

ORILLIA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF
THE OMHA BOARD MEETING

Held

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Board Meeting

Rotary Place 7:00 p.m.

Present: Brad Carnahan, Sean Ostrom, Terry Smith, Rob Byers, Jenn Shelswell, Jody Duck, Fior Tucci, Carole Coad, Brent Poulsen, Mike Borrelli, Jenna Beard
Brad Carnahan left the meeting at 7:30 pm
Jody Duck joined the meeting at 8:15 pm

Regrets:

Guest: Glen Connor

Admin: Cara Herrington

1. Call to Order & Election of Chair – 7:02 pm

On motion by Fior Tucci and seconded by Brad Carnahan, Jenna Beard will act as chair for the November 11 meeting – CARRIED

2. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Rob Byers, Agenda for November 11 Meeting is approved – CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

4. Errors or Omissions (previous Minutes)

No errors or omissions

5. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Terry Smith and seconded by Rob Byers the minutes from the October 14, 2025, Board Meeting be approved as presented – CARRIED

6. Approval of Invoices:

On a motion by Rob Byers and seconded by Jenn Shelswell, the invoices from October 6 – November 3, 2025 be approved as presented – CARRIED

7. Business Arising from Minutes:

• Budget 2025/26 & Finance 2024/25 Year End – Fior Tucci

Brad was able to finish off the allocation for last year with the bookkeeper. The year end data has been shared with the accountants.

We will begin working on the Budget for 2026/27 starting in February to set up fees for next season by doing a line by line review of spending to ensure that we have a balanced budget for next season.

- **Bookkeeping Services – Fior Tucci**
On a motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Terry Smith, pay for Cara Herrington will be increased by \$400 per month to cover the cost of bookkeeping services each month – CARRIED
- **Rep Sweaters Design for 2026/27 season Poll**
Nothing to add at this time. Can be removed from the agenda going forward.
- **Employees/contractor renewals – Fior Tucci**
All contracts have been completed and signed.
- **Mike Dodd Fund – Brad Carnahan**
Applications are currently open for this year and will close on November 30. The committee will meet following the close to determine awards. Carole volunteered to add it to our social media.
- **Purchase of stage for Banquet – Brad Carnahan**
The cost of purchasing a stage has gone up significantly and with the limited use of Rotary Place now for ceremonies, it is unlikely that we could rent it to others to use. Rob Byers has offered a trailer that we could use in place of a stage.
- **Orillia MHA cell phones – Fior Tucci**
Deferred to next month.
- **Banner Purchase – Jody Duck on behalf of Jenna Beard**
The banner has been ordered at the cost of \$500 plus tax. It will be 8x8 and can be used for signings, championship day and the banquet.
- **Rep Parent Survey – Sean Ostrom**
Sean has reviewed the questions with the coaches. The desire is to still have a survey. Sean will meet with Cara to set up a survey to review at the next meeting.
- **Policy Committee Update – Sean Ostrom**
The Board reviewed the Mike Dodd policy. Board decided to a

On a motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Terry Smith, presented policy will be amended to state that the fund would use the interest accrued as of July 31 of the given year as the total amount that will be awarded. – CARRIED

On a motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Rob Byers, the Mike Dodd Fund Committee Policy be adopted as presented with the above noted addition – CARRIED

8. New Business

- **Tournament Committee for 2026/27 Season – Mike Borrelli**
Further discussion will be had once the committee has met.
- **Power Skating Contract – Sean Ostrom**
Due to the number of participants, Michele is asking for an additional \$5 per session to be added to her fee. **On a motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Rob Byers that the Board approves a \$5 increase per session to the Power Skating contract – CARRIED**
- **Policies for Approval – Sean Ostrom**
Covered under Policy Committee Update.
- **Apparel Contract Concerns – Brent Poulsen**
Discussion around concerns about protecting current apparel contracts. No action will be taken at this time. Brent will gather feedback regarding concerns with apparel quality.
- **Rep Teams Social Media – Carole Coad**
One of the Rep teams has been posting shirtless photos and using inappropriate language on their social media. Carole will reach out to the team to remind them it is a violation of the OMHA code of conduct.

