



## MEETING MINUTES January 5, 2026

Golden & District Arena

### Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 5, 2026

Call to Order: 7:02 PM

### In Attendance

Jessica Chiles, Malin Ewan, Michelle O'Grady, Ashley Durning, Josee Roy, Niall Gleeson, Derek Penno, Spencer Lainchbury, Jessica Chagnon, Amber Granter, Heidi Delmonego, Chantelle Lacasse, Katie & Bryce Balon

### Approval of Previous Minutes & Agenda

- **Motion to accept minutes of last meeting: Josee / Michelle – Carried**
- **Motion to accept agenda as amended: Ashley / Josee – Carried**

### Discussion Items

#### 1. AGM Special Resolution Meeting – January 27, 2026

- Concerns raised regarding the online platform and voting process
- Need for:
  - Accurate tracking of eligible voters
  - Attendance list with votes clearly marked
  - Designated person to track voting in real time (Michelle/Malin)

- Format & Chairing
  - Gemma proposed to chair the meeting - Jess to connect
  - Board to introduce rationale for modernizing bylaws
  
- Policy & Operational Manuals
  - Amber to split policy manual into Governance and Operational
  - Governance section (pages 8–15) to be reviewed by board
  - Deadline for comments: Friday, January 9
  - Manual acknowledged as a *working document*, to be reviewed annually
  - Gemma to clarify executive committee structure and responsibilities
  - Committees will require updates

## 2. AP (Affiliate Player) Process & Policy Clarification

- Request from member to clarify between local policy, BC Hockey, and Hockey Canada
  - EK and BC hockey have confirmed that GDMHA policy stands and can define the rotation of relief vs AP players
  - Local policy to be reviewed and updated at end of season
- U9-U11 AP process reviewed, including historical exceptions and current season circumstances
- Six players on U11 Comp AP list
  
- Discussion about options moving forward with the request from Balon family to allow Finn to play in more games:
  1. Maintain fair rotation as per policy
  2. Grant an exception to the policy for the remainder of the season to allow Finn to have priority for all games
  3. Grant an exception to the policy for the remainder of the season to allow Finn to be offered to play in all games but will also be required to include a player from the AP list on fair rotation.
  
- **Abstaining from vote due to conflict - Malin and Jess**
- **Decision: *Option 3 approved by majority.***
  
- Action Items:
  - Derek and Niall to meet with U11 Comp coaches, manager, and Relief Players/APs
  - Clear communication with coaches/managers and parents on AP list

- Emphasis on respectful communication with volunteers

### **3. ReDi Grant Application**

- Committee: Michelle, Josee, Spencer
- Potential additions: equipment room improvements, referee equipment
- Wendy Booth (CBT) available for support - Jess to connect Michelle with Wendy via email
- Recommended ask: \$8,000
- Additional facility updates:
  - Penalty box glass requested by CSRD (Rockets to sign letter)
  - Arena lights being repaired

### **4. Second-Year Play-Up Rotation**

- Heidi to act as point of contact
- Managers to submit list of interested second-year players
- Guidelines:
  - U13 Rec: every second Thursday
  - U15: has dedicated ice time on Tuesdays
  - U9: players may choose team to practice up with
- Aim to reduce shared ice conflicts

### **5. Power Skating Program (Future Consideration)**

- Proposed weekly morning sessions (Chuck/Jed)
- Explore Friday mornings and possible mid-week ice
- Options discussed:
  - Included in registration
  - Optional add-on
- Ice request to be raised at next ice meeting

### **6. Conduct & Communication Policy**

- Recommendation to expand policy addressing:
  - Parent conduct

- Respectful communication with the board

## Reports

### President – Jessica Chiles

- Scheduling proposal for EK level still pending
- EK U16 program proposal under discussion
- EK tournament submission compliance policy to be circulated to managers

### Vice President – Niall Gleeson

- Nothing to report

### Registrar – Malin Ewan

- All teams approved in Spordle

### Treasurer – Michelle O’Grady

- ReDi Grant application period open
- Budget update pending Nov/Dec entries
- Current Bank Balances:
  - Chequing: \$48,843.47
  - Gaming: \$14,067.04
  - Bursary: \$16,651.38
  - Kraft Fund: \$57,127.03
- **Motion: \$5,000 donation to support U18 Provincial Championships**
  - ***Moved by Jessica Chiles – All in favour, motion carried.***
- Another local business donating \$5,000
- Association currently underspending

### Ice Manager – Amber Granter

- Nothing to report

## Manager Coordinator – Heidi Delmonego

- Year-end banquet proposed for April 1 (pending Civic Centre availability).
- Other dates discussed - April 2 & April 8th.
  
- Mini-Olympics discussion:
  - Preferred week: March 9–14
  - Consider new ways to run the tournament to allow for more ice time.
  - Further planning next meeting

## Fundraising

- U13 Rec Gold Sponsor: Chatter Creek Holdings
- Banner and Facebook recognition planned
- Discussion on U18 fundraising needs ongoing
- U13 to start planning fundraisers for travelling to provincials in Kitimat. Will keep the board informed.

## New Business

- Wolski Camp to proceed (ice to be booked, organization handled by Bruce)
- Another camp booked March 23–25 (Ethan Moreau Hockey Camp), not through minor hockey.
- Funds raised through camps to flow through GMH
- Banner weekend schedule reviewed:
  - U11A – Windermere March 7-8
  - U11B – Golden March 7-8
  - U11C – Cranbrook Feb 27-March 1
  - U13A – Kimberley Feb 27
  - U13B – Cranbrook Feb 27-March 1
  - U13C - Fernie March 6-8
  - U15A - Kimberley March 6-8
  - U15B – Creston Feb 20-22 (possibly move to March 6-8)
  - U18 – Creston Feb 27
  
- Board meeting process reminder:
  - Gallery participation limited to end of meeting
  - Agenda-only discussion
  - Expectations to be stated at meeting start

## **Next Meeting**

**Date: February 2, 2026**

**Motion to Adjourn: Jessica Chiles**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:58 PM**