



Cape Breton County Minor Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting Executive Reports
August 19th, 2025
7pm – Dobson Yacht Club Westmount

CBCMHA is dedicated to providing a hockey program that promotes the importance and understanding of work ethic, sportsmanship, discipline, teamwork and fair treatment of others by providing a positive and enjoyable experience in a safe and respectful environment.



Cape Breton County Minor Hockey Association AGM Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2024 Membertou Arena | 7:00pm

Present: Donald Kennedy, Nathan MacNeil, Sean Pindar, Christine Phalen, Darren Chiasson, Sandy MacPherson, Scott Gouthro, Deanna Steiger, Chris Small, Jan MacGillivray, Guy Reid, Chris Robertson, Tony Julian, Brian Long, Josh LeBlanc, Craig Gillies, Blair George, Bree Menge, Melissa MacNeil, Sara Beth Muir, Justin MacDonald, Chris Cadegan, Sean Ferguson, Mike MacDonald, Pat MacRae, Jake Orkish, Ryan Brown, Holly Costantino, Matt Chisholm, Kristin O'Rourke, Shaun Ranni, Albert Phalen, Jason MacNeil, Andrew MacLeod, Suzanne AuCoin, Lyndon Chisholm, Peter Squires, Tracy Brown, Jana Blinkhorn, Brad Lynk, John R MacDonald, Alicia Lahey, Andrew Morrison, Alana Pindar, Jason Knott, Lewis MacDonald, Kristin Roberts, Ron Roberts

Regrets: Lyndsey Perry, Robb MacPherson, Clayton Floyd

1. **Call to Order** ~ Donald Kennedy

2. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** ~ Donald Kennedy

3. **Moment of Silence for Gerald Marks**

4. **Approval of Minutes 2023** ~ Motion to adopt AGM meeting minutes made by Craig Gillies, seconded by Shaun Ranni, all members present are in favor. Motion passed.

5. **Regional Director, Hockey Nova Scotia** ~Guy Reid

- Overview of HNS AGM
- No major changes to regulations – just wording changes to meet the growth of the game (changes specific to certain regions and no impact on CB Region)
- Both Hockey Canada and HNS will keep rates the same for 2024-25
- Hockey Canada expecting significant increase for 2025-26 due to ongoing investigations
- HCR Registry expanding to a “one stop” concept – ongoing changes and upgrades to the system
- Video Review Policy being introduced for players receiving “Indefinite suspensions”
- Code of Conduct being introduced to give Regional Directors authority to deal with complaints specific to parent behavior. This policy will focus on parent



conduct. HNS received over 1900 complaints during the 2023-24 season regarding issues of family and parent conduct in the stands.

6. Finance ~ Sandy MacPherson

- Review of Financial Statements

7. Executive Reports Presented ~ Noted Discussions

- Development - should be offered to all teams that are interested
- Ice time – creative ways to schedule development ice time, if ice time is limited
- Development shouldn't be limited to certain teams
- U9 will need to look closely at the ice time for the 2024-25 season and look at options for scheduling . Registration numbers for 2024-25 are projected to be significantly higher for U9 program
- Big Brother and Big Sister Programs great opportunity to assist players on the ice – Bree Menge and Craig Gillies discussed the benefits of having this program in place and the benefits to players
- CPR/First Aid Training for Bench Staff – discussions on cost savings to certify volunteers. CBCMHA members trained to offer this training
- Indigenous liaison with CBCMHA - establish representation with the Association and the Indigenous community.

8. Election of Officers

- President – Donald Kennedy (only applicant)
- VP Rep – Nathan MacNeil - vote required (2 applicants)
- Risk Management – Ryan Brown – vote required (2 applicants)
- Discipline – Blair George
- Risk Management - Ryan Brown
- Novice Coordinator – Sean Ferguson
- Registrar – Chris Robertson



VP House – Sean Pindar

9. New Business

- Acknowledgment of Gerald Marks and his contributions to Minor Hockey and the community. A great volunteer who will be missed. Gerald passed away in early May.
- County Arena Renovations Update – work started May 27th and will continue throughout the summer and early Fall. Scheduled to be completed by October 1st.

10. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Thank you to all for attending the AGM. A warm welcome to all new Executive members. A special thanks to all outgoing members who have given their time and commitment to CBCMHA.

