



## MEETING MINUTES February 3, 2025

### Golden & District Arena Meeting Room

**In Attendance: Jessica, Josee, Ashley, Malin, Andrea, Kristine, Michelle, Niall, Blaine, Michelle, Amber, Hiedi, Neelam, Rosie**

**Call to Order: 7:05,**

*Motion:* to accept minutes of last meeting: 1st: Jess, 2nd: Blaine.

*Motion:* to accept agenda as amended: 1st: Niall 2nd: Josee.

#### **Old business:**

1. "Members" are defined in Bylaw 1 in the bylaws. If you wish to change the definition of members then you will need to pass a special resolution at a general meeting of the members.
  - a. The following shall upon application be accepted as members of the Association:
    - i. any parent or guardian of any player in good standing, and
    - ii. any person over the age of 19 who is actively involved in the general work of the Association.
2. The board positions are defined in the bylaws so again, any changes need to be passed as a special resolution at a general meeting.
3. To elect to a 2-year term then the bylaws need to be changed. Again, special resolution at a general meeting.
  - Some positions take a lot of time to learn, it would be nice to have a 2-year term option so positions don't need to be re-trained every season.
  - President, VP, Ice, Treasurer, Registrar, Coach C. Stagger some positions into 2-year terms.
  - Need to be transparent and make sure volunteers know they can still step down after 1 year but the position does not require re-elect for 2 years if they chose to stay on.
  - Email to the association to call for positions. Make people aware of what is vacant and job descriptions.
  - Special resolution for President, Registrar & Treasurer to become a 2-year term this year and VP, Coach Coordinator & Ice manager to become a 2-year term the following year at the AGM election of officers.

Motion by Jessica that six board positions transition to a 2-year term, with implementation at this year's AGM. The positions will be staggered as follows: in the first year, President, Treasurer and Registrar will begin a 2-year term; in the next year the Vice President, Ice Manager and Coach Coordinator will transition to 2-year terms. Seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Member Votes:

- Changes to member definition - vote per parent or vote per player?
- Members get 1 vote per player. Parents are the members.

Board Vote to edit the member definition and add a line to the bylaws defining how members can vote for the association.

Option 1: Anyone gets 1 vote for showing up to the AGM.

- 0 in favor.

Option 2: Changing the definition that members are children (players) and 1 vote per child.

- 5 in favor.

Option 3 - Hybrid option: Every member gets a vote per child that's registered in the association. Keep the current member definition but define how many votes.

- 4 in favor.

Ash, Michelle, Amber will draft an email to Bruce with changes and special resolutions.

### **Topics for discussion:**

1. Plan AGM - April 22, 2025 at 6:30. Ash will book the Civic Centre.
  - a. Email with date, changes to bylaws, call for positions, clarifying votes
    - i. Run this email by Bruce Mackenzie prior to sending out.

Nominations by email before the AGM.

- Encourage people to say something about themselves, or someone can speak on their behalf-character reference.
- Not an expectation to stand up and speak but encouraged. Could mention your players age and goals.
- Email nominations to Jessica Chiles, she will follow up with the nominees.
- 2 week call out for nominations.

U13 talks with Invermere for a potential combined team next season.

- Interest from Golden and Invermere to possibly combine groups next season due to numbers.
- Early conversations to be organized with local players/families and Invermere board.

- Interest from female teams, U13 & U15 coed teams.

**Vice President Report:**

Jessica Chiles

“Play up” policy - first draft.

- Players to choose? Yes.

Motion by Jessica to approve the Play-up Policy. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Registrar Report:**

Malin Ewan

Projected Numbers for 2025-2026 season.

Total number is every player of that age group regardless of which team they played. The Female number is counting players that played on a female only team this season, not counting dual rosters.

U7 – 22

U9 – 27

U11 – 30

U13 – 37      12 Female

U15 – 31      11 Female

U18 – 25      3 Female

- Early team meetings, figure out numbers and interest.

First shift report:

So far, we have had 12 players sign up from First shift with most of them joining U7, a few U9 and one U11 aged player playing down with U9 for the rest of this season.

**Female Development Report:**

Josee Roy

- Nothing to report.

