



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**February 7th, 2026**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**  
**KS on the Keys**

In Attendance:

Reg MacDonald (District Chair)  
Dom Giglietta (VP House League)  
Julianne Oelke-Simonsen (VP Admin)  
Gilles Vanasse (Discipline)  
Karen Ouellette (Treasurer/Ice Scheduler)  
Matt McCarlie (U7/U9 Coordinator)  
Kevin Graham (D9RA)  
Todd O'Brien (Blackburn)  
Chris McArthur (Eastend)  
Stacey Hall (Leitrim)  
Ward Mallon (Metcalfe)  
Jeff Flaro (Rangers)  
Matt Dickie (Russell)

Absent with Regrets:

Jenn Primeau (Past Chair)  
Natasha McKenzie (VP Competitive)  
Jason Ward (Registrar)  
Chris Rheaume (Risk and Safety)  
Julie Flaherty (Cumberland)

- **Call To Order**
  - Reg MacDonald called the meeting to order at 9:20 am
  - Reg reviewed the agenda and reminded the group of meeting expectations and decorum.
- **Approval of Minutes from the January Board Meeting**

Moved by Julianne Oelke-Simonsen and seconded by Gilles Vanasse to approve the minutes from the January 7th, 2026 Board Meeting

CARRIED

- **District Chair**
  - Minor council meets next week, Reg will circulate notes afterwards.
  - The video review policy is finally concrete. Reg confirmed that reviews done as a district haven't changed - the changes are specific to reviews hosted by minor councils. Reg confirmed that the B League will require an RIC to do this and their discipline chair cannot make conclusions on video reviews.
  - Roster freezes for the Bell capital cup are being suggested for next year after a specific team's unethical behaviour at this year's tournament.
  - Potential reviews of sensplex tournaments over the administrative at HEO. Reg will let the group know of any news coming from this.

- Reg to follow up on the rigidity of the proposed dates for 2026 spring tryouts. He confirmed that rust offs are still a requirement even if tryouts are held in the spring. Reg reminded the board that if we want spring tryouts we will need to accommodate Hockey Canada. Reg is expecting further updates this week.

- **House League**

- Dom reviewed playoff format, rules, decorum and splits.

Moved by Todd O'Brien and seconded by Stacey Hall to approve the amended playoff format and rules as presented.

CARRIED

Moved by Dom Giglietta and seconded by Matt Dickie to approve the B splits as presented.

CARRIED

- The group was in favour of supplying gatorades for finals weekend.
- Dom to draft a motion for the March meeting to put in place stricter procedure for teams refusing to accept game switches or changes.
- Presidents were asked to remind all teams that we don't accept game requests or reschedules for playoffs and that managers, coaches, and parents are NOT to email Karen or Dom about this.
- Superbowl on February 14th 2027 to have no games scheduled after 6:00.
- Todd to discuss potential board storage at the Blackburn arena; concerns around parking were also raised.

R&R 21.14 Moved by Reg MacDonald and seconded by Gilles Vanasse

CARRIED

Moved by Matt Dickie and seconded by Dom Giglietta to have U9 Full ice after January 15 (6 games at A&B, 4 games at C) as was done this year.

CARRIED

- **Competitive**

- Discussion around the Canucks agreement. Gilles reviewed the framework used for the Blues and Reg reviewed the differences between a committee vs a separate association.

Moved by Matt Dickie and seconded by Ward Mallon to allow the Canucks to form their own Rep B association within District 9.

DEFEATED

- Reg reviewed the state of U18 Rep B in the district and outlined options for moving forward. Pros and cons of different approaches were discussed.

Moved by Chris MacArthur and seconded by Dom Giglietta to have 2 U18 Rep B teams within the GHA for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 seasons. One team to be hosted by the Blues, other team will be hosted by the Canucks or Hawks tbd. GHA to supply evaluators in consultation with coaches selected by the associations. Players will be asked if they do not make their respective Association team if they would try out for the other team when released.

CARRIED

R&R 27.3 Moved by Reg MacDonald and seconded by Chris MacArthur

CARRIED

- There was a discussion around the frustration with Ranger's coaches not using affiliates. Specifically U10 saw not one affiliate used so far. Coaches not to be approved for next year if this was the case with them this year.
- Jeff confirmed that the Ranger players total cost will be the same next year, with ice removed from team budgets and added to the registration cost. Parents will pay the same cost as this year with no increase.
- Reg reminded the associations of the procedure of using zero dollar registration for Spring tryouts rather than transferring money around between associations.

R&R 27.3 DEFFERED

Moved by Jeff Flaro and seconded by Dom Giglietta to allow Jeff to act as a Ranger's head coach if selected next year, while continuing as Ranger's President.

CARRIED

- **Discipline**

- The number of major infractions has been increasing overall in the district compared to last year. We're seeing an increase specifically around maltreatment - how do we deter this?

- Gilles highlighted 3 groups that have actually seen a decrease here: Metcalfe, Rangers, and Blues.

- Gilles asked presidents to remind their teams that mandated minimum suspensions must be sat and no one has the authority to overrule these. He also asked that teams be reminded that they must go to their association representatives first and not directly escalate to the GHA.

- **D9RA**

- Kevin has had a great year.
- The referee fees for the next 3 years have been released.
- There is anticipation around some expected rule changes for next year, Kevin will keep the board informed.
- Kevin to circulate tryout information as soon as it is available.

- **Treasurer/Ice Scheduler**

- Karen is looking into the start of the season and will keep the group posed around Ice discussions. Registration is up around 200 players.

Moved by Julianne Oelke-Simonsen and seconded by Gilles Vanasse to approve the December financial statements as presented.

CARRIED

Moved by Julianne Oelke-Simonsen and seconded by Gilles Vanasse to approve the Hashmark Review Statements as presented.

CARRIED

- **Registrar**
  - Jason's reminders of upcoming deadlines circulated by email.

## **Round Table**

### Blackburn

Nothing to report.

### Eastend

Nothing to report.

### Leitrim

Nothing to report

### Metcalfe

Nothing to report.

### Rangers

Nothing to report.

### Russell

Russell's new rink will not be ready for next year.

Matt confirmed the township has mentioned abandoning the current facility.

### Cumberland

Absent.

- **New Business**

Upcoming meeting dates confirmed:

March 5th

April 1st

May 7th

AGM May 21st - will try to book at Barrett arena.

- **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.

Moved by Gilles Vanasse and seconded by Julianne Oelke-Simonsen

CARRIED