



Stettler Minor Hockey Association

General Board Meeting

May 21, 2026 | 6:00pm | SRC Meeting Room

Reid Smith
Nicole Doan

Chelsey Rowledge
Ruby MacDonell

Joel Shepherd
Halle Vanderlee

Kelsie Miller
Matt Fryer

1. Call Meeting to Order: 6:04pm

2. Approval of Agenda (Additions / Deletions): No Additions

Nicole Doan motioned to approve the May 21, 2026, SMHA meeting agenda. Matt Fryer seconded. All in favor.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Brief review of the last month's meeting minute & action items.

Matt Fryer motioned to approve the April 16, 2026, SMHA meeting minutes. Joel Shepherd seconded. All in favor.

4. Executive Reports

4.1 President – Wrapping up this hockey season and starting to get things organized for the upcoming season. Will be attending the Hockey Alberta AGM, would like to see the VP Development attend this meeting as well, lots of good information.

4.2 Treasurer – Discussed the upcoming increase to ice fees, as well as the current registration fees & the proposed increases for the upcoming season. It was discussed that it may be more beneficial to increase yearly at a smaller percentage, as opposed to a larger percentage every couple of years.

There will also be an increase to the evaluation fee due to the cost of having outside evaluators. SMHA fees are still quite a bit lower than associations in the surrounding area.

Discussed a few ways to spend some of our extra money, specifically using it enhance player development (ie: power skating).

Discussed the year-end financials, excluding the casino account, be reviewed by two non-board members instead of through the Chartered Accountants.



Casino Acct: \$ 39,848.01
General Acct: \$ 69 897.69
Business Acct: \$ 32 375.12
Investment #1 \$ 51 000.00
Investment #2 \$ 103 000.00

Ruby MacDonell motions to adopt the treasurer's report as read. All in favor.

Melissa Bergstrom motioned to increase the 2026/2027 SMHA by 2.5% in all divisions and increase the Evaluation fee (U11-U18 Male divisions) to \$125.00. Ruby MacDonell seconded. All in favor.

Melissa Bergstrom motioned that SMHA's financial year-end run June 01 – May 31. Matt Fryer seconded. All in favor.

4.3 VP Operations – No Report

4.4 VP Development – No Report

4.5 VP Marketing & Communication – No Report

5. Division Reports

5.1 U7 – No Report

5.2 U9 – No Report

5.3 U11 – No Report

5.4 U13 – No Report

5.5 U15 – No Report

5.6 U18 – No Report

5.7 Female – No Report

6. Director Reports

6.1 Registrar – See below in Old Business.

6.2 Equipment Director – No Report

6.3 Ref Allocator – No Report

6.5 Ice Allocator – No Report

6.5 Tournament Liaison – No Report

6.6 Fundraising Director – Vacant Position



7. Old Business

7.1 AGM: June 11, 2026 @ 7:00pm (6:00 for Executive Board) at the Stettler Recreation Center.

President, VP Development, and Secretary are executive positions up for election this year. Just a reminder that any current board member that would like to let their name stand, will still need to put in an application. Chelsey has done a great job of updating the job requirements of the positions up for election.

Action Item: Chelsey will send out an invite to all SMHA for our upcoming AGM, June 11, 2026 @ 7:00pm at the Stettler Recreation Center.

7.2 2026/2027 Registration: Would like to get the updated policies finalized and updated on the website so we can go ahead and open registration beginning of June.

Would like SMHA to honor its own players by only opening registration to them (whose home association is Stettler) for the first 2 weeks before opening it up for imports players. This should allow Stettler players ample time to get registered before spots fill up. However, due to projected numbers, SMHA will be capping the number of registrations allowed for each division. Anyone who registers after the cap will be placed on the waitlist, not guaranteeing they will get a spot. This will also be indicated on the registration form with a box to check off, indicating the player and/or parents are aware of the situation.

Also due to projected numbers, SMHA will not be accepting any O/A players for the U18 division.

7.3 Updated Policies:

7.3A Exceptional Player Policy: Reviewed the updated Exceptional Player Policy and agreed that changing it to *Accelerated Player Policy* would be more appropriate for the purpose. Also discussed proposed changes for the U9 players. Policy can be reviewed on the SMHA website.

Ruby MacDonell motioned to adopt the name change, and the proposed changes to the Accelerated Player Policy, as presented. Joel Shepherd seconded. All in favor.



7.3B Evaluation Policy: Reviewed the Evaluation Policy and adjusted wording to clarify what happens if siblings want to be placed on the same team, as well how injured players will be dealt with. A couple of important changes to note, third party evaluators will be choosing the entirety of teams, there will not be any coach input as coaches will not be chosen until the teams are fully selected. Policy can be reviewed on the SMHA website.

Ruby MacDonell motioned to adopt the revisions made to the Evaluation Policy, as presented. Joel Shepherd seconded. 7 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carried.

7.3C Injured Player Policy: Reviewed and discussed the Injured Player Policy and have updated that there will now be an Evaluation Committee that will deal with Injured players and how they move forward. Policy can be reviewed on the SMHA website.

Matt Fryer motioned to approve the revisions made to the Injured Player Policy, as presented. Joel Shepherd seconded. All in favor.

7.3D Bylaw & Policies Committee: SMHA bylaws could better reflect how the association currently operates. There are areas where the bylaws are quite prescriptive and limit flexibility for future boards – as well as areas that could be better defined to help the board function with clarity. There is also ongoing need to develop and review existing policies and procedures. The goal would be to approve Bylaws on or before 2027 AGM and create a plan for other policies and procedures as needed.

Chelsey Rowledge motioned to establish a Governance Review Committee to review the Association's governance structure, bylaws, policies and procedures, and bring recommendations to the Board. Ruby MacDonell seconded. All in favor.

7.4 Year End Division Report Review: Have received a few, still waiting on a number of reports to be submitted.

Action Item: Kelsie Miller will email board members a reminder to submit year-end reports prior to the 2026 SMHA AGM.



8. New Business

8.1 Review & Vote Registration Increase: Review above in Treasurer Report.

8.2 Board Structure: Tabled for a later date, ran out of time.

8.3 Year End Review Highlights: Tabled for a later date, ran out of time.

8.4 Evaluation Process: Tabled for a later date, ran out of time.

9. Next Meeting: AGM June 11, 2026 @ 7:00pm (6:00 for Executive Board)

10. Meeting Adjourned: 8:45pm