9. Reports

Glen Connor – OMHA Delegate

Suspensions have been good this year

Next year the regular season will end in December and playoffs will continue after that, but if you lose in the first round, you maybe finished hockey by the end of January.

Looking at reclassifying centres after tryouts next year.

Will be a new rule next year when a team is leading by 5 goals

Discussion regarding the ice at Brian Orser being added in the new year. Fior, Cara, Jenna & Mike will reach out to the teams to see if they are interested in purchasing ice at their own cost.

Cara Herrington – Administrative Assistant

On a motion by Mike Borrelli and seconded by Terry Smith, U11B Fundraiser is approved – NOT CARRIED

On a motion by Rob Byers and seconded by Sean Ostrom, approval of the addition of Bryan Keene to the U13B roster as a Trainer – CARRIED

President

Vacant

Vice President

Vacant

Secretary/Treasurer – Fior Tucci

U9MD resubmitted their budget inline with other rep budgets. Banking is up and running. We will still need to recruit an additional super user

Director of Rep – Mike Borrelli

A few teams have requested moving players off their rep teams. They will not be moved at this time.

Director of House League (U7-U11) – Jenna Beard

U9 Team 1

Manager Tyrina Goddard

Head Coach Brandon MacDougall

U9 Team 2

Manager Ashley Smith

Head Coach Rob Brigden

Trainer Tim Williams

On a motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Jenn Shelswell, approval of U9 Select Teams bench staff as presented – CARRIED

There was discussion to limit the number of players on the U9 select team to a maximum of 16 players due to concerns regarding the skill of some of the players trying out. The fee will be set at \$350 plus the cost of sweaters and socks depending on the team wanting one set or two.

U11

Manager/Trainer David Duesharm

Head Coach Andrew McGuinness

Assistant Coach Kevin Hewitt

Assistant Coach Brett Tomlinson

Trainer Drew Macintosh

On a motion by Fior Tucci and seconded by Jody Duck, approval of U11 Select Team bench staff as presented – CARRIED

Since only 18 players signed up for tryouts, we will not be holding tryouts for this team. All 18 players will be invited to join. Their tryout fees will be deducted from their registration fee.

There was a discussion regarding Bauer First Shift program. Jenna will look into seeing if we can be a centre for it next season.

Director of Officials – Terry Smith

Reviewed an issue on Live Barn with an official.

We have 3 new officials from the Barrie school. Discussion around green armband for officials under 18 years old.

No concerns regarding the referee room.

Director of Equipment – Brent Poulsen

Nothing to add

Director of Education & Development – Sean Ostrom

Gordie Weiss will be covering for Jason Hooper for the Goalie Clinics. Cara & Sean will get him added to the 3rd party roster. There was discussion around a coach mentor. Sean will approach Shane Edghill and Curtis Shelswell about it.

Director of House League (U13-U21) – Jenn Shelswell

Discussion around period length.

Discussion around boarding penalty with U13/15 player.

U15 player is happy to be moved back to U13/15 House League.

Discussion around U18 HL player who would like to donate their registration to someone else as they don't want to play in the current format. Jenn will follow up with the trainer as she is aware of the situation.

Director at Large – Rob Byers

Nothing to add

Director of Risk Management – Jody Duck

Teams have requested to add 41 to their helmets to recognize loss of player in Essa

Director of Social Media – Carole Coad

Nothing to add

Director of Sponsorship – Brad Carnahan

Left meeting at 7:30 pm

10. Inquiries -none

Terry Smith was asked to leave the meeting

Coyer Yateman has organised a gathering to surprise Terry with a celebration of 50 years of officiating. We have purchased a plaque to give to Terry in recognition.

On a motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Brent Poulsen approval of contributing \$200 from Orillia Minor Hockey to the celebration – CARRIED

11. Announcements – none

12. Adjournment

9:57 pm – Approved by Brent Poulsen & Jody Duck

Jenna Beard - Chair