

Location: Black Gold - Back room

**Date**: July 29, 2025 **Time**: 6:30 pm

Attendees: Justin Free, Tiffany Perrin (in part), Clarissa Bell, Nathan Whiting, Jessica Deboer (in part), Melisa Johnson

Absent: Sherry Bans, Marcy Freer, Thera Wagner, Evan McFadden

1. Call to Order 6:33pm

- 2. Approval of Previous Minutes and Agenda #7 spelling error noted; Approved with the change noted. Tiffany Perrin/Jessica Deboer Carried.
- 3. Correspondence

a. CORRESPONDENCE – nothing to report

4	. Standing Committee Rep	orts	
#	Standing Item	Person Responsible	Comments
			Follow up from previous meeting Tiffany to look into details of Square machine – tabled to next meeting.
			No finance report provided.
1	Finance	Marcy Freer	Follow up
			Marcy – any registration first payments outstanding.
			Jess/Tiffany - Get reminder out for second payment.
			Tiffany to provide details of Square machine.
			Recommendation to put the Day of Champion and Provincials on our calendar so people are aware.
2	OWHA	Sherry Banks	2025/26 Provincials are tentatively scheduled for April 9-12, 2026
			WOGHL - U9 Year End Tournament - Mar 27-29; All Star Game Mar 29, Day of Champion Mar 28

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			OWHA teams – year end dates are unknown at this time
			OWHA intent to register – need to notify league by September 12 <sup>th</sup>
3	League	Clarissa Bell	<ul> <li>U7 WOGHL League: Intent to register form was put forward by Huron Heat president. Follow up with Craig Rainsberry was completed and he had a few questions about the scheduling and structure. These questions have been put forward to WOGHL.</li> <li>Intent to Register for WOGHL: Preliminary intent to register for WOGHL due August 10<sup>th</sup>. Clarissa will complete the form for the association and ensure it is submitted on time. Final intent to register are due September 15<sup>th</sup>. Changes can be made before September 29<sup>th</sup> if needed.</li> <li>Final Divisions and Loops will be released September 30<sup>th</sup></li> <li>October 1<sup>st</sup> scheduling starts online.</li> <li>October 3<sup>rd</sup> the schedule is to be completed, and games can begin.</li> <li>Offering BB loops</li> <li>WOGHL Season: Regular season - 12-18 games with 2-3 divisions; 4 teams per division. Round robin playoffs 8-10 games. Championship round: 1 game for quarter final, semi final and final. The final game will be played at the Day of Champions March 28<sup>th</sup> hosted by BAD Blazers.</li> <li>U9 Championship weekend –Will be played March 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th in</sup> St. Mary's.</li> <li>All Star Game (U11-U18) will be March 28<sup>th</sup> and hosted be BAD Blazers.</li> <li>Aligning Tryouts: Looking at meeting in November at a central location to discuss. However, the league has no say in when associations will run their tryouts.</li> <li>League Fees: Raised to \$350/team from \$300/team in past years</li> </ul>
4	Registration	Sherry Banks	No update
5	Ice Scheduling/Referees	Evan McFadden	<ul> <li>Follow up from previous meeting</li> <li>Melisa and Evan to draft a letter for review by Board re ice allocation – letter drafted by not reviewed/sent.</li> <li>Ice secured in Bothwell for Tuesday night</li> </ul>
			Discussion regarding ice in Watford and Petrolia.

