

APMHA Minutes

Tuesday May 21, 2024 - 6:00pm

Barley Mow, Almonte

President	Scott Robillard	Present
Director of House Programs	Rob Baron	Present
Director Discipline and Risk Management	Chris Benson	Regrets
Director of Coaching	Mike Guthrie	Regrets
Director of Equipment	Ben Nyveld	Regrets
Director of Registration	Julie Robillard	Present
Director of Community Engagement	Kristen Drynan	Present
Referee in Chief	Richard Bernier	Present
Director of Communications/Webmaster	Lauren Baron	Regrets
Director of Finance	Angie Ferguson	Present
Director of Tournaments	Nicole Lane	Present
Director of Scheduling	J-F Meloche	Present
Director of U7 (Initiation Program)	Coady Lowry	Present
MTK Rep	Brad Colbourne	Present
OVSS Rep	Pete Shaughnessy	Present

<p>Scott Robillard President</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pathways Program will be expanding from U9 and U11 to include all levels up to and including U14 at Silver Seven. They are trying to avoid U15 and up so that tryouts can start. • LCMHL and D4 had their monthly meeting on May 15th, 2024. • There are 150 teams within LCMHL alone which results in 752 games played per regular season. • Associations are still upset about Almonte U13B dropping to U13C and Perth U13A dropping to U13B at the start of the season. All variances will be closely monitored to avoid any issues in the future. • Kemptville will have a U21 team for the 2024-25 season that will play against all U21 teams in LCMHL. • LCMHL will be using a new platform for websites and game statistics for the new season. This will go live on July 1st. Any statistics needed from GoalLine (through LCMHL not APMHA), should be acquired before GoalLine is discontinued. Sportheadz will be

the new platform with access to a mobile app and good customer support.

- Richmond and Stittsville associations have new Presidents this season.
- LCMHL is looking for statisticians at the U9 and U13 levels for the upcoming season. This position is an executive member position and a voting member of the LCMHL.
- LMCHL Handbook has been updated and cleaned up for ease of use.
- There will be no more elimination style playoffs however, playoff pools will be kept small.
- D4 is hoping to start a Goaltending “taskforce” for conditioning and training of goalies within our District.
- U9 level will be moving to full ice after January 15, 2025, however, not more than a third of the remaining games should be on full ice (to be clarified further). APMHA will consider this when making teams as U9 has typically had only small rosters.
- U9 pathways program is no longer a pilot program and will need to be revamped.
- New U13-U15 pathways program will delay the start of the season further. APMHA will not be permitted to do evaluations before the first weekend in September.
- APMHA has 140 hours of ice time in the first three weeks of September. Ideas for use of this time to keep players engaged included player and goalie development as well as coach development. Anyone with ideas of who to provide development services and the cost are welcome.
- Any player with a suspension at the end of a season will be required to serve the suspension at the start of the following season. The issue seems to lie with U18 and U21 players thinking they can get a suspension as they age out of minor hockey and they won't have to serve it. All suspensions will now be on a member's Hockey Canada profile and will be served if the member is involved in hockey at any capacity (coaching, trainer, etc).
- Regular seasons will go until at least March 1st at all levels including Rep B and A, AA competitive.
- Games and tournaments are to be limited at the House level. The ratio is to be 2 practices to 1 game and maximum 4 tournaments (2 in the middle of the season and not at the end). It is suggested that players are not to be “locked” into a position but

	<p>rather play all positions. Coaches are asked not to “shorten” their bench at any point during any game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LCMHL will post the new leveled pathways program on their website including Frequently Asked Questions.
<p>Chris Benson Director of Discipline & Risk Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regrets/Nothing to report
<p>Rob Baron Director of House Programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Convenors for next season have been confirmed. There will be 1 convenor for U9, 1 convenor for U11 and U13 and 1 convenor for U15 and U18. They will be invited to our meeting in June.
<p>Mike Guthrie Director of Coaching</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regrets/Nothing to Report
<p>J-F Meloche Director of Equipment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● U21 game jerseys have not been returned yet. Julie to reach out to team manager. ● Regarding replacing of jerseys; it was proposed that we start replacing jerseys one level per year (eg. U9 in 2024-25, U11 in 2025-26, etc).
<p>Julie Robillard Director of Registration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registration will open June 17th for the upcoming season. Fees will remain the same as the past two seasons. We will be adding a late fee of \$75 after August 16th to encourage early registration and help with organization before we get on the ice. ● Teams will be strongly encouraged to recommend Team Fees be paid before November 1st so that managers can register for tournaments without having to front the money for registration. ● We will host a Team Managers meeting with the convenors as soon as teams have been formed (early October).
<p>Lauren Baron Director of Communications/Webmaster</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Currently working on getting the new APMHA website. Hoping to have all information from GoalLine moved over in time for registration.
<p>Richard Bernier Referee in Chief</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to report
<p>Angie Ferguson Director of Finance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to report
<p>Nicole Lane Director of Tournaments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● APMHA has the ice at Pakenham and Almonte for tournaments on January 17 and 18th and February 7 and 8th, 2025. It was proposed that we sanction two 2-day tournaments for U18A and U18B as well as U11A and U11B. It was also suggested that we host a U7 jamboree in March when there is ice time available to be used.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicole will complete and forward the sanction forms to HEO so that these tournaments can be posted on their website early in the season.
Kristen Drynan Director of Community Engagements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JOG socks will be arriving in June and will be for sale at the beginning of the season. Teams will be encouraged to pay for items from Gilks as a "Team" instead of individually (ie. Name bars, etc).
Coady Lowry Director of U7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U7 has requested funds from the Association to help with the cost of their end of year banquet as they do not attend the Banquets for U9-U21. If U7 registration numbers are above 50 this season, we will add another hour to their practice times to help manage the number of people on the ice at one time.
Brad Colbourne MTK Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching applications are being accepted at all MTL levels
Peter Shaughnessy Silver Seven Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn 7:50pm Next meeting - June 25th at 6:30pm</p>

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Scott to talk to Calvin Murphy to discuss ice time for tournaments.
2. Julie to contact Pam McTiernan RE: U21 jerseys
3. Nicole to get tournament sanction forms completed and sent to HEO.