



SOUTH MUSKOKA BEARS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Date: July 8th, 2025 Board Meeting
Location: Gravenhurst Arena

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| ATTENDANCE: | | | | | | | | | |
| Executive-President | Jody Sommerville | P | Director-OMHA | Kevin Babcock | P | Director- Equipment | Jeff Ley | R | |
| Executive-Vice President | Tina Hamer | P | Director- Off Ice Officials/Volunteers | Kim Ellis | R | Director- Sponsorship | Jennifer Lennie | P | |
| Executive-Secretary | Jessie Dureen | P | Director- Tournaments | Christina Shire | R | Director- Public Relations/Marketing | Kirsty Lind | P | |
| Executive-Treasurer | Emma Bennett | R | Director- Player Development | Chris Ledsham | R | Director- LL U9 & Below | Paul Raynor | P | |
| Registrar | Tanaya Lusk | R | Director- Ice Scheduler | Julie Hogue | P | Director LL U18 & Below | Sarah Wheeler | P | |
| | | | Director- Ref in Chief/Ref Scheduler | Norm Webb | P | Director- Rep Divisions | Nate Guy | R | |
| Present (P), Regrets (R), Virtual (V) | | | | | | | | | |

AGENDA TOPICS:

- 1. Call to Order** Meeting is called to order at 6:00pm on the 8th day of July 2025
- 2. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes** Minutes: May 20th, 2025
Minutes Approved by: Paul Raynor
Second By: Norm Webb

3. Board Member Reports:

- 3.1 President** Attendance at board meetings is mandatory. We need to ensure everyone is in attendance to ensure we are all on the same page and productive. Jody Somerville
U9 MD and U21 coach applications are now closed. LL will remain open until all spots have been filled
Are we hosting a D1 Clinic Kevin?
First Shift Program will start in November and run 6 weeks leading up to Christmas - Do we want to offer a transition program?
MPS - Meeting should be scheduled for this week. We should have a better outline of what REP season looks like
Are we wanting to host a welcome event in early September?
I'm concered with the low numbers in U9 currently these don't warrant a MD and LL team
Jessie we need to add "Action Items" and " Expenses" to the bottom of each board members report
We need to get the office equipment put together and the storage unit contents moved to the cages at the Bracebridge arena. Can we set up a date before August 1st?
Any website updates needed please let Jessie know
Jessie - You can proceed with granting website access to the current REP mangers
Manager meeting - Do we have a date for REP? LL will be held in September
Waiting on OMHA for August sanction approval for Development ice - teams ice can not resume until September 2nd
Julie - Can you please book the Gravenhurst Arena meeting room for 2nd Tuesday of each month? does 6pm work for everyone?

- Need to approve a committee to oversee SMMHA future for the potential "Hybrid or A Centre" designation - Mark Jennings, Jeff Barnes, Chris Broadworth have all confirmed involvement.
Sarah - When do you want to schedule LL teams to start?
Tanaya - Registration cutoff is September 1st - correct?

Action Items:
Expenses:

- 3.2 Vice President** Hockey Night In Muskoka - Player Fundraising Opportunities for our registered players . Needs to be communicated and posted Tina Hamer

BOARD MEMBER:

