



Monthly Executive Meeting

- Mon Mar 24th, 2025 7PM WMC
- Chair: Brad Shantz
- Secretary: Nicole Balog

Attendance

Officers					
Quorum: President or VP + 3 Officers + 50% Directors					
Brad Shantz	Y	Nadia Elmasry Weiss	N	Gavin White	N
Cindy Holland	Y	Sal Abate	Y	Josh Gruhl	N
Zack Barriage	N	Nicole Balog	Y		
Directors					
Mark Trimble	N	Jenna Abate	Y	Lisa Backman	Y
Sheryl Martin	Y	Katrina Berger	N	Creg Metcalfe	Y
Nick Horrigan	Y	Lisa Thaler	Y	Amy Ray	Y
Staff					
Michelle Blake	Y	Kyle Cadeau	Y		
Guest(s)					
Charlie Pavanel					

1. Agenda

- [Call to order](#)
- [Guest\(s\) have the floor](#)
- [Previous Minutes](#)
- [Reports](#)
- [Old Business](#)
- [New Business](#)
- [Adjourned](#)

2. Appendices

- A. [Financial Statements](#)

3. Call to Order

Start time – 7PM

4. Guest(s) have the floor

Provides an opportunity for invited guests or external individuals to address the executive committee, share updates, or present relevant information.

- Charlie Pavanel from Elmira Ref association attended as a guest
- Time keeper issues for the games run at Columbia ice fields (older time keepers for driving)
- Buzzer that no one knew had to turn off. Used a time watch.
- Next year when games need to be run over university championship, when scheduling games at Columbia Ice Fields, younger age groups first followed by older age groups to make it easier to schedule refs.
- Refs and time keepers are scheduled for the U9 Final Tournament.
- 2 complaints from coaches to the refs - coaches made inappropriate comments or actions. If official reminds player of ineligible equipment, ref can give penalty. Coach was upset. Bench minor was handed out.
- Ref fees were not competitive with other centres; therefore, it was brought up to take into consideration in the 2025/26 budget.
- Time keepers are falling behind as well. Will look into that for 2025/26 budget
- Flexible with an experienced timekeeper wanting to do on own, U14 to U18 executive wants 2 as it can get really hectic in the box
- Lisa looking to lock down Refs for 4 on 4 and to give Charlie the schedule.

5. Staff Updates

Allows the office staff, bookkeeper, and scheduler to provide updates on their respective areas, discuss any ongoing projects, share important information, and address any concerns or questions from the executive committee.

5.1 Office/Registration – Michelle Blake

Prep skates are to be conducted in the current season on the HCR. Prep skates are for current Woolwich Members only and are not to be opened to other players. Even if a Woolwich resident wants to attend the prep skate but is not currently playing Hockey with Woolwich this current season, they are not to attend the Prep Skates.

Registration for the 2025 - 2026 season begins next Month. Registration will be done a little differently this year with the open borders. Tryout registrations will open on April 2nd for all OMHA Associations. Registration for the 2025 - 2026 LL season is suggested to be opened once all tryouts are completed. This year there will be no release forms or transfers for players.

This year once a player is asked to be on a Rep Team (A, BB, MD) The coach will provide them with a registration link for them to go and register for the season or will register them on site after the last tryout. OMHA recommended having iPads present at the last tryout to be able to register the players on site. This registration is then the players Offer of Commitment to the team. Player transfers will only occur if a player is accidentally registered for an Association, they do not end up playing for.

I will set up all registrations once I have all the correct pricing.

Try out fees are going remain at \$110 for 2025 tryouts

Registration is on hold until tryouts are over. Tryout pass will open April 2

Registration fees for home centre will be open mid May until October

Birth Chart needs to be updated on website.

