



General Board Meeting Minutes

March 27/2024 | 6:30 p.m. | Meeting location CHRIS SAUNDERS MEMORIAL

Meeting called by	KVMHA Board	1. President – Scott Nelson (Present)
Type of meeting	General Board Meeting	2. Vice-President – Mike Conley (Present)
Facilitator	Scott Nelson	3. Director of Recreational Hockey – Darren Fowler (Present)
Note taker	Michael Wilson	4. Director of Competitive Hockey – Troy MacLeod (Absent)
		5. Director of Communications – Kate Craik (Present)
		6. Director of Finance – Geoff Cochrane (Present)
		7. Director of IP/Novice – Shane MacDonald (Present)
		8. Director of Administration - Mike Wilson (Present)
		9. Director of Revenue – Glenn Piercy (Present)
		10. Director of Ice – Dan Rowe (Present)
		11. Director of Human Resources – Kamil Forgie (Present)
		12. Director of Technical Development – Robbie Bennett (Absent)

Agenda topics

General Admin| Presenter Scott Nelson – President

- i) Call to Order.
- ii) Previous Meeting Minutes approved. Shane MacDonald Motion, Seconded by Darren Fowler
- iii) Neuro-Diverse Hockey Program – successful enrollment for the 2023-24 season. Many coaches supported the Program which is one of the main reasons for its success. The Board will look for someone to run and supervise the Program for the 2024-25 season. There are always details to improve any program; therefore, some members will look to improve operations to improve efficiency. There was a year-end jamboree for the neurodiverse group where there were trophies and medals presented to the participants.
- iv) KVMHA Ball Hockey League – more registration numbers than expected. There will be 19 teams in total. Insurance Coverage is in place. RNS will be the home rink for the league.
- v) Motion put forth – The KVMHA Ball Hockey League is a subsidiary of KVMHA and, therefore, subject to the by-laws and Board decisions of KVMHA. The motion was pass unanimously.

Complaint Process and Member Behaviour| Presenter – Mike Conley- Vice-President

- i) There will be more emphasis placed on ensuring volunteers and members of KVMHA are following the Safe Sport Guidelines and HNB/KVMHA By-laws to ensure a safe place for players to play hockey.
- ii) Also, there will be greater expectation for volunteers and members to follow the official Complaint Process as outlined on our website.

Registration Fees| Presenter – Geoff Cochrane – Director of Finance

- i) There is a need to close the gap on registration fees for U18 Central. Currently, to successfully operate this team, the team does receive some level of financial subsidy; however, the Board needs to determine an appropriate registration fee over the next couple seasons to close the gap as compared to other divisions. The difficulty to determine what is equitable is to analyze the ice used. It is important to note that the players of U18 Central volunteer to help operate Community Hockey.
- ii) Motion put forth – using the current cost structure a financial plan will be put in place to have the registration fee more congruent to that of other Divisions. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mental Health Support| Presenter – Mike Wilson – Director of Administration

- i) Next year, Hockey NB will be following and advertising Child and Youth Mental Health and Addiction Counselling through Horizon Health and VitaliteNB. In addition, there will be available, Family Programs to help support our members with any social-emotional support services they require.

Year-End Survey| Presenters - Glenn Piercy (Director of Revenue) and Dan Rowe (Director of Ice)

- i) To ensure that the KVMHA Board and its volunteers are providing the best service to the members, a year-end survey should be created and sent to members for feedback. It is important for our organization to receive feedback to help with our decision making.
- ii) Specifically, we require feedback on how to properly balance and categorize our teams to ensure competitiveness. Also linked to competitiveness is ice utilization. Should we add more ice and increase registration, would families be willing to travel further for practice, etc. The wording in the Survey should be brief and specific. Also, it is important to add a comments section with limited characters, so survey participants do not simply complain for the sake of complaining. We require meaningful and serious feedback.
- iii) Motion put forth – a Year-end survey will be created and sent to members. Motion was passed unanimously.

Competitive Balancing| Presenter – Kamil Forgie – Director of Human Resources

- i) KVMHA seems to be at a competitive disadvantage when classifying teams for each competitive category. It seems that SNBMHL does not have any protocol or standards to ensure teams are placed in the appropriate category. Each year, certain teams from certain areas have a skewed competitive edge. These teams win handily and without much effort. Such circumstances hurt all players, as this slows or hinders player development.

- ii) Motion put forth – KVMHA will put in a formal complaint to SNBMHL and /or HNB, if necessary, to force SNMBHL to implement a more effective means of balancing each division at the competitive level. Motion passed with one voting abstaining.
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Various Topics | Presenter – General Board Member Discussions (see below)

- i) Kate – Table motion referring to the allocation of Ball Hockey Profits.
- ii) Kate – nomination of volunteers for certain HNB and KVMHA Awards
- iii) Scott - \$1500.00 Scotia Bank Donation which is awarded to KVMHA for providing valuable community service. Year-end volunteer appreciation went well and was well attended. Cask and Kettle/Dominos/Rink Side Sports donated to our volunteer appreciation night. St. Louis Bar and Grill hosted the event.

NEXT MEETING DATE – May 8, 2024
