



## MEETING MINUTES JUNE 24th, 2025

### GOLDEN & DISTRICT ARENA

#### **In Attendance:**

Michelle O'Grady, Niall Gleeson, Jessica Chiles, Ashley Durning, Josee Roy, Derek Penno, Spencer Lainchbury, Heidi Delmonego, Jessica Chagnon

#### **1. Approval of Previous Minutes and Agenda**

Motion to accept minutes of the last meeting:

1st: Niall Gleeson | 2nd: Ashley Durning — Carried

Motion to accept agenda as amended:

1st: Jessica Chiles | 2nd: Spencer Lainchbury — Carried

#### **2. Topics for Discussion**

1. Reviewed CBT meeting suggestions for improving board meeting efficiency.
  - a. Plan to send an email to membership about meeting dates (first Tuesday of the month) before September.
  - b. Change table configuration: Meeting can be very inefficient, round/square table set-up and looking at each other. Less opportunity for members to interrupt.
  - c. Streamline discussions and stick to an agenda with written reports as reference.
2. Next focus: Bylaw updates. Spencer to help get this started, lots of experience in previous roles.

#### **3. Team Configurations & Planning**

Details about U11, U13, and U15 team plans including structure, player numbers, goalie situation, and parental survey needs. Motion passed to approve up to \$1500 for U15 goalie gear.

- U11 - 2 teams, 29+ players. Will play league.
- U13 - 2 options (21 skaters + 2 goalies, 2 skaters are dual rostered - female primary, 2 players trying out for teams out of town)

- Combined Golden/Invermere carded team - would hold tryouts and release 7 players leaving 16 players in Golden for a rec team.
- One Golden team. If Invermere cannot commit or 2 players leave the association this would be the other option. 19 skaters and 2 goalies. This is a large team and would recommend combining with Invermere to form tournament teams.
- In theory Invermere was good with 1 practice per week here and there and home games split.
- Both agree to have enough numbers for rec teams in both organizations.
- They approved at the board level. Stipulation was going back to the parents to have that commitment. Hoping it is a go but still a ?. Surveying parents. Losing some female players to a combo team with Invermere.
- Will get back in touch with Invermere this week so we can let Golden parents know.
- Concerns about coaching options from Invermere.
- U15 - Team of 19 skaters and (3 dual rostered female primary) no goalies.
  - Phone call with Leann set to see how flexible it is to use goalies for league play.
  - Could bring up a younger goalie or bring down a goalie, or borrow a Female team goalie. Hopefully goalies to borrow within the league.
  - 2 players may play out of association.
  - Proposal for goalie gear to be funded so that one of the skaters can play goalie when needed. Unsure of the full costs but Ethan has some used goalie gear for sale that I would recommend he try on to see if it can work to minimize costs.
    - Equipment Manager and Coach Coordinator to meet with the family and player who might volunteer to play goalie.

Motion by Jessica Chiles to spend up to \$1500 on U15 goalie gear. Seconded, all in favor.  
Motion carried.

## 4. Ice Planning

Planning additional ice time needs depending on number of teams, morning vs weekend practices, and committee members (Amber, Josee, Ashley).

- At the moment it looks like we need to come up with an extra 1.25hours of ice to have an extra practice per week if we have two U13 teams (combined with Invermere U13 team).
  - Feeding information to Amber and coming up with 2 ice schedule options - one with extra practice for U13 comp team - may be a speed practice
  - U18 can be later on one night (from Blaine's feedback) but not much as they are already up late
  - New U9/11 Female team will need 1 practice per week. ?overlap with U9 full practice
  - ?U11 combined practice like 2023/24 season?
  - Morning ice? Hard for coaches.
  - Could rotate Friday mornings & Sunday afternoons between teams?

- Try to keep U9 on full ice once a week as large numbers, also U15 once per week

## 5. Summer and Development Camps and Sessions

Approval of Chuck's 8 pre-Christmas and 4 post-Christmas development sessions for each team. Fall weekend development with Chuck will be pre-registration and pay and offered every second weekend - approved. Wolski Camp scheduled for Sept 6-7. Rockets camp August 26-28th.

- Sessions for development need time and progression.
- Proposed 8 sessions before Christmas and 4 after. Each session is planned out.
- Kids lose interest the longer it goes on. Chuck costs \$150/hour.
- Issues with split ice and development sessions and there was a lot of standing around.
- The goal is to keep kids engaged and moving constantly.
- Keep him working with one team for the full hour.
- Coaching plans ahead of time.
- Chuck weekend camps: We need to figure out what we want to do so we can put up a registration. Every 2nd weekend for 8 weeks. U11/13, U15/18.
- Good opportunity for coaches to learn from Chuck.
- Derek, Chuck, Amber to sort out the weekends.