			Later in season discussion possible Delegation Council to have LAGHA			
			recognized as the same as East Lambton or PMHA to ensure we are not			
			disadvantaged due to any ice allocation priorities.			
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			<ul> <li>Bluewater Referee Association</li> <li>They will employ local refs when possible</li> </ul>			
			Billing will occur monthly with payments via e-transfer			
			Assigning fee of \$5 per referee			
			LAGHA will be granted access to a program to confirm referee			
			assignments.			
			Motion: Jessica Deboer/Clarissa Bell - To hire Bluewater Referee Association to			
			be the associations reffing scheduler  Carried.			
			Coaches Meeting			
			Reviewed the Proposed Agenda for the meeting including who is covering			
			what sections. Some items to note:			
			OWHA Rules and Regulations were discussed. Some minor changes			
			will be reviewed at the coaches meeting.			
			Melisa to create sign-in sheet.			
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6	Development	Nathan Whiting	Stress no insurance is available until rostered. Team will need to			
			secure own insurance before roster is approved.			
			Discussion regarding inclusivity.			
			Nathan to get update from Evan regarding ice prior to meeting.      The single coarse on LA we being.			
			<ul> <li>Entering scores on LA website. Discussed each team entering own</li> </ul>			
			SCORES.			
			<ul> <li>Clarissa to look into google drive to store pictures throughout the year.</li> </ul>			
			Follow Up from previous meeting			
			Tiffany to find out where Sarnia buys their jersey's from			
7	Equipment/Personal	Justin Free	<ul> <li>Justin to continue to work to obtain the outstanding U15 Tier 1 jersey's –</li> </ul>			
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			No C & As will be permitted to be sewn into the jerseys. Teams will need to look into snaps.
			<ul> <li>Missing some U9 jersey – have an incomplete set.</li> <li>Email around sponsor bars to be circulated to board for review.</li> </ul>
8	Website	Jessica Deboer	<ul> <li>Follow Up from previous meeting</li> <li>Jess to obtain other photographer options.</li> <li>If Luis Photography is the best option, book for the October 23 date.</li> <li>Discussed photography options. Board reviewed two options: Picture Day Photography and Luis Photography. Decision to stay with Luis Photography. It has been tentatively booked for the 23<sup>rd</sup>.</li> </ul>
9	Fundraising/Sponsorship	Tiffany Perrin	<ul> <li>Follow Up from previous meeting</li> <li>Tiffany to create a sub-committee to review/update sponsorship structure/packages (see Old Business Below)</li> <li>Team banners – discussion regarding donation vs. sponsor. Is the jersey sponsor required on the banner as well. Team decision on how they gather and support their sponsors.</li> <li>Motion Jessica Deboer/Nathan Whiting – To remove company name from arena banner in sponsorship package. – Carried.</li> <li>Motion Tiffany Perrin/Clarissa Bell – Allow team banners with individual team sponsors but team are not able to approach association sponsor – Carried.</li> </ul>

5. Old	d Business						
#	Date Opened	Raised By	Item & Summary	Comments	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status
2025-1	May 6/25	Justin Free	Jersey Issues	Jersey's 3 sets have been ordered as follows:	Justin Free		Open



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			<ul> <li>Only ordering U11 jersey's at this time.</li> <li>Exploring potential for players to purchase their own jerseys for future seasons</li> </ul>	U18 Tier 2 – black set U13 greys U11 greys Additionally, 1 U18 grey jersey (#2) was ordered to complete an existing set. Total Cost – approx. \$4500			
				Socks - Justin to investigate how many to order and place the order.			
2025-2 2025-3 2025- 18	May 6/25	Justin Free	Sponsorship Packages  Changing the wording in our sponsorship package  • jersey sponsors - from one set to team set  • Offering a long-term sponsorship commitment  • Tiered sponsorship  • Individual team sponsorship  A sub-committee will be formed to update the sponsorship packages/wording.	Tabled.	Tiffany Perrin Thera Wagner Justin Free		Open
2025-4	May 6/25	Marcia Stinson	<ul><li>Bingos</li><li>We are on a waitlist</li><li>Consider this a new volunteer position</li></ul>	No update.	Tiffany Perrin		Open



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			Each team taking their turn to fundraise for the association			
2025-7	June 5/25	Marcy Freer	2025 Location: Kingswell Glen, Petrolia Date: August 30 Time: Shotgun start at 11am Cost: \$125 per person Food: Bricket Fundraising ideas: • prize table (ticket sales) – multiple donations made • hole sponsors • hole-in-one sponsor (insurance) – has been secured. Teams: Ideally 18 team. As of July 3 <sup>rd</sup> 11 or 12 teams registered.  2026 Location: Kingswell Glen, Petrolia Date: June 27, 2026	Correction to previous minutes: Registration starts at 11am Shotgun start at 12pm.  Currently 14 teams registered.  Looking for a couple more volunteers for day off (sell raffles, hole in one watch).  Jess will post on website/Facebook looking for volunteers  Looking for more sponsor (hole sponsors)	Marcy Freer	Open
2025-9	June 5/25	Justin Free	U15 Tier 3 Team	Still no change in numbers – 9 players, no goalie.	Justin Free Clarissa Bell	Closed
			Numbers have not increased		Jessica	
			– 9 players, no goalie	If the team folds the	Deboer	
				following options are		



			U15 Tier 2 team would like 2 additional players (currently have 13)  No decision made as yet on status of this team.	<ul> <li>available to the displaced girls:</li> <li>U15 tier 2 is looking to add 2 more players</li> <li>Wallaceburg can take 2-3 girls</li> <li>Sarnia Boys has room</li> <li>PMHA has room but registration has closed.</li> <li>Lambton Shores has room.</li> <li>Motion – Tiffany Perrin/Nathan Whiting – To fold the U15 Tier 3 team; Allow the U15 Tier 2 team to</li> </ul>		
				add 2 more players; and Close the registration on our website for U15 – Carried.		
				Follow up		
				Justin to communicate		
				this to the coaches and impacted girls.		
2025-	July 3/25	Melisa	Constitution Update	The Board agreed with the	Melisa	Open
14		Johnson	An undated I ACIIA	schedule that was circulated.	Johnson	
			An updated LAGHA Constitution will be presented	Follow Up:		
			at 2026 AGM for	Obtain a non-pdf copy of		
			consideration/approval.	the current Constitution and circulate to the		
			A dedicated meeting for the constitution review will be	Board.		