5.2 Schedule – Kyle Cadeau

1. Ice schedules were extremely tight during the third week of March. Thank you to all teams who travelled to Columbia Ice Field for ice times and play-in games. Congratulations to the teams advancing to the OMHA Finals!
2. A few Rep teams remain in the Tri-County Semi-Finals, with finals scheduled for completion by April 6. I have requested additional ice from the Township for the first week of April to accommodate any teams advancing. Several LL teams are also competing in the GRLL Finals, with those games wrapping up by the end of March.
3. Schedules have been fully released through March 26. Additional ice times will be added for remaining teams beyond that date.

5.3 Bookkeeper – Kyle Cadeau

Feb 2025 Data.

- 2024-2025 registration \$301,861.41
- 2023-2024 sponsorship \$9,835.91
- Current AR is \$425

I have attached the Profit and Loss (P&L) statement for review

Also included is a proposed budget for the board and executive's consideration.

6. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous executive meeting are reviewed, discussed, and any necessary amendments or corrections are addressed by the executive committee. A motion is then presented and seconded to officially approve the minutes of the previous executive meeting.

Motion to approve the reports

1St Cindy Holland

2Nd Lisa Backman

7. Reports

Reports serve to keep the committee informed about the ongoing projects, initiatives, and any pertinent information related to their roles within the association.

7.1 President – Brad Shantz

Playoffs are wrapping up shortly with some teams still in the hunt for the #redhats I wish every team great success who are continuing onto there final playoff games, and hopefully some teams to the OMHA championships

Would like to thank all players and staff, volunteers who are wrapping up the season, 2024-2025 was a busy successful season and could not be done with out all of our volunteers.

Good Luck to all! Go Wildcats!

7.2 Vice-President - Representative Committee – Gavin White

- Congratulations to the 8 teams who have moved onto the semi-finals of their league playoffs and OMHA Championship
- WMHA Volunteer Appreciation Banquet is booked for April 30th at Rural Roots. Invitations will be sent out shortly
- The spring tryout schedule will be sent out soon. We can anticipate tryouts starting during the first week of May
- Good luck to all remaining teams, and congratulations to everyone for a great 2024/25 season.

7.3 Vice-President - Local League Teams – Cindy Holland

Congratulations to our Finalists!

A big shoutout to the following teams for making it to the finals:

U11-1, U11-2, U13-1, U18-1, and U18-2 — well done!

We're wishing you all the best of luck, and we look forward to being there at the final games in Woolwich to cheer you on and hand out some well-deserved trophies.

A special hats-off to our graduating U18 players. Thank you for giving your heart to Woolwich over the years. We're proud of everything you've accomplished and hope your love for hockey continues, whether it's through pickup games or wherever the game takes you next.

With that, we wrap up the 2024/2025 season. Coaches, we'll be in touch early this summer as we start planning for another great year ahead.

Enjoy the off-season, and thank you all for being part of our community!

7.4 Vice-President - Coaching – Sal Abate

- Nothing to report

7.5 Vice-President - Player Development – Josh Gruhl

- Nothing to report

7.6 Vice-President – U9 & Below – Zack Barriage

U9MD year end tournament is coming up in less than two weeks. Since we decided as an executive to take this on it will require a bit of your time to make sure it runs smoothly. The main things we need to take care of still / are looking for help and volunteers for are as follows:

- medals for U7MD, U8MD, and entire league U9MD teams are at reception storage at arena
- tourney coming up March 28-30, need this be taken care of and ensure it runs smoothly - Cindy dealing with iPad setup
- refs are working on assignments, not sure about timekeepers??
- need rules (TCMHL was supposed to send these but hasn't yet) and tiebreaker, etc. (I suggest using GF%, then GF, then GA, then PIMs, then coin flip)
- top two from each pool go to semi (crossover), winners go to final
- every team gets medals, TCMHL had no plans for winner
- might try to get hats for winning team, but might be too short notice or not in budget - Catherine Stiles said she would man the table all day Friday ("tournament office" will just be tables in lobby near front)
- doing Gatorade upon arrival instead of pizza on Saturday (Mike Stiles is taking care of this I think)
- Mike and Catherine are getting other parent volunteers for the tables, but would be nice if we can at least cover when their team plays. Parents would need some help and instruction on how to set up each game...
- need a tournament main contact for teams and someone to ensure this actually happens.

