

Mon August 25, 2025 - Meeting Room at 7:00PM

Chair: Brad Shantz Secretary: Amy Ray/Cindy Holland



August 2025 - WMHA Executive Meeting

Officer Attendance

Name	Name	Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Shantz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nadia Elmasry Weiss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Holland
<input type="checkbox"/> Gavin White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sal Abate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Gruhl
<input type="checkbox"/> Zack Barriage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Ray	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Horrigan

Director Attendance

Name	Name	Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenna Abate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Backman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheryl Martin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katrina Berger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creg Metcalfe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Thaler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Shantz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Shantz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Lovneck

Staff Attendance

Name	Name	Name
<input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Blake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kyle Cadeau	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guest Attendance

Name	Name	Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Guest(s) have the floor
3. Staff Updates
4. Previous Minutes
5. Reports
6. New Business
7. Adjourned

2. Appendices

- A. [Monthly Executive Meeting - May 2025](#)
- B. [Monthly Executive Meeting - June 2025](#)
- C. [Budget vs. Actuals: Profit/Loss - April 2025 to July 2025](#)

3. Call to Order

Start Time

6:58pm

4. Guest(s) have the floor

Guest

Update

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

- Registrations are still coming in strong!
- Right now we are at 332 Local League registrations
149 Rep registrations
- We still have 6 teams doing tryouts in September.
- I have one Roster Approved and a few others submitted.
All travel permits that I have received have been submitted to the OMHA for approval. I have not yet received any back,
- I have had a few emails from teams wondering how they pay for the non OMHA tournament fee. I asked Kyle if there was a process for this. He was unsure. I am keeping track of the teams that owe money. Wondering if we want to have a process in place for this?
- I was also thinking that Cheryl had a great idea with having a Vision statement for Woolwich Minor Hockey . We could put this on our website as well.

5.2 Schedule – Kyle Cadeau

- 1. All Tryouts have been released for MD and U18 Age Groups
- 2. September starts-up schedule has been released. Minor changes still may happen.
- 3. Tri county will be running auto scheduler for games that I release vs “TBA” over the next few weeks, please note that the schedule is always subject to change so please check the website often.
- 4. Once Games are released in September the schedule will be populated from October to March.

5.3 Bookkeeper – Kyle Cadeau

- July 2025 Data.
- · 2025-2026 registration \$217,940.53
- · 2025-2026 sponsorship \$2,704.66
- · Current AR is \$296, this was a sponsorship from the USport tournament to WMHA and has been paid in the month of August.
- Attached is the P&L to date.

5.3 Scheduling Questions

- U12AA schedule will be released this Friday, with the A the next friday and the BB the following friday
- Lisa asked if morning ice was being used - development potentially are we using ice mornings for practicing. They are piloting a 4:15 start for some practices.
- Did the AA have more ice, that will be on the team to get more ice.
- The LL one practice one week, 1.5 practices per week for rep teams.

- Each LL should get a full ice practice per month except for the really busy months.
- October will be the consistent schedule.
- Kyle will have no control over away games, we just can't do three games in a row.

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 - May Minutes

1st - Josh 2nd - Lisa

The majority of votes, few folks didn't vote but quorum met.

Motion to Approve - June Minutes

1st - Josh 2nd - Jenna

The majority of votes, few folks didn't vote but quorum met.

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

Hoping everyone has had a great summer and much needed break, looking forward to seeing all the teams coming together for the 2025-2026 season.

As we prepare for 2025-2026 season and work through the U9 and below, LL, U18, U21 programs this coming September.

7.2 Vice-President - Representative Committee – Gavin White

- Everything is gearing up for the season with a lot of anticipation and excitement from our members.
- A special welcome to our new executive members. Thank you for joining our team and helping our association
- The next Tri County Meeting will take place on September 4th – Kyle and I should have an update after this.

- Spring teams will hit the ice at the beginning of September, with the first tournaments taking place at the end of September. The regular season should begin on or around October 10th, 2025
- Fall teams will have tryouts starting in the second week of September, with U18 BB following.
- We plan to hold a preseason coaching meeting to prepare the new coaches for their season and update everyone on any new rules or information for the September Tri-County meeting.
- Over the summer, we did submit a bid to host the 2025/26 U18A OHF Championship in April but have not heard back from the OHF as of yet
- We have been working with coach Brad Hackert and his staff to host a 10-year anniversary party for the Elmira Jr. Kings program on October 3rd. We have booked the Lions Hall and a band for a stag and doe-style fundraiser, which will take place after their home opening game on that Friday night. A special thanks to the Snyder Family and the Dan Snyder Foundation for providing a special sponsorship, which will help make this 10th season special for the players and the association. We plan on having a ceremonial puck drop at this game, which will involve players and members from the initial Jr. Kings team in 2015. Tickets will be sold prior to the event.

