designated position is considered fixed and cannot be changed once the evaluation process has commenced (ie: if they register as a Forward, they cannot switch to try and make a team as a Defense during the evaluation process). Evaluation scores are to be weighted differently specific to position as Forward, Defense, and Goalie each require specific skillsets and abilities to be successful. Players will be allocated to teams by earning a roster spot based on their evaluation ranking and allocated by designated position with the understanding and expectation that they will play that position for the season. Rosters will be filled based on positions as determined by the evaluation process beginning with A1, then A2, and so on. The number of available positions for teams will be at the discretion of the SMHA Board based on number of registrants, however will not be less than 6 Forwards, 4 Defense, 1 Goalie per team. Depending on registration numbers, lower ranked teams (ie A3) may need to adjust their desired positions based on the remaining players allocated to their team.

Rationale:

Rationale is to avoid a situation where U13 division teams and older are formed based on evaluation metrics and not factoring position potentially resulting in an unbalanced roster based on position (ie: having no players on an A1 team who are interested in playing Defense). At U13 and older, players have a very good understanding of the position they are interested in playing. Coaches have the ability to adjust in season as deemed fit, but formation of the teams should be based on evaluation rankings and allocated by position at these age divisions.

Add in by Ian: Once the team is formed, it is now the coaches discretion. Defence/forward has to be defined.

**If it conflicts with Hockey Winnipeg/Canada, the motion will have to be overturned.*

Vote held. Motion defeated.

Motion – submitted by Bonnie Fortin:

I Bonnie Fortin propose an amendment to By-Law #1 – Duties, Nominations & Terms of Office, under the section titled “Terms of Office and Exclusions”, relating to the reimbursement of registration fees for children of unpaid executive officers. All executive officers, board members, and volunteers shall be subject to the same registration fee structure as the general membership. No registration fee exclusions, refunds, or financial incentives shall be provided based solely on holding a board or executive position. Any future proposal to provide financial incentives, reimbursements, or benefits to any volunteer role must be clearly communicated to the membership in advance of an Annual General Meeting and approved by a separate, individual membership vote.

Rationale:

I brought this motion forward due to process and governance concerns surrounding the adoption of the registration fee reimbursement provision at the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Specifically:

- -Proposed by-law amendments were not distributed to the membership in advance of the AGM;
- -Members received the amendments on the day of the AGM, with no reasonable opportunity to review or understand their content;
- -Motions were grouped and approved collectively, without being read, reviewed, or discussed individually;
- As a result, members were unable to make a fully informed decision on a by-law change that provides a direct financial benefit to a defined group within the association.

Hockey Manitoba governance standards emphasize transparency, informed membership participation, avoidance of real or perceived conflicts of interest, and that not-for-profit associations operate without personal gain for members or directors. Financial benefits tied to governance roles require clear disclosure, adequate notice, and deliberate approval by the membership.

In addition, this provision creates an inequity among volunteer roles. Coaches, bench staff, evaluators, and other on-ice volunteers consistently contribute substantially more time over the course of a season and do not receive comparable financial incentives, despite their essential role in delivering programs to players.

This motion seeks to:

- Correct a governance process flaw
- Restore equity across volunteer roles
- Align SMHA practices with Hockey Manitoba governance principles
- Reinforce member trust through transparency and fairness

Vote held. Motion defeated.

Please note: The next three motions listed below have already been duplicated in above motions mentioned so no vote was needed on the following three:

Motion – Submitted by Jason Kirby:

I propose not using Max Analytics for evaluations.

Rationale:

The top and bottom end players are easy to identify. It's the middle of the pack players that make for the hardest decisions. Those decisions should be made by how they play the game, not by minute differences in speed, shooting or skating around pylons.

Motion – submitted by Jason Kirby

I propose disclosing to the association who bubble players were, after teams are announced.

Rationale:

Full transparency. The sad reality is that people who aren't supposed to know do in fact know, so let everyone know. It also adds accountability to who's making the bubble picks.

Motion – submitted by Jason Kirby:

I propose that anyone volunteering for a head coach position must attend and observe all tryout skates for that age group.

Rationale:

Often head coaches are not named until after evaluations, resulting in the potential for bubble picks being made without having seen how kids performed.