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| | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>Expenses:</p> | |
| 3.3 Secretary | Nothing to report at this time. | Jessie Dureen |
| | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>Expenses:</p> | |
| 3.4 Treasurer | With the amount of questions we are receiving about increase fees, would it be worth it for some board members and association members to go to a t Emma Bennett | |
| | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>Expenses:</p> | |
| 3.5 Director- Public Relations | Nothing to report at this time | Kristy Lind |
| | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>Expenses:</p> | |
| 3.6 Director- U9LL | As of last MPSLL meeting South Muskoka, Huntsville, Parry Sound and Muskoka Rock will all have a U9 MD team. Next MPSLL meeting is scheduled for July 24 | Paul Raynor |
| | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>Expenses:</p> | |
| 3.7 Director- U18LL | Nothing much to report. Have received some applications for coaching for LL but not enough I will reach out to each group as a whole once registration Sarah Wheeler | |
| | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>Expenses:</p> | |
| 3.8 Director- Equipment | Nothing to report at this time | Jeff Ley |
| | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>Expenses:</p> | |
| 3.9 Director-Tournament | Nothing to report at this time | Christina Shire |
| | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>Expenses:</p> | |
| 3.10 Director- Off ice Officials & Volunteer | Submitted Grant Application to Town of Gravenhurst on behalf of tournament committee. Discussion items 8&9 | Kim Ellis |
| | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>Expenses:</p> | |
| 3.11 Director- OMHA | After a couple issues, teams have been approved. Tournaments registered and on OMHA site. Before attempting to roster teams, can we please send a Kevin Babcock | |
| | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>Expenses:</p> | |
| 3.12 Director -Ice Scheduler | Tentative ice allocation has been shared by Towns of Bracebridge and Gravenhurst Waiting for Jr C team to solidify their game schedule before our permits with Bracebridge can be finalized | Julie Hogue |
| | <p>Action Items:</p> <p>Expenses:</p> | |

3.13 Director- Player Development Nothing to Report Chris Ledsham

Action Items:
Expenses:

3.14 Director- Sponsorship Rep team sponsorships are complete with the exception of the U9 MD team as I have had zero interest so far..Waiting to hear about LL teams for each Jennifer Lennie

We currently have 241 Local League registrations
U6 - 15
U7 - 37 with 6 waitlisted
U8 - 33 with 2 remaining spots
U9 - 22 with 13 remaining
U11 - 30 - with 12 remaining
U13 - 43 - with 16 remaining
U15 - 16 - with 10 remaining
U18 - 46 (Now full)

Our Rep Teams are complete with 1 player on U15B who withdrew their registration

| Fee Name | Count of Fee Name |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| U11 Registration B | 18 |
| U11 Registration D | 17 |
| U13 Registration B | 16 |
| U13 Registration D | 17 |
| U15 Registration B | 18 |
| U15 Registration D | 17 |
| U18 Registration B | 17 |
| U18 Registration D | 19 |
| Grand Total | 139 |

3.15 Registrar Julys instalments were completed with the exception of 8 players whos payments defaulted (they have all received an email and I will continue to follow Tanaya Lusk

Action Items:
Expenses:

3.16 Director- Ref in Chief All Muskoka / Parry Sound Ref-in-chiefs are pushing for an entry level clinic in the fall Norm Webb

Action Items:
Expenses:

3.17 REP Director

Action Items:
Expenses:

4. Committees

SMMHA Committees:

Coach Selection Committee:

(2025 - 2026 season) Chris L, Jody, Tina, Kevin, Jessie
External members: Pending- to be approved by Executive Directors

2025-26 LL Season, above list including Local League Directors
Additional:

Discipline & Ethics: Jody, Kevin, Tina, Norm, Jessie

Additional: Sarah, Chris L, Paul, Nate

Ice Committee: Julie, Jody, Emma, Paul, Kevin, Sarah, Chris L, Nate

Purchasing Committee: Jeff L, Emma, Tina
Additional: Kevin

Fundraising & Events: Kirsty, Emma, Jessie

Additional: Kim, Jennifer, Christina

Tournament Committee: Christina, Kim, Jennifer, Julie, Kevin

Additional: Sarah, Paul, Chris L, Nate, Kirsty

Local League Committee: Sarah, Paul, Chris L

Additional: Kim, Kevin

Awards Committee: Tina, Emma, Kevin, Sarah, Paul, Jody

Manual of Ops Committee: Jody, Tina, Emma, Chris L

Lottery Committee: Emma, Jody, Tanaya, Chris L

Bylaw Committee: Tina, Jody, Chris L, Kevin

Goalie Committee: Tina, Jeff L, Norm, Chris L, Nate

5. Motions as needed Motioned By:
Second by:

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

8. New Business/Other Business

9. Meeting Adjournment: 7:30 PM

Next Meeting:

Date: **Tuesday August, 12, 2025**

Location **Gravenhurst Arena**