7.3 Vice-President - Local League Teams – Cindy Holland

- We're almost ready to kick off the 2025/2026 season! I'm excited to share that 90% of our coaches from last year have committed to returning, which is great news for our teams and players. With this year's registration numbers, here's how our team structure is shaping up:
 - U11 - 2 teams (looking for another coach - 1 confirmed)
 - U13 - 3 teams (3 coaches confirmed)
 - U15 - 2 teams (looking for another coach - 1 confirmed)
 - U18 - 3 teams (3 coaches confirmed)
- GRLL Kickoff meeting is September 9, 2025 and I'll provide an update on those next month.

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 / Richard Shantz

- Nothing to report

7.7 Coach Selection Committee – Sal Abate

- As we begin the 2025–2026 season, I am excited for the great coaching staffs we have assembled. I want to thank all of our coaches and staff for their dedication, preparation, and commitment. Your hard work will create a successful and rewarding season.

7.8 Budget Committee – Gavin White

- Nothing to report

7.9 Constitution Committee – Gavin White

- Nothing to report

7.10 Fundraising Committee – Lisa Thaler

- Nothing to report

7.11 Sponsorship Committee – Creg Metcalfe

- Nothing to report

7.12 Tournament Committee – OPEN

- Nothing to report

7.13 4on4 Committee – Jeremy Lovenek &

- Nothing to report

7.14 Equipment Committee – Patrick Shantz/ Brad Shantz

- New set of Jerseys have been ordered for U13 (White & Blue)
- All Socks have been ordered
- Will need to go through some of the equipment (FA Kits, Pucks, Goalie equipment)

7.15 Player Safety Committee – Nick Horrigan

- Nothing to report

7.16 Communication Committee – Katrina Berger

- Nothing to report

7.17 Spirit Wear Committee – Creg Metcalfe

- Both zone and pk up our fees from \$750 now it's \$1000 and given a cheque
- SportsHeadz guy - More information from them to come, they set their costs and then we add it, it's a 3rd party.

7.18 HR/Administrative Committee - Cindy Holland

- Nothing to report

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

- Nothing to report

7.20 Photography Committee – Lisa Thaler

- I've been in contact with Calla studios regarding team photos but decided to hold off on any definitive dates. I want to make sure all teams are made and have managers this year so as to not have any issues like last year.

7.21 Website – Katrina Berger

- Nothing to report

7.22 WMC Concession Stand – Nadia Elmasry Weiss & Sheryl Martin

- Nothing to report

7.23 Treasurer – Nick Horrigan

- Nothing to report

7.24 First Shift – Nadia Elmasry Weiss

- We will be hosting again in 2026.

7.25 U7, U8 & U9 Local League - Lisa Backman

- Nothing to report

7.26 IP Program - Jenna Abate

8. New Business

8.1 - Item 1: Woolwich souvenirs / Spirit Wear (Lisa/Creg)

local vendor from Baden and asked about selling Woolwich Wildcats souvenirs.

- It was noted that if he's willing to pay the fee, then we could promote it, but we won't move forward with promotion until that's confirmed.

It was also discussed that for Spirit Wear, jacket brand names don't matter as long as the Woolwich logo is on them.

8.2 - Item 2: Gamesheets (Gavin)

Gamesheets wants a convenor between Gamesheets and teams, this will be covered by Richard for Rep teams & Cindy Holland for LL.

8.3 - Item 5: Tournaments (Cindy)

It was agreed that a job posting would be created and added to the website in hopes of hiring a Tournament Director. Cindy will take the lead on drafting and presenting the posting to the executive, and then Cindy and Jenna will handle the interviews.

8.4 - Item 6: New Members (Kat)

We're pleased to welcome Jeremy as a director with WMHA. He's agreed to take on 4-on-4 and will be working with past 4-on-4 directors to help ensure a smooth handoff.

8.5 - Item 7: Photography (Lisa)

- We aren't setting dates yet if we move forward with Calla.
- Would Brea Smith consider doing the boys as well? Cindy Holland will put her in touch with Lisa.

8.6 - Custom Jersey (Brad)

The idea of allowing teams to order their own custom jerseys was brought forward. After discussion, it was agreed that we will not have time to pursue this for the current season.

8.7 - Development (Josh)

- Tony confirmed the code hasn't changed for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings; this applies to both LL and Rep.
- For U9 and below, teams will have the option to use either a regular practice slot or an early morning slot. Any development programs for U9 and below will be built into regular ice times.
- Each team must have one coach present for every shooter. Gavin will add this to the Managers/Coaches meeting notes, with the reminder that if a team doesn't meet this requirement, the player will be sent home.

8.7 - Equipment (Brad)

New jerseys have been ordered for U13 (white and blue). A suggestion was made to repurpose the old jerseys for the U13 Select team.

Meeting Adjourned

8:07pm
