

# Eastern Shore Minor Hockey Association

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 8, 2026

**Time:** 15:00

**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	N
Budget & Fundraising Coordinator	Sheryl Delaney	Y
Equipment Coordinator	Joel Stevens	Y
U7 Coordinator	Victoria Meldrum-Young	N
U9 Coordinator	Vacant	N/A
U11 Coordinator/Risk Manager	Laura Rockwood	Y
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 15:04 by Adam Jennex.

### III. Discussion of current issues.

This meeting was called to address the recent incident report and communication pertaining to the U11C-Black game on February 6, 2026.

- An immediate suspension of the named spectator involved in the abusive behaviour was issued by the ESMHA executive. The individual is currently suspended from attending ESMHA hockey events until the RCMP investigation is completed at which time the suspension terms will be revisited by the executive.

- The suspended individual is in compliance with this suspension and has indicated their remorse.
- Additional people involved in the incident have not yet been officially identified and as such have not been suspended from attending ESMHA hockey events.
- Given that an incident report has also been filed with the RCMP, Hockey Nova Scotia (HNS) and HNS Risk Management have advised that the ESMHA executive remove themselves from the investigation and await further direction from the RCMP.
- In the interim we as the executive members recognize that there are ever growing tensions between the membership of the association and the game officials. As such a multifaceted approach will be implemented to address and prevent further issues.

## ACTIONS

1. Immediate suspension of the spectator from future ESMHA events until further notice and completion of criminal investigation - COMPLETE
2. Discussion with Hockey Nova Scotia about incident report filed – COMPLETE.
3. Letter sent on behalf of executive to officials involved in incident and RIC expressing our concerns and condolences. - COMPLETE
4. Send a letter to entire membership reminding them of the commitment made by all members to uphold Respect in Sport – to be sent within 24 hours following this meeting.
5. Schedule a MANDATORY meeting for all Head coaches and Team Managers to take place this week to reiterate the importance of fostering a respectful environment within the minor hockey community. Moreover, the consequences of failing to follow Respect in Sport will be explicitly communicated.
6. Social media posts will be made every week reminding our members of respectful play and spectating moving forward.

## IV. Other considerations

Currently there is no record of incidents pertaining to spectators and when they have been ejected by officials. Adam recommends in cooperation with the ref in chief (RIC) that a formal record of these be kept and when an individual is ejected from a game, they are also not permitted to attend the next home ice game.

Our budget allows 4 officials on the ice at games. The executive feels that we should implement this as a standard and ensure that a senior official (who is an adult) officiate at all games to ensure the safety of the junior officials. We do recognize that it may not be possible to source enough officials to accommodate this request. Of note, at other associations, officials are not eligible to referee until they are 15 years old.

The meeting was adjourned @ 16:48 by **Adam**.