



EHMHA Board Meeting

October 19, 2025 7:00PM

Bannister Room, East Hants Sportsplex

Attendees: Brett Garden, Greg Heard, Tyson Spencer, Gus Smith, Evan Taylor, James Thompson, Mike Norris, Katie Muise

Apologies: None

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda by Brett

Approved

2. President's Update by Brett

- Welcome and thank you to our new board members. Mike Norris as Director at Large and Katie Muise as Secretary.
- Bryan Gillis has been sending out evaluation feedback to all of the parents who requested it on behalf of their players.
- Hockey Nova Scotia is hosting a league kick off event at the RBC Centre on October 23rd. This will have information regarding the launch of Shift Forward. Brett is attending this event and gave the opportunity to any board member to attend as well. Greg will also be attending.
- We will be having our membership meeting on November 9th. Garth Isenor from Hockey Nova Scotia will be attending.
- Level Up Custom Uniforms along with Grayjay was at the Sportsplex over the weekend with some sample sizing of the new clothing. Some of the feedback that was received was that the prices were high and the quality was a bit low. Rinkside Sports will also be getting clothing with the new logo. This should start arriving around the end of October. Ultimately, it is up to individuals where they would like to purchase the new clothing and merchandise from. Socks will be available through Rinkside Sports and these, along with pants shells should be available around the end of October.
- Remaining jersey order will be for some teams at the U9 and U11 levels. This order will be placed in the coming days, we are just trying to ensure proper sizing.

3. VP Hockey Operations Update by Tyson

- The managers and coach's meeting will be held within the next 7 days.

- Jenn has been busy entering team rosters into the Hockey Canada Registry as well as bench staff and managers as they are approved by Tyson. She has been notifying individuals as she enters them into the system on qualifications they are required to obtain such as background checks and courses. Coaches and managers will be reimbursed for any courses that they are required to take. To get their reimbursement they need to send proof of course completion to Jenn in an email and CC our treasurer, James Thompson. At this point, James will send them their reimbursement. This can be done as the courses are taken. People do not need to wait until the end of the season to submit.
- U9 Development teams need coaching and managers identified and sent to her to finalize these teams. We have one U9 Development team that is currently without a coach. They are currently sharing ice with another team but obviously this is not feasible for long. Emails have been sent out explaining the situation and how crucial it is that we find a coach as soon as possible. **Action Item - Tyson will send out individual emails to parents on this team asking if they are able to help out.**
- We have free ice available on Fridays. The amount of available hours is between 2-3 hours every Friday up until December. This ice time will be given to our house teams. We would like to see it split evenly amongst these teams. **Action Item - Tyson will be sending out an email to these teams to let them know about the opportunity and how the ice time will be divided.**
- Tommy Hunter power skating started over the weekend. When we initially organized this, we did not think that there would be any conflicts with any of the teams. Unfortunately, CMHL has just released their schedules and our U13AA will only be able to make one of these sessions due to time conflicts. **Action Item - Tyson will look into getting some of these times swapped so that it is more accommodating for all the levels.**
- Our policy on injured players needs to be updated to better reflect our current tryout process. For U15, we left 2 spots open as we have 3 injured players. Each of these players will get unevaluated practices and 1 unevaluated game. They will then play a second evaluated game and will then be placed on U15B or U15C. As per policy, these players must be on the ice by November 15th.

3. VP Administration Update by Greg

- The 50/50 raffle should be up in running within the next 2 weeks. We are using Grayjay for our raffle this year instead of Rafflebox.
- There are a lot of new managers and coordinators this year, especially at the younger levels. There is a lot to learn but everyone is doing great. There are managers and coordinators with more experience who have been really helpful with getting them started.
- A new policy change relating to the jerseys will be that we no longer accept cheques as a way to hold families accountable for damaged jerseys. If a jersey is returned at the end of the season and it is damaged, the amount of the jersey will be added to that family's registration fees the following year.

- We are seeing an issue with some families not paying their registration fees or their team fees. Unfortunately, players may need to be removed from their teams if payment is not received.
- Our final registration number for this season was close to 430 kids. We expect to see this number continue to grow as the population of East Hants continues to get bigger.

4. Finance Update by James

- We have Bingo callers in place for hockey and soccer. We'll be starting on October 29th. The two nights our association will have are Wednesdays and Thursdays. All vendors are in place to sell the Bingo cards. **Action Item: James will send Katie a list of these vendors so we can send out this information to membership via Facebook or email.**
- The Bannisters donated funds to go towards families who need assistance with hockey fees. This is roughly the same amount as what we have in the Don Garden fund. 38 families requested financial support this season. These funds will allow us to put \$200 towards each of these family's fees. This financial support is available whether the player plays rep or rec level.
- The jersey sale was a success. We sold over 100 jerseys and we still have a lot left so we should be able to accommodate members who are looking for a certain number, colour, etc. We are planning to have another sale in the near future as well as another one closer to Christmas. The money we made from the jersey sales will go directly towards our jersey fund. With this, along with team jersey fees we will be in a good place to replace our jerseys as needed.
- Team bank accounts will be ready to go this week. Along with the team treasurers, James and Jenn will have access to the team bank accounts. This will allow them to audit the accounts as needed/necessary. Once James receives the names and contact information of all the team treasurers he will be able to give them their login information. There are no limits on transactions, this is a big improvement from last year. Scotiabank is also a big sponsor and supporter of minor hockey. This is a good business relationship to have.

5. Events & Tournaments Update by Evan

- Our website is now updated with new links for registrations for the Ettinger-Smith Memorial Tournament as well as the Bannister Memorial U7 Jamboree. We are working with HNS to have these tournaments listed on their website ASAP. We have already received some inquiries from teams in New Brunswick that are interested in attending.
- It has come to our attention that there are some conflicts with these tournament dates with other tournaments in the area as well as a rugby event that is taking place at the Sportsplex so we will need to look into moving the dates.
- We have a parent who is working on getting sponsorship packages ready for these events and we will be reaching out to membership to try and get an events

and tournaments committee up and running. We want to make these events as memorable as possible for the kids and the more people we have on board to assist with this the better.

6. Any Other Business by all board members

- We have very few defense players on our U13C teams and the teams are not balanced. Although it is not ideal, we will have to move some players around so that we can better balance these teams. **Action Item: Tyson will send out emails to families of these teams explaining the situation and asking if anyone would be willing to switch teams.**
- James has been assigning zones to different teams who are doing bottle drive fundraisers. This has been working out very well.
- In an effort to improve the registration process next year, we will be requesting additional information such as age and level of play for families who are registering a child in U7. This will ensure that our U7 teams are better balanced.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:09PM

Next Meeting: December 21, 2025