

ORILLIA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE OMHA BOARD MEETING

Held

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Board Meeting

Rotary Place 7:30 p.m.

Present: Brad Carnahan, Sean Ostrom, Terry Smith, Rob Byers, Jenna Beard, Jenn Shelswell, Jody Duck, Fior Tucci, Mike Borrelli, Carole Coad

Regrets: Brent Poulsen

Guest: Glen Connor

Admin: Cara Herrington

1. Call to Order & Election of Chair – 7:33 pm

On motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Brad Carnahan, Fior Tucci will act as chair for the September 9 meeting – CARRIED

1.1. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Brad Carnahan and seconded by Jenna Beard, the agenda was approved with the following additions under New Business – Policy Committee, Approval of U18B Coaching staff - CARRIED

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Errors or Omissions (previous Minutes)

Glen's name was misspelled

Mytes begins week after Thanksgiving

4. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Rob Byers and seconded by Jenn Shelswell the minutes with the above amendments from the August 12, 2025, Board Meeting be approved as presented – CARRIED

5. Approval of Invoices:

On a motion by Brad Carnahan and seconded by Jenn Shelswell, the invoices from August 7, 2025 to September 8, 2025 be approved as presented – CARRIED

6. Business Arising from Minutes:

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

Received numbers from the bookkeeper, Susan is reviewing them. Hoping to get them to the accountant within the next week or two to finalize year end.

- **Board Composition for the current year – Fior Tucci**
Moved to October Meeting
- **Bookkeeping Services – Fior Tucci**
Spent over \$19,000 on bookkeeping services last year. August 1 was the last time that bookkeeping was done for 2025/26 season. Bookkeeping service will be completely ended once 2024/25 year-end has been sent to the accountant. Meeting with Scotiabank regarding Electronic Business Banking. Report will be provided at the October Meeting. Question regarding direct deposit for officials.
- **Rep Sweaters Design for 2026/27 season Poll**
deferred to October meeting
- **Employees/contractor renewals – Fior Tucci**
On a motion by Fior Tucci and seconded by Mike Borrelli, to increase Glen Connors wage to \$3,000, This will be for both the role of the Ice Scheduler for Orillia Minor Hockey and OMHA Delicate for Orillia Minor Hockey. Glen will also receive a bonus of \$1,500 for the increased work he did last season. Total for Glen Connor for next season will be \$3,500 with no additional bonus. – CARRIED

On a motion by Fior Tucci and seconded by Jenn Shelswell, for Orillia Minor Hockey to cover the cost of Insurance for Jake Beard to be a 3rd Party Instructor. – CARRIED
- **Renewal of Insurance with McLean & Dickey – Fior Tucci**
Waiting for quote – will have update at the October Meeting
- **Mike Dodd Fund – Fior Tucci**
Continues to be a work in progress – has been discussed with the Executor. Concerns regarding it benefiting only children within Orillia. Brad will chair the committee, and they will meet in October to review for next season.
- **Rep Budgets – Fior Tucci**
All budgets have come back signed except for U18B and U9MD as teams are still in process. We will have reconciliation of budgets in both December and at Year End. Need to continue to consider how we handle team budgets with input from parents going forward.
- **Purchase of stage for Banquet – Brad Carnahan**
Deferred to October Meeting
- **Orillia MHA cell phones – Fior Tucci**
Deferred to October Meeting

- **Banner Purchase – Jenna Beard**

Banner that was sourced was on a US website, so the cost was over the set budget. Jenna will continue to source a banner.

7. New Business

- **Tournament Committee for 2026/27 Season**

Committee will need to be struck soon. Investigating where would be a good time to have a tournament. Discussion was in January before Championships maybe the best time.

- **U9MD Roster Size – Sean Ostrom**

Hockey Canada states that there must be 18 players on the team. Rules have yet to be established as this is a pilot program for the OMHA. These rules were on the website for rep teams in the spring and will continue for the U9MD tryouts. A letter will be sent to the U9MD coach to state that everything will remain as communicated already.

