



### Viking Minor Hockey Minutes August 24, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm in the Louis Sutter Memorial Board Room

Attendees: Jeff Bird, Taeler Hafso, Tyler Amundson, Jen Amundson, Lindsay Sullivan, Nicole Gaboury, Ryan Doucette, Rosanne Morken, Colton Dockstader, Randy Arndt, and Kelsey Place

Jeff Bird presented the agenda for the meeting. Taeler Hafso approved the agenda. Kelsey seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Jen Amundson presented the minutes from the last meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. Nicole Gaboury approved the minutes. Kelsey Place seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Report from U7 Director: Some interest has been show for team director, manager and head coach for the upcoming 2025-2026 hockey season

Report from U9 Minor Director: Suggestions brought forward regarding fundraising. Will discuss further at the next meeting.

Report from U9 Major Director: Nothing to report

Report from U13 Director: Nothing to report

Financial Report: RAMP invoice has been paid. Nothing new to report since previous meeting so no report given.

Ice Scheduler Update: Ryan presented an ice slot proposal for the 2025-2026 hockey season. Will get a final ice schedule within the next few weeks. Tentative ice slots as follows: Monday: U7 5:30-6:30pm, U9 6:30-7:30pm and U11 7:45-8:45pm. Tuesday: U13 4:45-5:45pm Wednesday: U7 3:45-4:45pm, U9 4:45-5:45pm and U11 6:00-7:00pm Thursday: U13 6:30-7:30pm

Skills and Player Development: Former U15 Wings player reached out looking to help goalie coach. Denton to continue with skills on Tuesdays. Ashley to continue with power skating sessions Mondays with the 3 younger teams.

Registrar Update: Will trial a new way to obtain player HCR numbers this year. Hoping to have teams submitted soon. Will ask directors to contact coaches to update their credentials when needed to follow the proper chain of command.

Ref Update: Viking Ref clinic will take place on Sept. 13, 2025. Mandatory for all second year U13s to take the course if it hasn't already been completed once. Course needs to be

taken in order to gain knowledge of the game. No minimum games will be required to be reffed. Discussion about the possibility of reffing 26er hockey games to gain experience and confidence. Refs would need to wear full hockey gear.

Tyler will contact Tate Sutter and inquire about him taking over as Viking's Ref Coordinator as a paid position.

Equipment Update: Would like to start storing old jerseys in bins to protect against elements and mice. Discussion on possibly ordering a single set of U9 jerseys. Will give U9 families the opportunity to be a U9 jersey sponsor.

May start a sign out sheet for the U9 goalie equipment ensuring it is available when needed. Colin Gillard may have a set of goalie equipment to donate.

Advertising/Sponsorship: Not in attendance. Rosanne stated that the decals have not been made for The Lions and The Elks as their logos cannot be accepted by decal company. Will contact both associations for a different image format.

Casino & 50/50: Casino was a success. Should receive our funds in October 2025.

New Business:

Team Structures –

- U7: 15 players registered. One coach application has been submitted.
- U9: 15 players registered and expecting 1 more. Two players are applying to play underage U11. Will have to complete the underage application.
- U11: 15 players registered and expecting 1 more. 1 Player applying to play underage U13. Will have to complete the underage application. Irma has approached VMH to possibly combine and make 2 tiered U11 teams. Possibly 8 or 9 players from Irma to join. Will need to discuss further and have a possible vote in the coming weeks.
- U13: 10 players have registered and expecting 2 more. Will move 3 U15 players and 4 second year U15 players to U13 team. Overage parents will be notified and given the opportunity to be released or send in overage application and wait to hear who will be accepted as overage.

New Directors/Team Chats - New team chats will be created in WhatsApp. Taeler Hafso will create U7, Lindsay Sullivan will create U9 and Jenn Amundson will create U11 and U13. New Director and manager positions will be offered in all the chats.

Coach Applications – A few applications have been received. Deadline to submit coaching applications is September 1, 2025. Head coach will be picked from applicants by the board and assistant coaches are picked by the board with the head coach.

Underage Policy Final Review and Implementation – Board members reviewed the newest draft of the Player Acceleration Policy. Discussed changes that need to be made to the document. Jen Amundson to make changes and directors will send the new policy to all team chats along with “Parental Request for Underage Player Movement” form and “Coach’s Recommendation for Underage Player Movement” form. Player evaluations will consist of 3, on ice sessions. For example, 2 practices and 1 game. Families will be notified by Oct. 1, 2025, the outcome of the player evaluation. Then teams will be submitted as the team registration deadline is October 3, 2025.

Blackout Weekends – Tyler requested that VMH has 2 possible blackout weekends for all teams. With limited ice time availability, the board will rediscuss before the beginning of season if this is something that will take place. All managers must be on board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Next Meeting: September 24, 2025 @ 5:30