



SUNSHINE COAST MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Executive Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2026 | 6:30 PM

Sechelt Arena, Sechelt, BC

Present: James Wood, Ashely Service, Nick Weber, Melissa Tripp, Kori Hudrick, Nicole Andreassen, Tiffany McNeney, Jenise Powers.

Regrets: Jon McTaggart (joined remote)

1. **Call to Order 6:39pm**
2. **Land Acknowledgement – Nick Weber**
3. **Approval of Agenda 1st-Jenise / 2nd-Ashley / Amended/Carried/Defeated**
4. **Approval of Previous Minutes (11/12/25) 1st-Melissa / 2nd -Jenise/ Amended/Carried/Defeated**
5. **Approval of Previous Minutes (12/10/25) 1st-Melissa / 2nd-Jenise / Amended/Carried/Defeated**
6. **Presentation: Trevor McFadyen** – concerns regarding late night games. Requests that board petitions PCAHA for game schedules that will get players on the ferry before last boat. Noting a lot of players are new drivers and driving late at night is unsafe, driving fatigued causes impairment. This schedule doesn't allow youth to get the 8-10 hours required for proper rest and recovery – for both physical and mental recovery.
 - a. James offered to manage this with Trevor's assistance.
7. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes | Action Items**
8. **Director's Reports:**
 - a. **President's Report**

Meeting with Tom Poulton, SCRCD
December 19
I brought up the poor condition of the skirting on the nets. It's getting stuck to the ice after ice cleans when the nets are propped up with just the pegs.
New Pegs for SCA have arrived but are different than pegs used by Tsunami team. Tom is looking into it.
The storage room is getting a bit disorderly. I spoke with Ashley and she rearranged a few things.
Kids are getting into training resources during our tournament. Staff will be more diligent.
Tournament went well otherwise.
Roof work at GACC still ongoing due to delays caused by weather.
Jan 16
Score clock issues at GACC. Seems to be fine now. They are looking into ordering a new one if problems persist.
GACC training aids under stairs. I took a picture of how it should look after I organized everything.
Maybe we can post a picture of our expectations of clean up.
Damage inside dressing room (puck marks on walls) shooting pucks from visiting Squamish team. I have just recently took photos myself and will be bringing it forward with our Vice President.

Dealt with a coach getting suspended for playing an ineligible player who was still suspended. They ended up missing one game as a result. It is our managers and head coaches duty to go over all score sheets and ask appropriate questions if they are unsure of the outcome.

On December 13th, I requested for our u18A Tier 3 Blues team to move to Flight 3. It was accepted and approved on December 24

On December 14th, I received an email from the West Van Minor Hockey RIC who put forward a lot of praise for our U18C2 who was playing their home team previously. Our Blues team was noticeably stronger and didn't rack up the score. They played harder against the more skilled players and took it easy on the others. When the west van players were frustrated and taking undisciplined penalties, our team did not retaliate. It was nice to hear someone take the time to spread some positivity when I usually only receive complaints.

Lions Gate Meeting January 12

U18 Scholarship tournament. Still need score/ time keepers and evaluators for bursary. One of our SCMHA coaches is coaching a team.

U7 started league play and is going well.

Game sheets are still an issue with too many errors.

Playoff groups

U18- 3 groups

U15- 2 groups

U13- 3 groups

U11- 3 groups

I also brought up the new ferry schedule and late travel for our families because of late evening games. I shared my concerns with kids arriving home the next day early in the morning. I was told that other teams are getting home late too (Squamish and Whistler)

I was approached by the SCAHL in regard to them hosting a tournament in March. They have now decided that there isn't enough time to get everything in order to host a successful tournament this season. They will be looking at hosting one the following year if the user groups are willing to give up some allocated ice

b. Vice-President's Report

This past stretch has been busy. A lot of my time has gone into supporting teams through issues as they come up, keeping things player-first, and making sure we're sticking to SCMHA expectations and processes.

Some teams have had a lot of tension and finger pointing. I've stepped in to help calm things down, try to reset the tone, and make sure concerns are heard — but also making it clear that respectful behaviour is non-negotiable.

