



## MEETING Minutes February 2, 2026

### Golden & District Arena

#### **In Attendance:**

Jessica Chiles, Michelle O'Grady, Josee Roy, Derek Penno, Heidi Delmonego, Amber Granter, Jessica Chagnon, Ashley Durning

#### **Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at **7:03 PM**.

#### **Motion: To accept minutes of last meeting**

Moved by Derek Penno, seconded by Josee Roy. **Carried.**

#### **Motion: To accept agenda as amended**

Moved by Josee Roy, seconded by Derek Penno. **Carried.**

### **Bylaw Special Resolution Meeting**

A small number of bylaw changes were reviewed. These changes were primarily clarifications and may result in questions at the AGM. Discussion included concerns regarding workload, decision-making authority, and potential conflicts of interest. These items will continue to be addressed through governance work and AGM communication.

### **Mini Olympics**

No formal plan was in place following the previous meeting. Ice availability remains a challenge for Provincial practices. A six-team tournament format was discussed with games ending by 9:00 PM. Additional U13 practice ice may be explored in Invermere or Canal Flats. Amber Granter and Heidi Delmonego will form the Mini Olympics committee. No game jerseys will be used (home/dark and away/light). Concession options will be explored.

### **End of Season Banquet**

The Civic Centre is available April 7th only and will be booked for the banquet. MC? Amber, Adam or maybe U18 players. Volunteer of the Year will be selected by a nomination committee.

## **All Users Meeting – February 4**

The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the Board, thank the Town and user groups, and highlight program growth. Key messaging will focus on the increasing need for ice, potential ice extension again next season, promotion of camps, and extended ice through Spring Break. Jessica Chiles, Niall Gleeson, and Amber Granter are unable to attend. Volunteers are needed to represent GDMHA (Ashley & Michelle).

## **Provincials Fundraising**

An update was provided regarding coordination between teams. Fundraising collaboration has been positive. Michelle O'Grady will update the shared donor list so we do not overwhelm the community with requests.

## **Additional Request for Funding – U18 Female Players**

A request was presented on behalf of Charlie Wilson and Erica Pfister, who are playing on the U18 Female Windermere team. Both girls played in Golden for 10-13 years. No local U18 female team exists and no opportunity to run local fundraisers in Golden, and the players are representing the East Kootenays at Provincials in Trail.

**Motion:** To approve \$150 per player (\$300 total). Moved by Josee Roy, seconded by Derek Penno. **Carried unanimously.**

## **Policy Update**

The governance document was reviewed and clarified as a governance-only document updated, separate from operational policies. Operational policies need some updating. Will be split for the AGM so the Governance policies can be approved. Directors at large reviewed. Committees discussed – committees make recommendations and decisions that are discussed with the board. Operational committees may have non-directors. Previously approved sections were noted.

**Motion:** To approve Governance Document pages 1–24, with appendices to be hyperlinked. Moved by Jessica Chiles, seconded by Michelle O'Grady. **Carried.**

AP policy discussion:

- focused on fairness, development purposes, communication between coaches, and alignment with EK.

- Due diligence to keep Invermere informed of our policy.
- Equitable as possible. Keep everyone developing, foster both groups.
- Coaches to have a say.
- Supporting play ups with communication to the coaches/managers.
- Practice ups for players that aren't eligible?
- Derek Penno, Josee Roy, and Jessica Chiles will draft proposed updates.

## **President's Report - Jessica Chiles**

- Applications for the First Shift program are open. A Fall session is preferred, targeting 30 participants. Sunday afternoon ice is recommended but will be decided if we host the program. Heidi will check in with managers to see if there is any parent interest in running the program. Lucille and Chelsea can provide information, as previously hosted. Equipment will be provided, and older players and coaches may assist.
- Banner dates were reviewed and shared with managers.
- An EK update confirmed the U16AA Zone program is expected to proceed next season. A reminder was given that playing ineligible players results in discipline and voids team insurance.

## **Vice President's Report - Niall Gleeson**

- The March schedule was reviewed to assess feasibility of a 3-on-3 event.
- Due to schedule congestion, a 3-on-3 event is unlikely unless Wolski Camp or Rockets camp does not proceed.
- If required, Bruce will organize the event, with Niall assisting.
- Niall will circulate Ethan Moreau Camp information to the association.

## **Equipment / Safety - Spencer Lainchbury**

- Coach jackets and referee armbands have been ordered and are expected this week.
- Jackets will be sent for embroidery.
- Three first aid kits have been placed in rink-level lockers.
- atoMc jersey registration is pending. Tim Hortons jerseys will be ordered late spring or early summer.

## **Registrar's Report - Malin Ewan**

- Nothing to report.

### **Female Development Report - Josee Roy**

- Nothing to report.

### **Ice Manager Report - Amber Granter**

- All tournament ice has been confirmed and finalized. U7 did not receive a full six-team tournament.

### **Treasurer's Report - Michelle O'Grady**

- The ReDi Grant application was submitted requesting \$8,000 from the Town of Golden and \$1,000 from the CSRD.
- U18 Championship fundraising is nearing the \$40,000 goal, with final fundraisers concluding February 16. Local business support has been strong.
- Tournaments have performed well financially.

### **Coach Coordinator Report - Derek Penno**

- Nothing to report.

### **Manager Coordinator Report - Heidi Delmonego**

- Mini-Olympics and banquet noted above.

### **Referee Coordinator Report - Jessica Chagnon**

- Discussion held regarding BC Hockey Summer Officiating School.
  - Hosted in Salmon Arm, July 30-Aug. 3rd.
  - \$761.25 per person.
- Preference will be given to officials who have not previously attended.
- Prefer a GDMHA Player that will be committed to working for GDMHA the following season.
- Applicants must be aged 13–17. The selection committee will include the VP, RIC, and Female Development.
- Application process to be considered.

### **Secretary Report - Ashley Durning**

- Nothing to report.

**New Business:** None.

**Date of Next Meeting:** March 2, 2026 & April 8, 2026

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Moved by Jessica Chiles. **Carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.**