



## **2026 SWHA Board Meeting Minutes**

7:30 p.m., September 9, 2026

Location: Richmond

### **ATTENDEES**

|                                  |                                     |
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| Sam Fay, Development Director    | Munish Kaushal, President           |
| Cory Cassidy, VP of U15,U18      | Hiten Shah, VP of U11, U13          |
| Monica Carlberg, Registrar       | Lauren Smith, Director of Equipment |
| Kyle Hemmenway, VP of Grassroots | Travis Fulton, VP of Ice Scheduling |
| Steve Mason, Past President      |                                     |

### **1. Call to Order**

- Attendance and quorum were confirmed.

### **2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Executive Meeting – Aug 12, 2026**

- Moved by: Hiten Shah
- Seconded by: Monica Carlberg
- Motion carried.

### **3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

- LiveBarn - no access for preseason skates, evaluations. Off until October 8.
- Coach Survey - Sent this morning, 85 responses, Closes sept 26<sup>th</sup>. Results, including tables and breakdown by age group, will be shared to VPs for review.

### **4. Review of Reports**

- JP is Tuesdays and Thursdays. U11 has seven teams and U13 has five teams. There is no U9A for JP.
- Goalie numbers were reviewed. U18 and U15 are currently fine. U11 has nine goalies and U13 has five goalies. Options discussed included moving a goalie up if appropriate.
- Kyle reported that U7 numbers are down and U9 has good volunteers.
- Evaluation timing was discussed. Confirmed the standard evaluation timing, after the long weekend, with earlier communication to families about timing.



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- Registration communication improvements were discussed, including clearer emails when registration opens, website updates, and use of social media.
- U7 registration numbers were discussed. Follow-up may include comparing year-over-year numbers, surveying families who did not return, and exploring ways to promote U7 registration.
- Coach, manager, and safety person screening requirements were discussed, including vulnerable sector checks and criminal record checks. SWHA will need a process to support validation and completion.
- The cost is \$65 and will be added to the team fee. Teams arrange their own training. Checks are good for three years.
- SWHA needs to confirm its process for implementation, including what will be managed through Hockey Manitoba/HCR and what follow-up is required by SWHA.
- A verification date should be established, with November 1 as the due date. Coaches will arrive at the rink to show ID and certificates.
- A letter will be drafted for coaches that includes all required certificates and explains the short notice. This item should be budgeted for next year, 2027/2028.
- Board members also need to complete Respect in Sport and other required online training.
- New nets are needed through Hockey Winnipeg. Munish will email Ian McCardin for contact information. Lauren will order four standard 3x4 nets.
- Two nets will go to Richmond and two to St. Norbert. St. Norbert will be advised that the nets are to be stored by the Zamboni door. Community centres and Paul will be advised of Hockey Winnipeg's direction.

## 5. New Business / Roundtable

- **Preparing for evaluations with Max Analytics**
  - **Hiten:** VPs and the President will be set up as super users. Training time will be arranged.
  - Pucks and cones are in the referee rooms. Pinnies will be handed out by VPs. Hiten will follow up on evaluation preparation.
- **Team Formation Policy / players missing multiple evaluation skates – Hiten**
  - The board discussed how to handle players missing evaluations due to injuries or holidays.



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- A skater must attend a minimum of one skate, with the bubble skate as an exception. Missing skates puts the player at a disadvantage.
- Max Analytics needs to be told not to share information with parents. Parents are to be directed to the VPs.
- If a player misses two skills sessions, the VP must be consulted. The board discussed using the Max Analytics recommendation to place the player in the middle skate and have them prove they belong.
- **Timekeeper and referee clinics – Hiten**
  - Referee clinics are set for September 19, October 10, and November 14 at Richmond, starting at 8:00 a.m., with an ice session from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
  - Timekeeper clinic information is available through Hockey Winnipeg. A link should be added to the SWHA website or social channels.
- **Coaches meeting preparation / role clarity and key messaging:**
  - Munish and Steve will run the coaches meeting. Hockey Winnipeg will have an agenda. Calum Carnegie will discuss officials.
  - The coaches meeting will be held the Wednesday before the season starts, either October 27 or 28. **ACTION:** Kim will book the Richmond room from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The meeting should include the new coaching requirements and the November 1 deadline.

## 6. Issue-Based Discussion

- Cory raised concerns about U15 NBC strength and whether the level should be A1 or A2.
- Team-building methodology was discussed. Munish will send an email to parents on behalf of the association sharing plans for 2026/2027.
- Transfers were discussed, including the September 15 deadline and whether all transfers must be accepted before team decisions are finalized.
- Current transfer numbers were reviewed for U15 and U18, including potential impacts on team sizes and whether caps may be needed.
- The board discussed how transfers may be placed, including communication to families where a transfer is likely to be placed on a lower team.
- NBC scrimmage groups were discussed. Some players may need to move from contact to non-contact depending on final numbers.
- U7 evaluations were discussed. Cory will send Kyle contact information. The cost is \$25 per session.



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## 6. Adjournment

- Moved by: Hiten Shah

### PARKING LOT:

- Coach applications – look at the Seven Oaks model and revisit in **November**.  
Discussion to include coaching vetting and ensuring the process does not create a barrier to volunteering.