



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 7th 2024
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
ZOOM Meeting**

In Attendance: Reg MacDonald (District Chair)
Wally Montpetit (VP Competitive)
Gilles Vanasse (Discipline)
Ward Mallon (U7/U9 Coordinator)
Kevin Graham (D9RA)
Karen Ouellette (Ice Scheduler)
Todd O'Brien (Blackburn)
Stacey Hall (Leitrim)
Julianne Oelke-Simonsen (Metcalfe)
Joce Murray (Orleans)
Jeff Flaro (Rangers)
Matt Dickie (Russell)
Natalie Sauve (Cumberland)

Absent with Regrets: Dom Giglietta (VP House League)
Jenn Primeau (Past Chair)
Jason Ward (Registrar)
Chris Rheume (Risk and Safety)

- **Call To Order**

Reg MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm
Reg spoke to the passing of Michel Breau and the board had a moment of silence to remember Michel.

- **Approval of Minutes from the October Meeting**

Moved by Wally Montpetit and seconded by Joce Murray to approve the minutes from the October 3rd 2024 Board Meeting

CARRIED

- **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Items all followed up on via Email.
- Sara to send out an updated email distribution list.

- **D9RA**

- Kevin has sent out refund information and will follow up as needed.
- Direction has changed re: U9 penalties. Kevin explained the new protocol. He feels this is a positive direction and reminded the board that it will take time to get everyone on board.

- First of four quiz meetings for the officials has been scheduled.
- Video review is working well overall, with a few calls having been able to be downgraded.
- **District Chair**
 - Reg can now email coaches and managers directly.
 - Reg asked associations remind their U9 coaches that after a penalty players will miss their next shift.
 - Forms for tournaments: Reg to follow up with Jason about a question and email the associations.
 - Reg asked that coaches be reminded to do a quick inspection of the dressing rooms each time they are used so that it is clear who is responsible for damage.
 - Reg reviewed the changes to post game altercations.
 - Reg reminded all that it is alright to keep players on the bench if they are too worked up for the handshake. It is never worth the risk of a fight by forcing an upset player to participate.
 - Reg will distribute his notes after next week's minor council meeting.
 - Reg reminded board members to notify him what teams their kids play on so they can be excluded for discipline hearings
- **VP Competitive**
 - Nothing to report.
- **VP House**
 - Absent.
- **VP Admin**
 - Vacant.
- **Treasurer**
 - Karen to send out financials.
- **Discipline**
 - Things are going smoothly, Gilles is always available for questions or discussion.
- **Registrar**

- Absent.
- Sent Report:
 - The hard work of approving rosters continues, with 79 of 164 rosters "final" in the sense that all players and bench staff have met all requirements.
 - Of course, one reason for the outstanding number of teams is that coaches have until Nov 30 to get their requisite training and certification out of the way. **There are about 45 coaches who still need to take their Coach 1/Coach 2 or Dev 1 training (most have a course booked between now and November 30).**
 - The same issue regarding Vulnerable Sector Checks that occurred last year is happening this year - that is, bench officials in Russell are facing significant delays in finalizing their VSCs because the OPP handles these and their process is simply more manual and time consuming. At the same time, I am happy to report that - unlike last year - I am seeing these VSCs eventually get finalized (about 5-6 weeks after application date).
 - At the moment there are 45 Russel coaches, trainers and managers awaiting their VSC
 - Compared to about 40 from all the other association's combined.
 - ==> I am working with the association registrars to track each one of these official's appointment dates so that we're on top of VSCs.

- **Risk and Safety**

- Absent.
- Discussion around parents and fighting.

- **District U7/U9 Mentor**

- Ward feels that the Thanksgiving weekend was difficult for starting games as some teams hadn't had a practice yet.
- Board schedule was discussed.

- **Ice Scheduler**

- U9C Full Ice was discussed (ice, logistics, pros and cons).

Moved by Matt Dickie and seconded by Joce Murray to approve Scenario 2 U9 – U9 A/B/C Full ice after January 15 - 20 regular season games (14 half ice,6 full ice) and 2 games each in the Jamboree

Also - 3 of the Regular season games will be played on Championship weekend - 1 game at each level (A,B,C) teams from each Association selected at random.

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Round Table

Blackburn

Nothing to report.

Gloucester Centre/Orleans

Joce highlighted his many wonderful years working with Michel and invited the board to a memorial that is being organized.

The board agreed to pursue a donation of \$200 in Michel's name.

Leitrim

Nothing to report.

Metcalfe

Nothing to report.

Rangers

Nothing to report.

Russell

Matt followed up with Kevin about a fight in a u18 game.

Cumberland

Nothing to report.

- **New Business**

R&R 21.1 H moved by Gilles Vanasse and seconded by Reg MacDonald

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December meeting to be held in person- location to be confirmed.

- **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Moved by Stacey Hall and seconded by Joce Murray

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