

Eastern Shore Minor Hockey Association

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 3, 2025

Time: 18:30

Location: Eastern Shore Community Centre

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 Schedular	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	Laura Rockwood	Y
U11 Coordinator/Risk Manager	Laura Rockwood	Y
U13 Coordinator	Gillian Florence	Y
U15 Coordinator	Chelsea Burgess	Y
U18 Coordinator	Tanya Bezanson	Y

II. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 18:31 by Adam Jennex

III. APPROVAL of OCTOBER 3, 2025 MINUTES

MOTION: enter minutes into record by Adam. **SECONDED:** Chelsea **VOTE:** all in favour
PASSED

V. Discussion of upcoming items

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION

Equipment manager	<p>We are in need of additional large jerseys for U23 group, Joel predicts they will cost ~\$1000</p> <p>MOTION: Adam SECONDED: Janet VOTE: all in favour</p>	Joel: order 2 sets of XL goalie jerseys and 4 spare XXL jerseys																																																
Vice President	<p>Adam motions to issue a one-time honorarium to the coaching coordinator for the time spent overseeing all preseason tryouts consistent with the rate external evaluators were paid (\$25/hr)</p> <p>MOTION: Adam motions to issue an honorarium to coaching coordinator for tryouts equal to 22 hours at a rate of \$25/hr = \$550 SECONDED: Chelsea VOTE: all in favour PASSED</p>	Jayne: issue payment of \$550 to Coaching Coordinator																																																
Mariners Week	<p>Adam has been in touch with Richard Pelley to provide music, MC, etc for home games of each team</p> <p>Begin Mariners Week – Sunday November 16th We will advertise on Facebook – Fill the Barn! Each team can run fundraising at the time of their games</p>																																																	
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Hockey Nova Scotia	<p>11 MVP for Mariners week – get something from Soles for each team</p> <p>MOTION: by Adam to approve additional money for MVP prizes (\$25X11) SECOND: Victoria VOTE: all in favour</p> <p>Our VP Adam and Recreation/Competitive Coordinator Hugues attended the mandatory HNS meeting.</p>	Ashley: purchase MVP prizes																																																

	<p>HNS representatives presented a powerpoint slideshow and answered questions from associations in attendance. Unfortunately, our regional liaison was not present to answer inquiries.</p> <p>MAIN POINTS</p> <p>Divisional Changes</p> <p>Divisional changes – New this season has been the merging of multiple divisions at the AA levels.</p> <p>NORTH DIVISION</p> <p>Cape Breton Region, Strait Region, Highland Region, Fundy Region (Truro, Colchester, etc.)</p> <p>SOUTH DIVISION</p> <p>Dartmouth Region, Halifax East Region, Halifax West Region, Nova Region (Acadia, Digby, etc), Western Region (Chester, Yarmouth, etc.)</p> <p>At the end of last season (2024-2025), associations were asked for feedback regarding the possibility of creating only 2 divisions within the province. All local associations with the exception of 1 were AGAINST the merging of divisions due to the decreased accessibility for families including increased financial burden, increased time commitments for travel, the safety of the players and discrepancies in ice times.</p> <p>At the beginning of the 2025-2026 season associations were informed the merge would occur at the AA level this season and move to include all rep levels (A/B) in the following years without any further consultation.</p> <p>We would like to make a formalized complaint regarding the above issues at the end of the 2025-2026 season and submit prior to the HNS AGM.</p> <p>AGM in Spring for league – based on the size of our organization we likely qualify for 3 votes</p> <p>“Borderless Leagues”</p> <p>Ontario is piloting “borderless leagues” this season and it has been suggested by HNS that this is something NS will also adopt if Ontario’s pilot is successful.</p> <p>All in attendance were opposed to this proposal as it would be the ruin of all small associations as players could try-out and play for any association of their choosing.</p>	
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Registrar	<p>4 hours/day spent trying to get Managers, coaching staff required courses and waivers. This is too much time commitment and asking for assistance.</p> <p>There is currently not a single team with all requirements filled. This means teams will not be ICED, coaches will NOT be allowed on the ICE or BENCH without all documents correctly submitted.</p> <p>Email was sent today to all level coordinators detailing all the missing components and we will wait a week to see what progress is made before holding a MANDATORY meeting</p> <p>In future seasons we will want to tweak out team registration process and information sessions.</p> <p>Once a head coach is picked – send all bench staff within 48 hours and have a google form to enter all required proof ???? </p> <p>Managers Meeting – have an additional portion that speaks to all of the manager and coaches requirements.</p> <p>Each team MUST submit their ENTIRE roster (players, ALL bench staff and manager)</p>	
Laura	<p>Can we increase the cap on hotel fundraising? Currently set at \$400 but this is in the \$1000 limit/player – This would have to be a policy change</p> <p>Adam will call a virtual meeting in the next 10-15 days to discuss this.</p>	Adam: Schedule virtual meeting in 10-15 days
Budget Coordinator	<p>Most teams have opened their bank accounts, everything is running smoothly.</p>	
U18	<p>Adam is asking for the list of U18 players that did not join any team – looking to offer a “For the love of the game” program.</p>	Tanya: send list of U18 players not currently playing to Adam
Secretary	<p>Meeting minutes – sent immediately after meetings and prior to the next meeting, also reminders for meeting time (1 week and 1 day prior)</p>	
Treasurer	<p>Financial report generated and shared with executive.</p> <p>Now to follow-up with accounts that are in arrears.</p>	

	<p>Treasurer can determine pro-rated amounts for late registrants and for players no longer playing this season (due to change in location or injury).</p> <p>There will NOT be any discount for suspended players that missed games.</p> <p>U23 costs per player is a moving target – will have a better sense in January.</p> <p>John Howard - \$18000 received for restorative justice.</p> <p>Looking for someone to organize the food drive – Jayne cannot commit any longer.</p> <p>Development Coordinator</p> <p>Creating “For the love of the Game” - for U18 players no contact, “shiny” hockey – Gavin Greenland and Brad Burgess to coordinate – make balanced teams</p> <p>These should be invited only – Tanya, Adam, Laura could generate a list</p> <p>Mondays at 9pm</p> <p>6 weeks - \$45/player</p>	<p>Sheryl:make a post looking for interest regarding foodbank drive?</p>
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Meeting adjourned: by Adam at 20:01

Next meeting: undecided

Location: virtual