**Ref Coordinator Report:**

Niall Gleeson

- Want to discuss paid on ice mentors and U7 Officials.
  - Paid mentors, very valuable.
  - Add to the pay scale.
  - Mentor rate to be the same as the referee rate.

- U7 officials - Yes; good for the younger officials. Niall will add to the schedule. Ref course was a success with some new refs for all levels.

**Fundraising Coordinator Report:**

Kristine Divall

- No updates at this time.

**Ice Manager:**

Amber Granter

- Consider planning some ice time for Banner and playdowns next season.
- Extra ice through March break allocation as well as add U18 Provincial Ice application for next year if we can confirm the town will keep it open.
- Need to find out if Bruce has looked into insurance for his extra programming.
  - Ash will look into association insurance.

TOG & CSRD Approved 2 weeks extended ice time. Responded to TOG with a detailed plan.

- Carter Wolski Camp.
- 3 on 3 tournament.
- Golden Jr Rockets Camp.

User meeting on Feb. 12th. Put in all of our requests. Good opportunity and stepping stone for next year.

- Next year to save some ice options for Banner and play downs.
- U18s have a possible ice application to host provincials next season.
- Email BC hockey about extending insurance (Ash).
- 1 league game did not get booked so ice was given to U15 for an exhibition game.
- Suggested to allocate carding teams home tournament dates before Christmas next season so more available for play downs.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Michelle O'Grady

3 more home tournaments.

- Tournaments are bringing in money.
- Feb ice bill. Have about \$20000 in gaming and checking accounts combined. Still have the big raffle draw.
- On budget.
- Hopefully the extended ice camps cover the ice costs.

**Coach Coordinator:**

Blaine Broderick

- Tried to order jackets from Off the Wall, Tammy doesn't have a CCM account. Will go through gentleman sports.

### **Equipment & Safety Management:**

- 8 hockey sticks left from First shift - give 2 each to U7, U9, U11, U11F.

Pucks - we have purchased 150 new pucks in the last 2 months and need to purchase more. Should we send out an email or request that the older age groups pick up any stray pucks after practice?

- Teams are sharing, pucks are going missing still.
- How do we prevent losing pucks on shared ice?
- Parents walk around every practice and pick up pucks.
- Bucket for pucks for returning.

Shooter tutor to purchase for ~\$1000, heavy duty, customizable, adjustable.

- Suggestion made to use a small net inside a big net.
- Next season purchase. Equipment manager to organize.

### **Manager Coordinator Report:**

Chantelle Lacasse

We have: \$650 in IGA gift cards & \$600 in Save On gift cards left.

- Getting approx \$100 per team from each IGA and Save On. We only received \$1500 this season in grocery card donations but had a balance from last season.

Mini-Olympics:

- Player gifts for the end of season- looking at branded pucks.
- Little kids could get branded mini sticks and a puck.
- Indian Kitchen will do a concession for mini-olympics.

Banquet April 1st, 4:00-8:00, younger players first. Still working on food options. Not making it a fundraiser. Team to get RSVPs. \$10.00 per player for food. Snack buffet and association cover the costs?

- Last season we just paid for the venue and insurance.
- Something to make it more fun, ask the teams to do some interviews and put it on the projector.
- Slide deck with pictures.
- Door prizes, ask Chantelle if there are any donations left.
- Neelam suggested Pint and Fork, finger foods would be good for the banquet.
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**Secretary's Report:**

Ashley Durning

**New Business:**

Kroger Assist, do we want to apply? Quite restrictive with how to spend it. Fernie was awarded it last year.

- Must have a story and an angle on how to spend it.

To set a time for the "Kraft/development" committee. Goal is to come up with an initial plan/budget/organized approach to player development for feedback and planning for next season.

- Ash & Kristine met with Kurt Thorne - would be happy to hear we are using \$5000/year on player development.
- Interested in coming to a board meeting and telling the Kraft story, vision and would be keen to join the Kraft committee.
- Suggested that we should be donating \$1k/ year to the Big Rockets.

**Date for next meeting:**

1. Next in person meeting March 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 pm.
2. 30 minute meeting to have the bylaw discussion. Tuesday Feb. 18th. 7:15 pm.
3. AGM April 22, 2025.

**Motion to Adjourn by:** Jessica**Meeting Adjourned:** time 7:50