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			scheduled for October/November.  Consideration – do we increase number of Board Members to help with growing number of positions needed?  Follow Up:  Melisa to send out a proposed schedule/timeline for the Constitution Update process.			
2025- 15	July 3/25	Melisa Johnson	Trainer Bags  Sponsorship is being sought for the trainer bags. Lisa Vanderwal is volunteering to oversee this process.  Follow up  Melisa to connect with Lisa regarding the Boards approval and report back with any updates to a future meeting	Update provided regarding the trainer bags. Still looking for a sponsor. Board discussed option if sponsor is not obtained. Board will proceed with the proposed plan for Lisa to oversee the bags and the Association will pay for the required supplies as was done in the past.	Melisa Johnson	Closed
2025- 19	July 3/25	Tiffany Perrin	Team Parent Representative  Discussed adding a parent rep to each team. This rep would be responsible for	Tabled.	Tiffany Perrin	Open

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			sending team pictures/updates so social media posts can be made. This will be added as a volunteer opportunity but only able to be filled after all critical positions are filled.			
2025-20	July 3/25	Justin Free	Goalie Clinic  Goalie Clinics will be scheduled for the beginning of the season. Consider Burgess, Darkhorse and Future Pros.  Follow Up  Melisa to obtain pricing from Darkhorse  Thera to obtain pricing from Future Pros	Look for the first week of September. Will see what ice time we have to decide how many clinics to hold.  Darkhorse is the preferred trainer for the September clinic.		Open

6. Ne	ew Business						
#	Date Opened	Raised By	Item & Summary	Comments	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status
2025-21	July 29/25	Nathan Whiting	Dryland Training Opportunities  As a way to help supplement the lack of ice time, do we consider renting space at the YMCA once a week for the teams to use. Do we have funds to support this?	Discussed options for Dryland Training:      LCCVI     Dow Center     Sam McGuire     John Knox     Watford Community     Center.     YMCA is \$100/hr	Nathan Whiting		Open



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2025- 21	July 29/25	Nathan Whiting	Coaching  Discussion around process/scheduling for U9 team 2/3 coaching interviews.	Obtain information about the above options and report back.  2 U9 and a U22 coach  U9  1 person reached out expressing interest as a coach.	Jessica Deboer Nathan Whiting	Open
				<ul> <li>Will post on website that we are looking for U9         Coaches. Anyone interested would be kept confidential to ensure it would not impact child's try out for Tier 1.</li> <li>Jessica will open up the portal to accept applications.</li> </ul>		
				Board to review the Coach selection process this season to attempt to address some feedback received.		
				<ul><li>U22</li><li>Post looking for U22 coach.</li></ul>		
2025- 22	July 29/25		Insurance	Noted for information purposes.		Closed



In Ontario, if girls are registered and insured through Hockey Canda via OWHA, the insurance covers both on-ice and off-ice activities – but only while they are participating in sanctioned events. What's covered:

- On-Ice Activities games, practices, training camps, tryouts, tournament play are fully covered under Hockey Canada's **Commercial General** Liability, Accidental Medical/Dental and AD&D policies
- Off-Ice Activities dryland, stick handling, conditioning, team meeting in a gym or rented room – as long as they are sanctioned and the association has obtained a certificate of insurance

#### What's Note Covered

 Private informal events like house parties or



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			sibling/parent gatherings at residences  Other unsanctioned group activities – street hockey, tobogganing, car rallies  Any event where 'non-registered' participants take part (parents, siblings) fall outside coverage.  Note – for insurance to be in affect rosters need to be approved by OWHA.  Activities and on ice events are not currently permitted.			
2025- 23	July 29/25	Justin Free	U22 Team	Google poll will be posted to gather interest in the team.	Jessica Deboer	Oper
2025- 24	July 29/25	Justin Free	U13 Team  Movement amongst tiers	Tier 1 coach has requested an additional 2 players for his team. Board reviewed and approved this request.  Justin to communicate to impacted coaches.	Justin Free	Close
2025- 25	July 29/25	Justin Free	Dressing Room Policy  Specifically – males in U5/U7 dressing room	Trying to stop girls from getting dressed in lobby.  Last season Board approved the following for U5/U7 only:	Justin Free	Oper

	<ul> <li>Girls to come into dressing room with base layer on.</li> <li>Always 2 adults</li> <li>Dads allowed into the dressing room.</li> </ul>
	Follow up – Justin to draft policy regarding this change that was previously approved.

- 7. Motion to Adjourn: 9:26 Jessica Deboer/Clarissa Bell. Carried
- 8. Next Meeting: September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Black Gold (location to be confirmed)