

	Winkler Minor Hockey Executive Meeting Minutes
	Date: August 18, 2025
	Present: Ryan Friesen (chair), Marty Siemens, Jordana Fehr (Secretary), Trevor Wiebe, Frank Loewen, Derek Friesen, Linda Fast, Kellin Friesen, Karissa Falk, Brandon Friesen, Janelle Thiessen, Craig Friesen, Courtne Kehl
SUBJECT:	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at...8pm
2. Approval of Agenda	Agenda was accepted as presented
3. Approval of Minutes	Adoption of Minutes from...Derek motioned, Linda Seconds. Accepted
4. Reports	
4.1 President	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Created draft message to new families. Need to get approved- Approved - Will find out about tiering in U9 at the PV meeting in the coming weeks. - Want to send out policies to all registered players advising them of process and deadlines for age advancement and goalies wanting to play as a skater when not playing. - It feels like our group is well organized and prepared for the season to start. Thank you to everyone for putting in the work to make sure the season starts as strong as possible - Discussed plans for the booth books - Discussed goalies for upcoming season - Would we want the U15 AA back in Winkler for the 2026-27 season?
4.2 Vice President/Coach	
4.3 RIC	<p>Few changes from Hockey Manitoba to highlight Level 1 and 2s are separate this year. Level 2s are entirely online. 2 clinics may be too many for Winkler with only level 1s attending but we can adjust next year if necessary. (This change was made to help level 2s focus on learning the 3 official system vs the heavy emphasis the level 1s have on the two official system) U18 officials will receive Green arm bands this year. They are required to wear these in every game they work to help prevent abuse of minor officials. Level 1s will receive their bands at their clinic. Level 2s will have to be coordinated by myself and Jayden. I will touch base with him on that in the near future Much heavier emphasis on mentorship for officials. Hockey Manitoba will provide better clarity on what this looks like following the Official Development Committee meeting later this month (I am apart of this committee, I don't anticipate much changing for WMH, I figure it'll be more for PVMHA and Jayden on what that looks like) Clinic registration is open I believe, all officials levels 1-3 are required to do an online hockey canada module prior to signing up</p>
4.4 Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed updates on the season so far • Discussed our Insurance policy - President will take care of this
4.5 Registrar	<p>Registration number to date: U7 - 41 U9 - 35 U11 - 41 U13 - 35 U15 - 29 Female only: U9 - 5 U11 - 8 U13 - 9 U15 - 2 U18 - 3</p>

4.6 Ice Scheduler	<p>-September schedule is set - 3 on 3, player development, goalie sessions, conditioning & evaluation skates and hitting clinic. Practices starting Sept 24.</p> <p>-Have reached out to other rinks to see if they have availability that we could use for weekday practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Roland - willing to work with us for Dec/Jan/Feb -Miami - willing to work with us once their teams/AA/AAA teams are scheduled in. I will reach back out early Sept -Carman - doesn't have any consistent weekday ice on either of theirs. Can check in again -Morden - -Plum Coulee/Gretna - Will be working to give us an update on ice for this season by August 18 -Altona - willing to work with us, once they can confirm their prioritized user groups first <p>-Working on weekday practice schedule, will be similar to last year as we don't have any extra ice time to use as of right now. Hoping to figure out # of teams so I can send it for feedback/approval.</p> <p>-Evan Thomas Memorial Fund update</p>
4.7 Coach Committee/Player Development	<p>August</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3v3 Registration sent out July 29 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Book ice. Done b. Find coaches and volunteers c. Schedule refs d. Communicate and have help ready for new to hockey families i. Correct equipment ii. Rules and what time to show up 2. Player Development. Registration sent out July 29 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Book ice. Done b. Find instructor Eric Fehr and Justin Falk 3. Goalie development. Registration sent out July 29 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Book ice. Done b. Find instructor <p>September</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conditioning skates - Decided against this year <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Book ice. Done b. Make teams c. Have coaches and practice plans ready. 2. Evaluations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Find evaluators for U11, U13 and possibly U9 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Need a goalie evaluator, 2 would be best. Waiting to hear back from Matt T, Ask Ethan? b. Book ice. Done c. On ice help and head coach d. Games <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Coaches ii. Refs 3. Form teams 4. U9 draft with head coaches 5. U7 start up <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Find coaches b. Need volunteers for new to hockey families i. Correct equipment ii. Ramp app iii. Explain hockey "culture and expectations" 6. Player development options for season <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. PV elite skill development, goalies and coaches' development. By weekly basis, 2nd week of Oct-last week of Feb. 10 sessions over 20 weeks. - Approved 7. Goalie development options for season <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hitting clinic Thursday Sept. 6:45-9:45 - for U13major, U15 & U18 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. PV Elite will run this camp. i. Book ice <p>Feedback the additional fee of \$200 was too much to be evaluated for two roles during evaluations- noted</p>

4.8 Fundraising	<p>At this point in the year, we would typically be finished pursuing sponsors. However, we've experienced a net loss in sponsorship funding compared to previous years. Specifically, we have lost \$12,500 from existing sponsors and have only gained \$2,500 in new sponsorships, leaving us at a net loss of \$10,000. While there are still a few potential sponsors we're waiting to hear from, the outlook is not promising. Given this, we should move forward with adjusting our budget based on the funds raised so far.</p> <p>Additionally, in the coming weeks we will need to get the raffle tickets ordered. In order to proceed, I will need the raffle license number and a confirmed registration total.</p>
4.9 Booth Liaison & 50/50 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Kellin and I met on June 23rd to plan for the upcoming season. We have a few things that we are going to tweak, but the main one will be having the booth open more consistent (and reliable) hours that meet the needs of WMH and other MEC user groups. -Met with Jordan Driedger on July 10th to discuss the possibility of installing vending machines. City is willing to work with us, but we need to decide if we want to go this route and if it is benfitial for us. -Submitted raffle ticket report to LGCA and we are good to apply for raffles for the the upcoming season. We will need to confirm tournament dates and end of year raffle prizes in order to apply for applications. -Met with Marlin Froese from the Winkler Flyers on August 18th to plan for the upcoming season. -Meeting with Kevin Hildebrand from The Bunker on August 21st to plan for the upcoming year. -Connected with a CWENCH sales rep and we can set up an account and sell their products in the booth for the upcoming season if we'd like. -In order for Kellin and I to get access to the Booth bank account at ACU, we need approval from the exec and it written in the minutes.-Opted to just share numbers rather than grant access
4.10 Equipment	<p>I have been in contact with Kris, he has shown me what is all in the equipment storage and how he has done things in the past, I am working on setting up a date to meet with timeout sports (will update when they get back to me). I have started the process of getting everything returned from last year.</p>
4.11 Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pre-registered remaining two U9 teams in Steinbach tournament(Birchwood Cup) and U9F in Portage Cup. -All spots are secured and deposits sent -Home tournament dates confirmed -U9 is Dec. 27-28 -U7 is Jan. 11 -Ready to post registration for tournaments in the next week or two -Discussed ordering more medals
4.12 Social Media	<p>Still waiting to hear from Meta- Will update once resolved. In the meantime it's okay I can still edit FB through instagram.</p>
4.13 Female Rep	<p>Report discussed - double roster email to be sent out directly</p>
4.14 Timbits Coordinator	
5. New Business	<p>Discussed extended rural leagues Hockey Manitoba presented - PV will run our prorgams as usual</p>
6. Future Agenda Items	<p>Set liasons for for age divisions for next meeting</p>
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7. Next Meeting	<p>Sept 8 at 7pm</p>

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