

**New Brunswick Minor Hockey Council  
Annual General Meeting  
June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Saint John, NB – Delta Hotels by Marriott Saint John**

**Present:** Luc Martin, Mark Wright, Lisa Law, Hazel Wells, Richard Hawkes, Lee MacWilliams, Alexandre Mallet, Ian Donald, Francine Albert, Lee Benoit, Denis Sheehan, Jodie Driscoll, Eric Friolet, Jonathan Comeau, Arianne Milliard, Kellie Benoit, Marco Plourde, Lyn Colford, Tim Curnew, David Melanson, Eric Brun, Corey Gowan, Jamie Ross, Alexandre Violette, Tommy Cyr, Daniel Huard, Philip St-Pierre, Mary Champion, Angela Langille, Ben MacFarlane, Mike Gillingham, Francois Parent, Raymond Page, Denis Charest, Mathew Richardson, Kelly Emberley, Zach McCarthy, Maggie McCarthy, Craig Mills, Mark Marshall, Christian Bossé, Elisabeth Richard, Dale Melanson, Rejean Gallant, Mike Conley, Scott Nelson, Evan Scully, Ryan Beers, Kathie Slattery, John Milson, Shaun Abbass, Nancy Haslett, Anne Corrigan, Tim White, Alicia Tremblay, Curtis Rossignol, Derrick Fillmore, Mathieu Haché, Sarah Bernard, Robin Taylor, Andre Bornais, Scott Phinney, Brandon LeBlanc, Chris Dunn, Caroline Hétu, Roger Gaudet, Mireille LeBlanc, Marc Belliveau, Kelly DeLucry, Sean McSorley, Danny Holder, Logan Hawkes, Cathy Waugh, Shawn Roach, Fred Harrison, Kyle Hemphill, Nathan Stokes, Kevin King, Jennifer Hurley, Ruthie Bresson, Joel Nason

**Absent:** Eric Pelletier

**Observers:** Rob Newson, Louis Gaudet, Dawn Shaw, Daniel Rousselle, Lori Williams, Kevin Pottle, Craig Moore, Eric Lebel, John O'Toole, Serge Bourgeois, Allain Savoie, Robert Greenlaw, Mark Boutilier, Ashley Clements, Heather Strickland (Staff), Katie Peddle (Staff), Nic Jansen (Executive Director), Michelle Currie (Staff Resource), Todd Pye (President)

**1-Welcome-** Luc Martin opened the meeting at 8:30am. He presented the agenda and welcomed everyone. There were 79 voting delegates registered.

**2- Credentials Committee Report**

The credentials committee report was presented by Michelle Currie (Staff Resource). Michelle proceeded to list the District Associations and Community Club (and Leagues) and the number of voting delegates. Roll call for Credential Delegates: 79 voting delegates, or 40 votes to carry Notices of Amendment.

**District Associations and Community Clubs**

Association	#	Association	#	Association	#
Edmundston	2	Elite Hockey	1	Petitcodiac-Salisbury	1
Haut Madawaska	0	Grand Lake	2	Sussex	2
District 11 Director	0	Moncton	2	Riverview	2
Grand Falls	2	Hampton	2	Sackville	2
York North	2	Kennebecasis Valley	2	Kent Center	2
Restigouche North	2	Charlotte County	2	Kent-Sud	2
York West	2	Female Rep on Minor	1	West Kent Female	1
Victoria-Tobique	2	St. Stephen	1	Restigouche Ouest	2
Fredericton	2	Dieppe/Memramcook	2	Miramichi	0
Oromocto	2	Grand Manan	0	Greater Miramichi Female	2
Lewisville	0	Hillsborough	0	Baie des Chaleurs	2
District Director 2	1	District Director 3	1	Bathurst	0
District Director 6	1	District Director 7	1	Péninsule Acadienne	2
District Director 9	1	District Director 10	1	District Director 1	1
Rogersville	0	Minor Chair	1	District Director 5	1
Carleton Minor	1	Lancaster Minor	1	District Director 8	1
Woodstock	2	Boiestown/Doaktown	1	Shediac Cap Pele	2
Res-Ma-Vic	1	Western Valley Female	0	Central Female	0
South East Female	2	Fundy Female	2		