- **Policy Committee – Sean Ostrom**

Concerns that the policy committee has not met yet and changes need to be made before we enter tryouts and general meeting next year. Sean asked for permission to recruit members, Fior suggested Sean become the chair. **On a motion by Brad Carnahan and seconded by Terry Smith, Sean Ostrom will replace Brent Poulsen as the chair of the Policy committee with Brent Poulsen remaining on the committee- Sean Ostrom declares a conflict – CARRIED**

- **Rep Parent Survey – Sean Ostrom**

Sean would like to put together a rep parent survey to understand the concerns of the membership before policies are changed. Sean will work with Mike, Jenna & Jenn and Cara will work with them to set up the survey. Three surveys are to be set up – General, Rep & House League. To be discussed further at the October Meeting

- **U18B Coaching Staff – Fior Tucci**

The following have been put forward for the U18B Coaching staff

- Brian Shelswell – Head Coach – was already approved by Coaching Committee
- Jay LaCroix – Assistant coach
- Jake Dunn - Trainer
- Phillipe Allard – parent volunteer
- Todd Billinger – Assistant Trainer
- Andy Long – Manager
- Nic McFadden – assistant coach

In Camera session started at 8:18 pm

In Camera session ended at 8:47 pm

On a motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Terry Smith, Jay LaCroix has been approved as an Assistant Coach of U18B Team – CARRIED

On a motion by Terry Smith and seconded by Jody Duck, Jake Dunn has been approved as the Trainer of U18B Team – CARRIED

On a motion by Jenn Shelswell and seconded by Terry Smith, Andy Long has been approved as the Manager of U18B Team – CARRIED

On a motion by Rob Byers and seconded by Jenna Beard, Todd Billinger has been approved as the Assistant Trainer of U18B Team – CARRIED

On a motion by Brad Carnahan and seconded by Fior Tucci, Nic McFadden has been approved as an Assistant Coach of U18B Team – NOT CARRIED

8. Reports

Glen Connor – OMHA Delegate

Rules for U9MD will be released soon

After the coaches meeting only 3 teams inquired about Monday ice – we will have to cancel ice in September

Received approval from the OMHA to have two teams play in Georgian Bay League

Cara Herrington – Administrative Assistant

On a motion by Jody Duck and seconded by Mike Borrelli, Derek Hewitt has been approved as the Assistant Coach of U13B Team – CARRIED

On a motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Carole Coad, Registration will be extended to September 19, following that date those wishing to join must pay an additional \$100 for late registration – CARRIED

President

Vacant

Vice President

Vacant

Secretary/Treasurer – Fior Tucci

Thanks to Cara for all the work completed so far for rostering

U13B team had a goalie that didn't sign up. Fior was able to secure 3rd goalie from tryouts to join.

U18B Budget- On a motion by Sean Ostrom and seconded by Mike Borrelli that the U18B budget has been approved conditional on parents' approval – CARRIED

Director of Rep – Mike Borrelli

Discussion around U18B player who was unable to tryout. Recommendation was to have him sign up for House League and then he can be called up to the U18B team.

Discussion around coaches using referee rooms instead of the change rooms. A message needs to go out to all coaches. Cara will help Mike draft it and send it out.

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

Mytes – Michelle has 16 on ice helpers – there will be a parents meeting the week before start – Jenna has completed the trainer course to be there for the teams
Sep 27 will be skate with the coaches with teams divided up.

Director of Officials – Terry Smith

Direct Deposit has been discussed
Officials will need ice for on ice training in first week of January – Terry will work with Glen

Director of Equipment – Brent Poulsen – absent

Equipment Swap is happening Sep 17 & 18
My first jersey day – Jerseys have not been ordered – Jenna will investigate if we can still order jerseys for Mytes

Director of Education & Development – Sean Ostrom

Refunds for coaching qualifications – Sean will send a message out to the coaches
U9 Powerskating – 2 sessions for 10 weeks on Sundays – will start October 19 at 1145 and 1245.

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

We will be combining U13 & U15 into one division. This will help with some of the concerns and questions from parents.

Director at Large – Rob Byers

U9MD parent reached out to him directly.

Director of Risk Management – Jody Duck

Will work with teams to ensure that iPads are set up correctly and one is dedicated to the Georgian Bay teams.

Director of Social Media – Carole Coad

Able to get back Instagram page, working with updating Facebook account.
Begin reaching out to High Schools to see if there are students who want to help with postings
Interest in maybe having them video tape games as well.

Director of Sponsorship – Brad Carnahan

Almost all sponsors are in place

9. Inquiries -none**10. Announcements – none****11. Adjournment**

10:04 pm – Approved by Terry Smith and Seconded by Jenn Shelswell

Fior Tucci - Chair