

ORILLIA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE OMHA BOARD MEETING

Held

Tuesday, October 14, 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

Regrets: Brent Poulsen, Mike Borrelli, Jenna Beard

Guest: Glen Connor

Admin: Cara Herrington

1. Call to Order & Election of Chair – 7:10 pm

On motion by Fior Tucci and seconded by Brad Carnahan, Rob Byers will act as chair for the October 14 meeting – CARRIED

1.1. Approval of Agenda

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Errors or Omissions (previous Minutes)

Sean asked for permission to recruit members & Fior suggested Sean become the chair
Sean will work with House League and Rep Directors to set up a general, rep and house league survey.

4. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Brad Carnahan and seconded by Sean Ostrom the minutes with the above amendments from the September 9, 2025, Board Meeting be approved as presented – CARRIED

5. Approval of Invoices:

On a motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Jenn Shelswell, the invoices from September 9, 2025 to October 6, 2025 be approved as presented – CARRIED

6. Business Arising from Minutes:

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

Susan will be unable to provide assistance going forward. Fior and Brad will work together to get 2024/25 season to the accountant by the end of October.
The statements indicate a loss of approximately \$64,000 last season.

- **Board Composition for the current year – Fior Tucci**
Removed from the agenda going forward.
- **Bookkeeping Services – Fior Tucci**
Cara will take over the accounting for the 2025/26 Season. Cara will purchase Quick Books accounting software and learn it with help from Brad. We will discuss remuneration for Cara in next month's meeting. Discussion around payment for officials regarding timing and electronic payments.
- **Rep Sweaters Design for 2026/27 season Poll**
deferred to November meeting
- **Employees/contractor renewals – Fior Tucci**
All contracts have been completed. Glen needs to formally sign his. Michele Mundell will be taking on the U9 Powerskating.
- **Renewal of Insurance with McLean & Dickey – Fior Tucci**
Insurance has been renewed for this season with the adjustment in premiums for no longer storing Rep jerseys and the age of the goalie equipment.
- **Mike Dodd Fund – Brad Carnahan**
Brad has met with the committee and they have decided to implement the following criteria:
 - 5-7 awards each year
 - Award would be equivalent to the base house league registration (currently \$600)
 - Recipients can apply every year, but they will be at the bottom of the list for receiving funding after those who have not received it before
 - Any unspent income will go back into the fund for the following season
 - Applications will close August 1 so that awards can be handed out at the beginning of the season.
 - Include all the questions on the previous application and include 2 additional ones
 - Number of dependents in the family
 - Family income range – 0-20K, 20-40K, 40-60K, 60-80K and 80K +
 - Award committee will include 2 or 3 board members, 1 outside person and the administrative assistant as they will have the anonymous applications.

On a motion by Brad Carnahan and seconded by Terry Smith, the organization will dispense up to five awards for the 2025/26 Season using the criteria stated above – CARRIED
- **Rep Budgets – Fior Tucci**
On a motion by Jody Duck and seconded by Jenn Shelswell, U9 MD Budget is approved with the removal of \$3000 for miscellaneous Team Parties/Team Bookings – CARRIED

On a motion by Brad Carnahan and seconded by Terry Smith, U11A Budget has been approved – CARRIED

- **Purchase of stage for Banquet – Brad Carnahan**
Discussion around the rising cost of purchasing a stage and the need for the organization. Brad will bring it back to the next meeting.

8. New Business

- **Tournament Committee for 2026/27 Season – Brad Carnahan**
Discussion about doing a tournament after Christmas. Tournament Committee should be started soon in order to get applications in for 2026/27 season.
- **Addition of Brian Anderson to At Large Roster – Cara Herrington on behalf of Mike Borrelli**
Team has also asked to have Chad Mooney added to At Large roster. There was a discussion regarding these additions. **On a motion from Cara Herrington on behalf of Mike Borrelli to add Chad Mooney and Brian Anderson to the At Large Roster – there was no seconder – DEFEATED.**
- **Addition of Owen Palaro & Kyle Walter to U13B team – Cara Herrington on behalf of Mike Borrelli**
Team has asked for this coach and trainer to be added as the current Trainer and Assistant Trainer are leaving for training. **On a motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Carole Coad, U13B team can move Jhett & Whyatt Winkel to the At Large Roster and add Owen Palaro and Kyle Walter to the 13B roster once they have received their certifications and VSC - CARRIED**

Brad Carnahan and Terry Smith left the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Quorum is still maintained as there are six remaining members present.