Motion by Derek to approve the 8 sessions before Christmas and 4 sessions after Christmas with 1 hour sessions with each team. 2nd: Jessica Chagnon. All in favor - Carried.

Weekends 3 hours per day Saturday and Sunday every other weekend in September/October. Approx \$1500/weekend. 50 players would cost approx \$30/player. It would be beneficial to do a Female only session. 30 kids at \$40/each. Registration through sportsengine is so it's easier to track.

## 6. Executive & Coordinator Reports

### President:

Jessica Chiles

- Updates on CBT edits and EK funding requests.
- Two funding requests submitted to EK - one for funds to help with coaching support other for help with female camp.

### Vice President Report:

Niall Gleeson

- Plan to explore the potential to join Rockies Hockey league (Canmore, Cockrane, Airdrie) for 2026/2027 season. First see if we can, then see if we want to and what teams.
  - Would save 30% of travel for Golden.

- Ask BC hockey to be released.
- Would have to be approved by both BC and AB hockey.
- Early application.

**Equipment/Safety:**

Spencer Lainchbury

- Jerseys: we need to get the Atomic jerseys ordered. 2 teams, we have 17 full sets.
- So we need to order 1 set of reds.
- Order female jerseys from the same supplier as last year and get the odd ones for other teams from Tammy.
  - Next year pursue CBT grant for jerseys
- Board restructure.
  - Start acting on some of the items for changes.

Motion to change the bylaw to change the board to a minimum of 5.

- Also need to update the appeals process. Recommended by BC hockey to update.
- Committee: Spencer,
- Representation from all age groups if possible.
- Uneven number of 5 or 7
- Working committees still attend meetings or can report to the board.
- Clearer communication path. Person, path, email.
- Association wide email. Newspaper
- Managers lead will send all communications to managers.

**Female Development Report:**

Josee Roy

- U13female and U15female season plans
  - U15F and U13F applied for 2 different leagues and got rejected.
  - U15F will struggle to find games to play but have some things in the works.
  - Managed to get a U13F league organized in EK.
- Scheduling potential U9/U11 female team. Lots of interest.
- Female Summer camp
  - Coaching from the U18F Rep Edge Team (Calgary) and bringing 4 of her athletes to help.
  - Will run over 3 days, hopefully 2 groups. Ages U9-U18, must have had a year in minor hockey. Need more players to register.
  - a. Ice is the biggest hurdle with planning and registration.

**Coach Coordinator:**

Derek Penno

Evaluation and P3 Coaching Program plan. Motion to use Kraft funds approved.

- Run through of Chuck's proposal for the season noted above.
- Evaluation process: I want to utilize the Hockey Canada guidelines for evaluations.
- Practices plans for evaluations with run-threw of the drills in the sessions prior to the evaluations. Make the process easier. Hockey Canada recommends you do a 5 session tryout (3 practices, 2 games). 2 one and half hour practices, enough time to get through drills. Ideally to get through it all you would need 3 1-hour long practices and 1-hour scrimmage.
- Evaluations for U11 & U13.
- U15 may need ranking evaluations to form tournament teams.
- Should be transparent with families and players.

#### P3 Coaching Program

- Applied for funding through EK, will find out in August if approved.
- Approach Invermere and see if interested in P3 plans.
- Symposiums \$1500/each one per age group U9, U11/13, U15/18. Good use of Kraft funds. Develops coaches.
- Practice plans separate cost \$250/team.
- Approx \$6000 total.

Motion by Michelle to approve using the Kraft funds for P3 coaching program, second, all in favor - Carried.

#### **Ref Coordinator Report:**

Jessica Chagnon

- Two officials attending summer camp; others dropped out.
- Invited 2 others, both declined.
- Association will be invoiced.

#### **Registrar Report:**

Malin Ewan

#### **Ice Manager:**

Amber Granter

- See above ice discussion.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Michelle O'Grady

#### **Manager Coordinator Report:**

Heidi Delmonego

- See fundraising below.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

Ashley Durning

- New bylaws on website.

## **7. Fundraising**

- Golf Tournament August 9.
- There will be a volunteer sign-up coming out so please volunteer for a spot or encourage parents and older kids to fill spots. This was a significant fundraiser for our association last year.
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- Heidi reviewed fundraising methods including fall raffle, sponsorships, and female camp support with gift cards. Heidi to approach businesses for cash donations and form a committee.

## **8. New Business**

Proposal to set board meetings for the first Tuesday of each month.

- Will wait on the ice schedule and decide at the next meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

Date: August 5, 2025

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by: Jessica Chiles

Time Adjourned: 9:20 PM