Nominations to the SMHA Board:

SMHA President

Brad Smith nominates Jeff Morden. Kyle Kauk allowed his name to stand, and it was brought to a vote. Kyle was elected to remain for another 2-year term.

Director - League(s) Representative

Shayne Murphy will not seek another term at this time. A description of the position was explained. Byron Scrivens nominated Kyle Moman, no further nominations were brought forward and Kyle Moman was elected by acclamation to 2-year term.

Director – Tournaments

Laura Billingham allowed her name to stand, and no further nominations were brought forward. Laura will remain by acclamation to a 2-year term.

Director, Female Hockey

Pete Mandryk will not seek another term at this time. Johnny Lazo nominated Brian Davis and no further nominations were brought forward. Brian was elected by acclamation to a 2-year term.

Director, Communications

Nicole Smallwood allowed her name to stand. Christine Romanow nominated Paige Moman. Paige and Kyle (husband/wife) agree to forfeit their vote due to Kyle being nominated for Director of League Representative. It was brought to a vote, and Paige Moman was elected to a 2-year term.

Registrar

Scott McFayden allowed his name to stand, and no further nominations were brought forward. Scott will remain by acclamation to a 2 year term.

Ex-officio: applications will be accepted for Ref in Chief, Ref Scheduler, and Ice Convenor each for one-year terms

Email will go out asking for applications.

New Business

Question from the floor:

Jason Kirby: How was the U13 coach selection process was determined this year? We all came here to say we want transparency about this situation.

Kyle Kauk: We had nobody apply for the head coach position. The bubble wasn't an option for a head coach so we came to the decision that we had to find somebody as a board. I don't think it's right to move somebody up from a team just to fill that coach position if there was a non-parent available. We realized with the U13 evaluation process was a nightmare this year. Lightning try outs were a bit longer. Our U13A1 try outs started while Interlake Lightning AA was still going on. We never ran into this before because we ran the try outs prior. This year we have already talked to Interlake Minor going forward so there is a hard-set date for those U13 and U15 skates so there is a minimum of 48 hours before they must start their next evaluation. It was a unique situation and at the end of the day we just wanted to make sure these kids had access to a coach right away so the season could begin.

Further questions were asked from various individuals in the crowd about releasing the teams all at the same time. The board agreed this would be the best approach going forward as we all know kids talk at school and to reduce any hurt feelings of kids finding out from their friends before their family if they made the team they were hoping for, etc. Trent explained how the process happened this year and clarified emails that were sent out about the U13 coach selection process. Dana spoke about amendments bubble bylaws.

Adjourned at 10:16 PM by Troy Porteous, Geoff Corbett second.

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Ticket Number	Name	Phone Number
# PLAYERS	NAME	
1	Nivole Smallwood	
1	Jocelyn Mitchell	
2	Laura Billingham	
2	Brett Charfield	
	Trina Dillon	
	Dana Krivos	204-461-1593
2	Kyle Dren	204-791-9590
2	Trent Goux	204-691-3685
2	Kyle Scriver	204-461-3559
2	Christina Romanow	204-806-3739
1	John Douglas	204-418-2533
2	Jan Billingham	204-461-3120
2	Kyle Kauk	
2	Shawn Dalghesh	
1	Krista Kwak	
2	Michelle West	204-370-6715
1	Kara Parada	204-642-2069
2	Kyle Moman	204
2	Brian Davis	204-610-2835
1	David Arque	204-335-9244
1	Ryan Fries	204-791-2172
1	Talies R. Kade	204-227-6566

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# Players	Name	Phone Number
1	Peter Dumond	204-7548224
2	Johnny Azo	204-457-2428
1	Chantal Richter	204-256-8813
2	Whitney Frith	204-651-1286
2	Brooke Truthwalle	204-641-5551
1	Keri Sousa	204-461-3236
2	Patti Taylor	204-461-2581
2	Tyler Niren	204-250-1883
1	Jeff Moore	204-461-4699
2	Tony Letkeman	
2	Laura Kirby	
1	Amanda Gerrill	
2	Brett Maxwell	
1	Troy Porteous	
2	Lance Marohn	204-470-3076
	Paige Moman	
2	Byron Scriver	
2	Kristin Lundale	
2	Wendy Harris	204-229-2427
0	Jason Kirby	
2	Richelle McElint	204
3	Richelle Grandham	