Let me know please if you are available, but most importantly I am looking for someone to sort of take charge of this tournament from this point forward. I will be out of the country from this weekend through the tournament weekend so I won't be much help and would like to get things shifted to whoever will be "in charge".

7.7 Coach Selection Committee – Sal Abate

- Nothing to report

7.8 Coach Selection Committee - LL/Select Committee - Lisa Backman

- Nothing to report

7.9 Budget Committee – Gavin White

- Nothing to report

7.10 Constitution Committee – Gavin White

- Nothing to report

7.11 Fundraising Committee – Lisa Thaler

- Nothing to report

7.12 Sponsorship Committee – Creg Metcalfe

- Nothing to report

7.13 Tournament Committee – Jenna Abate & Cindy Holland

- Nothing to report

7.14 4on4 Committee – Lisa Backman & Gavin White

Our final numbers are in: we have 28 goalies and 256 players. By extending the registration period, we were able to accommodate more participants this year. Perhaps we should consider keeping registration open for the entire month of February in the future to prevent people from missing the deadline.

We're down 2 goalies and 22 players compared to last year. On a positive note, we have quite a few student coaches involved this season, which is great to see.

I'm looking forward to a fun Spring 4 on 4!

7.15 Equipment Committee – Mark Trimble

- Nothing to report

7.16 Player Safety Committee – Nick Horrigan

- Nothing to report

7.17 Communication Committee – Katrina Berger

- Nothing to report

7.18 Spirit Wear Committee – Mark Trimble

- Nothing to report

7.19 HR/Administrative Committee –

- Nothing to report

7.20 Inclusion and Diversity Committee – Nadia Elmasry Weiss & Lisa Backman

- Nothing to report

7.21 Photography Committee – Lisa Thaler

- Nothing to report

7.22 Website – Katrina Berger

- Nothing to report

7.23 WMC Concession Stand – Nadia Elmasry Weiss & Sheryl Martin

- Nothing to report

7.24 Treasurer – Nicole Balog

- Nothing to report

7.25 First Shift – Nadia Elmasry Weiss

- Nothing to report

8. New Business

Discussing and addressing any new topics, proposals, or issues that have arisen since the previous executive meeting.

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Concession;

- Success in the concession stand
- 4 girls not returning as they are going to university
- Disconnect with our concession, township and Sugar King stand. Sheryl wants to meet with the township and the Kings to see what the expectations for our concession stand is as we prepare for the 2025/26 season. Everyone working together will be best for both associations.
- Concession has plans to run 2025/26

Tryouts for U7MD, U8MD, U9MD & U18A and U18BB

U7, U8 and U9 MD teams will be fall
U18A and U18BB will run in the fall

Open Borders for Import/NRP players

Survey was a poor representation of what the members would like as less than 50% of the members took the survey and it was split between plans to leave and wants to ensure we keep home town

hockey. There was a discussion, and a vote, where more executive members were in favour of;

- 5 NRP players at A level
- 3 NRP players at BB level

Development;

U14 checking clinic date for 2 ice times & registration on the website

Prep skates' prior tryouts for U9, U10, U12, U13, U14. Possible U15 – U16. Depending on the numbers

Josh also wishes to get ice set aside for a 6-week trial for local League development. He would like to have 2 hours back-to-back in the middle of the week to run a younger and an older program. The girls have done this in past have been very successful.

6 development sessions option for coaches use at 7AM or during your practice times. Looking to change development options. Power skating for U7, U8 and U9 MD as possibilities for the 2025/26 season.

Executive 2025/26

Treasurer/Secretary vacant

10. Adjourned

Time Adjourned: 8:34PM

11. Appendices

11.1. Appendix A - Financial Statements