6. Business Arising from Minutes – cont'd:

- **Orillia MHA cell phones – Fior Tucci**
The account is currently assigned to Avery. Fior will work to get it back into the office. OMHA shared a Rogers deal that Fior will investigate further. Deferred to November Meeting
- **Banner Purchase – Jody Duck on behalf of Jenna Beard**
Three options for a banner were provided to the Board. **On a motion from Jody Duck and seconded by Terry Smith, Approval to purchase banner option 3 through Jess Willison for \$500 plus tax.**
- **Rep Parent Survey – Sean Ostrom**
Sean has put together a list of questions that we would like to ask. Cara can set up the survey so that it will ask specific questions to everyone, rep families and house league families. There was discussion around the questions that Sean

presented. The board felt that we should ask the coaches for 3-5 issues that they would like to ask members. Sean will reach out and bring it back for the next meeting.

- **Policy Committee Update – Sean Ostrom**

Sean met with the committee members for their first meeting. Cara will set up word document versions of the policies so they can be edited at the next meeting. Board asked for the draw area map to be reviewed and added to the rep policy. There was a recommendation to add a Mike Dodd policy to make it a formal part of the policies going forward. Sean will bring the changes to the board for review.

8. New Business cont'd:

- **Policy Committee guidance for Rep Policies – Sean Ostrom**

Covered as part of the policy committee update.

9. Reports

Glen Connor – OMHA Delegate

98 games have been moved or changed to date.

There are still concerns regarding the U18 and U13/15 House League teams. Discussion that U15 players can AP up to the U18 LL team.

Likely the last year that YSMHL will support a U9MD program

Cara Herrington – Administrative Assistant

Hockey Canada funding from 2024/25 will be refunded to anyone who has not already received it back. Cara to reach out to the families.

Will put together a photo date schedule and get it posted on the Website soon.

Discussion around non Orillia MHA ice and that parents need to be reminded that it is not insured by OMHA. Glen will provide a letter to Cara to share with the teams that they can send out to parents.

On a motion by Fior Tucci and seconded by Jody Duck, Players who are signed up for U9 hockey but are U7 aged may participate in the U9 Powerskating – CARRIED with 5 in favour and 1 opposed

On a motion by Fior Tucci and seconded by Sean Ostrom, U9MD Fundraisers are approved – CARRIED

On a motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Jody Duck, Orillia MHA approves a refund for Mytes registration for 2024/25 for Quinn Watson – NOT CARRIED

President

Vacant

Vice President

Vacant

Secretary/Treasurer – Fior Tucci

Nothing to add

Director of Rep – Mike Borrelli

Absent

Director of House League (U7-U11) – Jody Duck on behalf of Jenna Beard

Skills and House League games have been posted to Christmas – U11 with the addition of another team will be updated shortly.

U9/U11 Select teams – look at the additional charge for last year. Jenna will send out the Board Members for a vote.

U9 - Tryout Dates – will have ice on Oct 24 to gauge interest to see if we will do one or two teams or if tryouts are needed. There will be 3 tryout skates if necessary. The select teams can play in up to three tournaments when House League games or practices are not scheduled. Team Manager and/or coach will need to arrange games and submit travel permits.

Practice times – Friday nights at 6 pm – rotating with the odd early time that Rep teams can't make. Sponsors have already been determined.

U11 – Glen wants to speak to Jenna to make sure there is interest for this team.

APs for U11 – U9 can AP for U11 once they go to full ice.

There are no goalies rostered in house league, so teams can share goalies.

Director of Officials – Terry Smith

Waiting on numbers for referee schools. Haven't heard of any issues with the new season.

Director of Equipment – Brent Poulsen – absent

Absent

Director of Education & Development – Sean Ostrom

Pending Fire Code approval, there will be an area for House League supplies on both rinks for coaches & trainers. Sean has been able to get one cage, but will likely need to ask for budget to buy an additional one.

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

All teams have 1 coach and 1 trainer. Discussion regarding AP up to U18 teams.

Director at Large – Rob Byers

Checking to ensure parent who reached out to the board had been addressed.

Director of Risk Management – Jody Duck

Nothing to report

Director of Social Media – Carole Coad

High Schools will not advertise for request for volunteers. Did put out request on Social media, but not much response. Suggestion to reach out to college or university. Discussion around name policies.

Director of Sponsorship – Brad Carnahan

Good feedback received on our new jerseys and socks.

10. Inquiries -none

11. Announcements – none

12. Adjournment

9:33 pm – Approved by Sean Ostrom and Jody Duck

Rob Byers - Chair