

Eastern Shore Minor Hockey Association

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 2, 2026

Time: 18:30

Location: Virtual meeting

Meeting Objective:

The purpose of this meeting is to document the agenda, discussions, decisions, and action items of the ESMHA, ensuring clarity, accountability, and reference for future planning and organization within the sports organization.

I. Attendance

ROLE	INDIVIDUAL	PRESENT?
President	Vacant	N/A
Vice-president	Adam Jennex	Y
Treasurer	Jayne Breton	Y
Registrar	Janet Boutilier	Y
Secretary	Julie Wagner	Y
Ice Scheduler	Ashley Halloran	Y
Recreational/Competitive Coordinator	Hugues Mackay	Y
Development Coordinator	Becky Warner	Y
Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator	Tanya Bezanson	Y
Coaching Coordinator	Whitney Halloran	Y
Budget & Fundraising Coordinator	Sheryl Delaney	Y
Equipment Coordinator	Joel Stevens	N
U7 Coordinator	Victoria Meldrum-Young	Y
U9 Coordinator	Vacant	N/A
U11 Coordinator/Risk Manager	Laura Rockwood	N
U13 Coordinator	Gillian Florence	Y
U15 Coordinator	Chelsea Burgess	Y
U18 Coordinator	Tanya Bezanson	Y
U23 Coordinator	Adam Jennex	Y

II. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 18:33 by Adam Jennex.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting held on **January 5, 2026** were reviewed and approved unanimously.

IV. Previous Action items

ITEM	STATUS
Hugues to draft a questionnaire for the U13AA parents and then based on the results put it out to the full membership. Submit final report to Hockey NS	Sending an email after this meeting for executive approval.

V. Discussion of upcoming items

ITEM	DISCUSSION
Vice President	<p>Updating the policy change regarding hotel fundraising, will be sent to executive soon.</p> <p>Central Minor council is drafting a document looking for feedback regarding the league merger that occurred this season.</p> <p>Adam highly recommends that many of us attend the AGM in June to speak on this matter.</p>
Development Coordinator	<p>Awaiting confirmation on dates from Roger for checking clinic. Will send email to U13, U15 and U18 coordinators to circulate information for players to sign up.</p>
Ice Scheduler	<p>Still waiting for the playoff schedules from the rec league to finalize the season ice schedule.</p> <p>Many games have been rescheduled this season, and finding new 90-minute slots for teams has proven challenging.</p> <p>Next season it would be worthwhile setting a couple of 90-minute practice times to accommodate longer practices and rescheduled games</p>
Coaching Coordinator	<p>Whitney will generate a google form looking for interest in Coach's Game. Ask if the coach currently plays, what team they are associated with and if they have a Mariners jersey that they can use.</p> <p>Teams will be balanced by Whitney.</p> <p>Game to be held on Sunday March 8 at 6:00pm (will not be rescheduled due to inclement weather)</p>
Registrar	<p>Still have 1 team that does not have all required courses</p>
U11 Coordinator	<p>There was a request to allow U11C players to AP for U13C. In the rec league these approvals are made on an "as needed" basis and the team in need must have less than 10 skaters. You can not "name" certain players as AP players in rec.</p>

<p>Treasurer</p>	<p>We still have 17 players in arrears, some of which have been non-communicative about establishing a payment plan.</p> <p>If need be, their Hockey Canada accounts will be locked, and they will not be able to register at any association without payment of past-due accounts.</p> <p>Recommend that coordinators make it explicitly clear that any 50:50 funds less than \$20 CAN NOT be applied to next year’s registration and therefore should be applied to current year’s team fundraising budget.</p>
<p>U7 Coordinator</p>	<p>Following the first Jamboree meeting, it was concluded that we should award the same medals as last year. These work out to cost \$4300 (\$6/player). Victoria has sourced another vendor that she is going to get a sample from as they are more affordable and could be an option for next year’s jamboree.</p> <p>Referees for the Jamboree will be paid on par with U9 officiating amounts which is \$20/hour however for the Jamboree they will be paid \$10/game (as each game is only 20 minutes long).</p> <p>It would be nice if the referees could officiate their games within a smaller window of time so that they do not sit around in the rink for extended periods of the day.</p>
<p>Officiating Issues</p>	<p>There have been several well-written and well-considered letters submitted regarding the officiating at our association this season from both ESMHA teams and visiting teams outside the organization.</p> <p>This season has seen a large increase in suspensions and penalty minutes for players (but a decline in coaching suspensions).</p> <p>Given the amount of discourse pertaining to the refereeing, it would be worthwhile inviting the referee-in-chief to an executive meeting to discuss how best to navigate these issues amongst the officials, players and families.</p> <p>Unfortunately, there are mandatory minimum suspensions for certain infractions which are challenging in a minor hockey that only have 25-30 games/season. These minimums are set by Hockey Canada and are more applicable to seasons of 60 games.</p>
<p>Mariners Awards</p>	<p>Adam MOTIONS to repeat the nomination and award process from last year. Second by Whitney. All in favour.</p> <p>Coach of the Year – membership nominations Volunteer of the Year – membership nominations</p> <p>Official of the year – team staff nominations Player of the year – team staff nominations</p>

	<p>Each awardee will receive \$50 gift card and personal plaque in addition to their name added to the association plaques in the mezzanine.</p> <p>Adam will send information to circulate to the membership looking for nominations, including the key attributes each award represents.</p>
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VI. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Date: **March 2, 2026**

Time: **18:30**

Location: **Eastern Shore Community Centre**

The meeting was adjourned at **19:41** by **Adam**.