



EHMHA Board Meeting

January 18, 2026 7:00PM

Bannister Room, East Hants Sportsplex

Attendees: Brett Garden, Greg Heard, Tyson Spencer (via Google Meet), Evan Taylor, James Thompson, Mike Norris, Katie Muise

Regrets: Gus Smith

1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda by Brett

Approved

2. Ratification of board meeting minutes from Dec 21, 2025 by all board members

Approved

3. President's Update by Brett

- Hockey Nova Scotia would like to meet with membership for an information session and to talk about things like policies, releases, etc.
- We are hosting a meeting with minor hockey associations from Sackville and Bedford to discuss boundaries.
- Met with a volunteer assisting with bylaws. She is providing guidance on improving existing guidelines and will present recommendations to the Board.
- Dartmouth Rec League discussed considerations related to the Affiliate Player (AP) process. The current ruling remains unchanged. The topic will be brought forward to the Minor Council at the Hockey Nova Scotia AGM for further discussion. Existing guidelines require teams to be reduced to 10 players prior to utilizing APs.
- The East Hants Perky Penguins women's hockey club reached out with a request to revamp the association logo for use as their team logo. The Board is in support of this request.
- Current guidelines limiting U9 teams to one out-of-conference game/jamboree were discussed, with the intention of bringing the matter forward to Hockey Nova Scotia for further consideration.

4. VP Admin Update by Greg

- The majority of outstanding late payments have been resolved. Sponsorships have been a significant benefit to the association.

5. VP Hockey Ops Update by Tyson

- The two-line sessions received positive feedback and will continue.

- Ice allocation: At the end of the season, Les will circulate remaining ice times to team managers.
- Only two members requested refunds for missed Tom Hunter sessions in the fall due to scheduling conflicts. Tom Hunter sessions are continuing in the winter session. Being towards the end of January, for others that missed spring sessions, we can address on a case-by-case basis. Members may contact Tyson regarding these situations.

6. Finance Update by James

- The 50/50 draws are progressing well, with earnings now automatically credited to members' accounts, which is a positive improvement
- Tie-dyed merchandise shirts were trialed for tournaments and may be sold at upcoming events.

Motion: To purchase an association-owned heat press for \$250 to reduce outsourcing costs.

Moved by: James Thompson

Seconded by: Greg Heard

Result: *Carried Unanimously*

The heat press will be trialed at tournaments, with consideration of a second purchase if successful.

7. Events & Tournament Update by Evan

- The Bannister Memorial U7 Jamboree is well underway. Sponsorship closed on Saturday, raising approximately \$12,000. Participant swag will include mini banners and bag tags.
- An update was provided on the Ettinger-Smith Tournament. A planning meeting was held on Thursday and went well. A chair has been assigned for each division. Outreach to food establishments will begin this week, including The Beefy Weiner (with a request to provide a cart), as well as Cup of Soul and Roxies. The tournament will include 82 teams. The daily start time will be 7:00 a.m.; however, travel teams will not be scheduled to begin before 10:00 a.m. in an effort to avoid inconvenient start times for visiting teams.
- Volunteer meetings are held weekly. The Bannister Memorial U7 Jamboree has 42 volunteers confirmed. Ettinger-Smith Tournament division chairs will recruit volunteers; 10 volunteers have been secured to date, in addition to the chairs.
- A Volunteer Appreciation Night is being considered for late March or April, with ideas including a washer toss tournament, award presentations, and additional recognition activities.
- Tournament intake is approximately \$115,000, with final profits to be confirmed once expenses are finalized.
- Tournaments will not charge at the door admission and 50/50 draws will be held.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05pm

Next Meeting: Membership meeting on February 15th at 7:00PM