



SOUTH MUSKOKA BEARS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Date: August 12th, 2025
Location: Virtual Meeting

BOARD MEMBER:

ATTENDANCE:

Executive-President
Executive-Vice President
Executive-Secretary
Executive-Treasurer
Registrar

Jody Sommerville
Tina Hamer
Jessie Dureen
Emma Bennett
Tanaya Lusk

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Director-OMHA
Director- Off Ice Officials/Volunteers
Director- Tournaments
Director- Player Development
Director- Ice Scheduler
Director- Ref in Chief/Ref Scheduler

Kevin Babcock
Kim Ellis
Christina Shire
Chris Ledsham
Julie Hogue
Norm Webb

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Director- Equipment
Director- Sponsorship
Director- Public Relations/Marketing
Director- LL U9 & Below
Director LL U18 & Below
Director- Rep Divisions

Jeff Ley
Jennifer Lennie
Kirsty Lind
Paul Raynor
Sarah Wheeler
Nate Guy

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Present (P), Regrets (R), Virtual (V)

AGENDA TOPICS:

1. Call to Order

Meeting is called to order at 6:07pm on the 12th day of August 2025

2. Approval of Previous

Minutes: July 8th Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes Approved by: Emma Bennett
Second By: Kevin Babcock

3. Board Member Reports:

3.1 President

MPS meetings should resume this month. Hopeful they will provide us with a tentative season structure.
First Shift has some space currently that needs to be filled. Let's do a blast on socials media to target players 6-10 years of age.
REP managers/bench staff meeting was held on Thursday, August 7th at the Gravenhurst arena.
The association is in the process of securing "team" ice as approved for REP teams from OMHA the week of August 22-29. We also intent to host a "new to hockey", body checking refresher clinics, and a couple of goalie clinics
We need to closely monitor the tryout card numbers in U9MD and U21 to ensure we have enough to form a team. Tanaya to provide up to date numbers.
Championship banners will be hung early September.
Rep managers need access to their team page on SMMHA. Jessie can you connect with Kim to get contact information and have these set up? You will need to notify the managers individually once access has been created.

Jody Sommerville

3.2 Vice President

Nothing to report.

Tina Hamer

3.3 Secretary

Starting to add Managers for Website and Sportsheadz app. If anyone sends for access have them contact me. Nothing else to report at this time.
Action items: contact Kim for Managers contact list to provide access

Jessie Dureen

3.4 Treasurer

received permits from Gravenhurst, waiting for the go ahead from Julie to send in payment. Payments for tournaments have starting rolling in and jerseys have been paid 50%.
current checking balance is \$444,975.66 and saving account is \$243,770.56

Emma Bennett

**3.5 Director-
Public Relations**

Kristy Lind

3.6 Director- U9LL

U7 is full. U9 registration #s have climbed to the expected #s.
Will be composing teams and bench staff in early September

Paul Raynor

3.7 Director- U18LL

Registration numbers are looking good
U11 is sitting at 34 skaters 4 goalies (3 teams)
U13 is at 42 with 5 goalies (3 teams)
U15 is at 16 skaters 1 goalie. But I have a u13 goalie playing up so we will pull the waitlisted kids which should put us at 21 skaters and 2 goalies (2 teams)
U18 is currently at 45 skaters 6 goalies (3 teams) and is waitlisted - to avoid more goalies...
Will work on bench staff in the coming weeks as well as what the team forming ice will look like.

Sarah Wheeler

3.8 Director- Equipment

Jeff Ley

3.9 Director-Tournament

Medals have been ordered through Muskoka LaserWorks, Working on Swag from Source and Howies.

Christina Shire

**3.10 Director- Off ice
Officials & Volunteer**

Rep Bench meeting went well on Aug 7. Every team was represented.

Kim Ellis

3.11 Director- OMHA

Insurance for Gravenhurst and
Bracebridge in place
Will work on rosters in the next couple weeks
to make sure everyone is qualified

Kevin Babcock

3.12 Director -Ice Scheduler

Have received this season's tentative ice allocation from Bracebridge and Gravenhurst, waiting on TOB to provide final permit once Jr C has finalized their game and practice schedule. Will advise Emma to make payment after our minor hockey ice is accurate
Tournament ice is finalized and supports this season's plan for home tournaments
Working with Kim in Gravenhurst to secure some additional ice at the end of the month for some player development clinics, contact refresher instruction and new to hockey ice opportunities. Should have on schedule by upcoming weekend
After registration closes Friday, will create final practice schedule for all LL and rep teams.
Working with Sarah, LL director, to plan LL rollout in September

Julie Hogue

	Scheduling rep exhibition games with those teams interested in hosting at home	
3.13 Director- Player	U21 and U9MD coach selection to be scheduled shortly OMHA approved Aug 22 to 29th ice, working on ice scheduler and skills development planning goalie ice, checking clinics, evaluation skates need to confirm Select Team path for this season	Chris Ledsham
Development		
3.14 Director- Sponsorship	Having a very difficult time securing local league sponsors this summer. Have reached out to 24 new businesses and was only able to secure 2 new ones. Still missing sponsors for 2 U13's, 1 U9, and 1 U8	Jennifer Lennie
	Current Registrations in U9 MD - 18 Current Registrations in U21 - 15 Local League Registrations U18 - 49 U15 - 17 U13 - 51 U11 - 39 U9 - 30 U8 - 34 U7- 45 U6 - 18 Grand Total 283	
3.15 Registrar		
3.16 Director- Ref in Chief	Recertification clinics are available Received some contact info for new refs Pushing OMHA hard for entry level clinics	Tanaya Lusk
4. Committees	SMMHA Committees: Coach Selection Committee: (2024 - 2025 season) Chris L, Jody, Mark, Jeff, Jessie, External members: Pending- to be approved by Executive Directors 2024-25 LL Season, above list including Local League Directors Additional: Discipline & Ethics: Jody, Kevin, Tina, Norm, Jessie Additional: Sarah, Chris L, Paul, Julie, Ice Committee: Julie, Jody, Emma, Paul, kevin, Sarah, Chris L Additional: Purchasing Committee: Jeff, Emma Additional: Tina Fundraising & Events: Kristy, Emma, Jessie Additional: Christina, Jennifer, Kim Tournament Committee: Christina, Jennifer, Kim, Julie, Krist, Jeff Additional: Sarah, Paul, Chris, Kevin Local League Committee: Sarah, Paul, Julie Additional: Christina, Kevin Awards Committee: Tina, Emma, Kevin, Sarah, Paul, Jody Additional: Manual of Ops Committee: Jody, Tina, Emma, Chris L Additional: Local League Committee: Sarah, Chris L, Julie Additional: Christina , Kevin Awards Committee: Tina, Emma, Kevin , Sarah, Chris L, Jody Additional:	Norm Webb

Manual of Ops Committee: Jody, Tina, Emma

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Local League Committee: Sarah, Chris L, Julie

Additional: Kim, Kevin

Awards Committee: Tina, Emma, Kevin, Sarah, Chris L, Jody

Additional:

Manual of Ops Committee: Jody, Tina, Emma

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Bylaw Committee: Tina, Jody, Kevin

Goalie Committee: Kevin, Tina, Julie, Jeff, Norm

5. Motions as needed Second by:

**7. Nominations or election of
Officers or Directors (As Needed)**

8. New Business/Other Business

9. Meeting Adjournment: 7:56 PM

Next Meeting:

Date: Sept 9, 2025 6:00 pm

Location Gravenhurst Arena