## Leagues

League	#	League	#	League	#
NB Female AAA	2	Southern NB League	1	Central U15 League	1
Central U18 League	1	South East NB League	1	Central U11 League	1
District 1 & 2 League	2				

### 3- Motion to approve the 2025 Agenda.

Moved Mark Wright, Seconded Lisa Law.

**Motion Carried**

### 4- Minutes of 2024 AGM.

Motion to approve the NBMHC 2024 annual meeting minutes – Moved Alexandre Mallet, Seconded Lee MacWilliams

**Motion Carried**

### 5- Business arising from 2024 minutes.

There was no business arising from minutes.

### 6- Minor Chair – Luc Martin's report

Report submitted and included in Minor E-Binder.

### 7- Female Commission Representative- Jodie Driscoll

Report submitted and included in Minor E-Binder.

### 8- Elite Hockey Commission: Denis Sheehan

Report submitted and included in Minor E-Binder.

### 9- District Director Reports:

**Mark Wright- District 1:** Report submitted and included in Minor E-Binder.

**Lisa Law- District 2:** Report submitted and included in Minor E-Binder.

**Hazel Wells- District 3:** Report submitted and included in Minor E-Binder.

**Richard Hawkes - District 5:** Report submitted and included in Minor E-Binder.

**Lee MacWilliams- District 6:** Report submitted and included in Minor E-Binder.

**Alexandre Mallet- District 7:** Report submitted and included in Minor E-Binder.

**Ian Donald - District 8:** Report submitted and included in Minor E-Binder.

**Francine Albert- District 9:** Report submitted and included in Minor E-Binder.

**Lee Benoit- District 10:** Report submitted and included in Minor E-Binder.

**Éric Pelletier – District 11:** Report submitted and included in Minor E-Binder. Was not able to attend this year's

### 10- Executive Director - HNB: Nic Jansen

Report As submitted. Nic presented a summary of his report highlighting the main points from this past season.

### 11- Hockey Canada- Updates – Rob Newson

Rob Newson presented some Hockey Canada updates. Rob touched on the following:

- Canadian Development Model (CDM) – Hockey Canada's Core Values, Player-centric to provide players with choice and development.
- Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) – update.
- Learning Lab -Standardized and Inclusive Education. Additional Courses, Enhancing the Coaching and Safety Resources and connecting them to other Digital Platforms.
- Digital Scoresheets and App – Applications and Data-Driven Safety, Training and Accountability.
- Data Hub – Good resource that shows the growth, decline, trends etc. per branch /association. Associations will have access to Data Hub in the near future.
- Women & Girls – Updates and 2025-2026 goals.
- First Shift – Update.
- Hockey Canada Foundation (Assist Fund) – Update
- Game Change – New initiative to provide best practices, Communication with MHA's, Education & Program support and Promote Growth and Inclusivity.

### 12- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion – Presentation by Normand Hector

Nic Jansen welcomed Normand Hector to the group. Normand presented the progression of Diversity and Inclusion in Hockey. He touched on the backlash at the beginning of this journey a few years ago to the growth and development within the Hockey Community.

### 13- Notices of Amendment:

Ian Donald was tasked to read out the NOA's and associations voted for or against the motion. 79 voting delegates and 40 votes were needed to carry.

#### NOTICE OF AMENDMENT:

**6.2 (g.):** Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Eric Pelletier

#### **Proposed Wording – NEW**

g. Suspensions issued through the Video Review Policy are not required to have a hearing.

#### **Motion Carried**

**15.11 (d)** Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Eric Pelletier

#### **Proposed Wording:**

Years 1 and 2 allowed a maximum of 20 modified games with a start date of the first Friday in December and will apply to any jamboree modified game structure.