Had to deal with a couple concerns around bench behaviour and interactions with refs. This is something we need to stay on top of — we can't be creating a bad reputation for the association.

In camera 7:20pm-7:48pm, Tiffany recused herself.

c. Ice Scheduler Report

Overall status: *Red*



Minutes by team:

Median minutes/team: 730 minutes in Nov, 488 in Dec. This is exclusive of games.

Summary: LOTS of conflict games in late december lead to some pretty (understandably) grumpy coaches about ice time. We actually maintained pretty equal ice time across all teams. Simply due to ferry schedules + ice schedule, Weds pm & Fri PM are most common weeknight games, impacting U15C/F & U13A the most.

Opportunities:

- The “Ice Exchange” app is working! I’m seeing a real uptick in teams claiming available ice, reducing dark ice 50% vs month before - this is also saving me time, so score.

SCRD Communications

Status: *Green*

Summary: in regular, weekly communications with SCR D about scheduling, ongoing plan for weekly mutual updates and ice-availability. Meeting fortnightly for status update with Tom

Opportunities:

- What’s happening with the First Shift ice after it’s done? SCR D wants for stick & Puck.
- Mel: have you replied to SCR D re: Spring ice?

Notes from Sep SCR D meets:

- SPRING hockey. Adult wants tournament March 13-15 (all ice taken) - seems ok, any SCMHA use that weekend?
- Sending bill to Squamish? Re: damage to dressing room (puck marks).

d. RIC Report

No report

e. Fundraising & Events Report

Tournaments

- U13C tournament and Timbits / U9, U9 Female tournament completed, both went great - lots of teams working together and lots of success on and off the ice! All PCAHA Paperwork and BC Hockey paperwork completed
- U13A up next, things are all done and schedule is now out. 1 last minute team switch
- Starting to plan for RIPTIDE!
- Square machines for host teams were used for the U7 / U9 Tournament and w

Camps & Development

- Dec 27 / 28 camp with Caymen had 35 registrations
- Hitting clinic, approx 12 participants
- Goalie sessions are ongoing, with very good attendance, 12 - 15 plus each session
- Held one session for the younger goalies specifically heading into the tournament
- Spring schedule is completed and we did get all the ice we need for RIPTIDE and will look at some other camps to fill in once Tsunami has their ice sorted and confirmed.

Tsunami

- Working on development sessions for Wednesday ice, once the first shift is done or do we give this back? Just checking in with Tsunami on their thoughts here

Blues Store

- Source for Sports Christmas store raised \$434.29
- Added new crew necks for the Blues store in new colours

Raffle

- Raffle ticket sales are underway with a draw on the 22nd. All tickets are to be back to me by the 17th

Advocacy:

September ice campaign

- Great news, SCRD has accepted the proposal for the additional 2 weeks at Sechelt Arena, which will really help our shoulder season.

Photos

- Still working through issues with AAA Photography company who now appears to have gone into bankruptcy, according to another branch of the same company - still working on resolving these issues but we will be looking for a new company for next season. This is a challenging and unforeseen situation

NEW Event - Coaches vs Coaches game

In keeping with my goal of something new and innovative every season this was a fun one!

- Great feedback and a fun association event that brought the coaches together. Thanks to Caymen for making what were extremely balanced teams.
- Large donation of food items and \$220 to the Sunshine Coast food bank - thank you to the U15A and U18A teams

Communications

- Forwarded communications about being respectful to USA-based teams
- Posted Newsletter on website and emailed in out

Community outreach - organized 2 baskets of blues gear for donation to a local adult hockey player who suffered a spinal cord injury for 2 events they have coming up in support.

f. Registrar's Report

Up to 317 total registrations across all divisions. All team rosters have been updated, coaching credentials verified, and all have been approved by BC Hockey.

APs and player movement has locked as of January 10th (APs were the 15th). Registration for new players is open till Feb 10.