#### **Motion Carried**

**15.12** Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Eric Pelletier

#### **Proposed Wording:**

Maximum of 50 games per season, includes all tournament games and exhibition games, but exclude league and provincial playoffs.

#### **Motion Carried**

**15.13** Motion moved by Ian Donald / Seconded by Richard Hawkes

#### **Proposed Wording - NEW**

### **U11 Team Classification**

#### **Team Registration Guidelines:**

The following numbers are based upon the association's total registration numbers at the U11

#### **AA Teams:**

- 1 AA team for every 60 players (with a +/- 10 player flexibility).
- Maximum of 3 AA teams per association.

#### **A Teams:**

- For 24-59 players (with a +/- 10 player flexibility).

#### **General Rules:**

- Associations must have A and AA teams based on the player count.
- Additional teams are optional.
- If associations combine make an A or AA team, registrations from associations will be used to determine classification.

### Special Cases:

1. U11 AA/A/B teams can be formed with neighboring associations, if associations do not meet the minimum registration numbers. Final approval for teams will be made by the local District Director in consultation with the boards of both associations.
2. Associations can request to play at the highest level without meeting player count requirements. Requests are made to local District Director
3. More than one team in the same division is allowed, but teams must be balanced. (This supersedes league rules)
4. If no U11 AA team exists in their district, players can transfer to another district.
5. It's recommended that no more than 50% of teams in an association are at the recreational level exceptions are to be approved by the local District Director

### Motion Carried

**15.13 (b)** Motion moved by Ian Donald / Seconded by Richard Hawkes

#### Proposed Wording - NEW

b. Players will be permitted to transfer to a neighboring association if their home association doesn't offer U11AA. If the player is unsuccessful in making the U11AA team they return to the home association, if the home association offers a competitive level program.

### Motion Carried

**19.4 (c)** Moved to amend by Tina Sewell / Seconded by Richard Hawkes  
On the question by Jodie Driscoll / Seconded by Lori Williams

#### Proposed wording:

Female players registered in Female Associations who are first year or second year players in a division may also affiliate to a higher female category within their division or to the next female division. Co-ed female players are not eligible to affiliate to female association teams. Female Association players are not eligible to affiliate to Co-ed Association teams. Exception may be granted from the female representative to minor council and the district director.

### Motion Carried

**19.4 (f)** Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Eric Pelletier

#### Proposed wording:

Players can only affiliate within the association that they're rostered to. Should the community club not offer a competitive team in that division, the player may affiliate to a competitive team in a neighboring community club.

### Motion Carried

**21.1 (a)** Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Eric Pelletier

#### Proposed wording:

**DELETE**

### Motion carried

**21.1 (b)** Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Eric Pelletier

#### Proposed wording:

**DELETE**

### Motion Carried

**22.1** Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Eric Pelletier

**Proposed wording:**

All tournaments/jamborees must be submitted on the prescribed form **by September 1**. Those not sanctioned at that time can only be sanctioned upon receipt of the NBMHC membership so long as the tournament/jamboree does not conflict with one previously sanctioned. This application must be accompanied by the appropriate fee as per HNB's Fiscal Policy. The NBMHC will send to all associations/clubs a list of registered tournaments/jamborees before September 30 of each season.

**Motion Carried**

**22.7** Moved to amend by Luc Martin / Seconded by Eric Pelletier

**Proposed wording:**

No minor tournament or jamboree will be sanctioned for commencement during the Zone Playoffs, or provincial championship weekend.

**Motion Carried**

**14- Workshop/Feedback on HNB Initiatives and programs – Nic Jansen**

Nic introduced an interactive workshop for the associations to provide feedback using a Start/Stop/Continue survey. The survey results will be reviewed by Minor Council to determine strategic priorities for the upcoming season.

Motion to adjourn the 2025 Minor AGM: Mark Wright at 11:48 am - **Carried**