Working with the treasurer on outstanding balances, with reminders going out that if there is a balance owing with no arrangements made, players will not be eligible for playoffs

Have a request for a refund that came in after our deadline due to a medical reason. Player injured Nov 6. Originally thought to be able to return in 6 weeks but now they will not be able to play the remainder of the season. I would like to approve refunding any payments after the Nov 1 payment, minus the cancellation fee.

Waiting to hear from BC Hockey and Hockey Canada on the Esso Girls online registration. Hoping they will be able to give Kori direct access to the registrations for her to be able to contact the families directly.

Starting to slowly work on projections for next season to get a jump on possible number of teams, jersey orders, etc.

g. Treasurer's Report

- QB reports were down prior to the meeting and financial report was unable to be prepared (issues since resolved and full financial update to be provided at February meeting)
- Will be working with Registrar to follow up on any unpaid invoices that are now overdue and would make players ineligible for playoffs - board agreed that notification should be given by the end of the weekend to allow members to settle their bills or come to a payment plan arrangement before playoffs.
- All but two sponsors have paid their sponsorship fees for the season and I have been following up with them via email reminders and working with Melissa to ensure the list is kept up to date and amounts owing are followed up on.
- There are two teams that still owe the association for their tournament fees (to outside associations) and reminders will continue to be sent to these teams until they pay the balance owed to the association. typically we have allowed them to pay it by the end of the season.
- Cash balances are healthy and overall operations are in line with our budget continuing on track - no significant/negative variances are expected.
- Gaming account signatories are still in progress, once all signers are updated we will have online access to this account which will streamline the use of gaming funds to pay for eligible expenses (i.e. ice bills)
- Square machines purchased for tournament use have been very successful and resulted in a boost to Blues apparel sales at the last tournaments
- Two additional square machines were purchased for team use and a User manual was created to provide instructions to teams who are using the machines. Feedback from the tournament treasurer was that the manual was very helpful and she really appreciated the work that went into this by myself and Melissa.

h. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

i. Director of Female Hockey Operations Report

First half of the regular season completed. U11, U15 and U18 all remained in their current flights. Over Winter break we hosted our second annual U18 vs Women's game. We had a great turnout as well as Tsunami donated some swag for our stars of the game.

U18 female also held a mentor ice time with the U7-U11 female players. I received great feedback and am looking at when we can offer another ice time.

Female hockey was featured on the eastlink show The Magazine along with youth teams from the lower mainland and Alberta.

Heard back from the Goldeneyes contact and they have had to cancel the planned event Mar 7. There is a conflict with the goldeneyes schedule. Looking for a possible different date in the future.

Working with Jenise to get March Esso girls camp registration open for Jan 30.

j. Equipment Manager's Report

Jersey's Update:

- None

Safety Update:

- Additional safety supplies received and distributed to teams requesting supplies and left additional at Arena

New Items/SCRD Update:

Communication with SCR D regarding storage units and preferred suppliers. Outsourcing two different sizes and will get approval from Tom. Would like an update on the available budget I have remaining. Quote and size to be provided for approval next meeting once approved from SCR D.

k. Director of Recreation Report

Since team balancing has finished and all new players have been rostered (including one new U15C player in December), things are quiet at the Recreation "C" level. I reached out to all team managers in early December to check in on their season progress, any challenges, and things that are working or not working for their teams. I only received one response (U13 team), so I believe that managers were prepping for tournaments and/or the lead up to Christmas break and too busy to respond at that time.

I plan to check in again towards the end of the season, in order to gather 'season reports' from the managers but also to ask the coaches to conduct an end of season evaluation of their players. The goal will be to streamline team balancing for the 2026-2027 season by using these end of season evaluations/rankings to immediately divide up teams and then jump right into head to head matchup balancing games. This should eliminate the need to require the DOHO until the final balancing meeting, and cut two weeks off the balancing schedule to allow teams to form earlier and the managers to apply for tournaments sooner.

9. **New Business:**

10. **Next Meeting date: Feb 11 – GACC**

11. **Adjournment: 9:02PM**