



**JDF Executive Meeting
August 19, 2025 In-Person**

Attendance:

Harold Bloomenthal	Present	Tom Coyle	Absent
Jared Steingard	Present	Laurie Anderson	Absent
Ian Taylor	Absent	Darren Jarvie	Present
Sarah Hannay	Present	Jen Glassel	Present
Janine Hughes	Present	Karalee Reade	Present
Brian Kowalko	Present	Jeff Eves	Present
Galen Brewer	Present	Bonnie Osborne	Absent
Trevor Won	Present	Matt Erickson	Present
Jaclyn Lambourne	Present	James Kersten	Absent
Ashley Johnson	Present	Adrianna Couto	Absent
Kyle Granger	Present	Kyle Henderson	Present
John Turcotte	Present	Corrina Taylor	Absent

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Harold at 7:01pm

Established a Quorum

Adoption of previous minutes

Motion to adopt previous minutes from June 17, 2025 – motioned by Jeff, seconded by Kara.

To adopt minutes of the previous meeting – ALL

CARRIED

Old Business:

- Proposed change to jersey policy - Jeff

New Business:

- US Tournaments/travel – Sarah
- JDF teams opting out of home tournaments - Sarah

Motion to adopt agenda as presented – motioned by Kyle seconded by Jaclyn.

All in favor - ALL -

CARRIED

Financial Report – Trevor

- Projecting that ice costs will be closer to \$460,000 compared to budget of \$435,000 and our

registrations revenues will be close to budget based on current registrations. If all other costs are on budget, the year will be closer to breakeven rather than a small surplus.

- Cash balance 280k
- Gaming grant expected in September (should get \$100k)
- \$580k in reg and tryout fees collected to date
- All accounts have been closed out and ready to go for new season
- Budget adopted – all in favour.

Web site – Darren

- New site up a running and will go live September 1st
- Send updates to Darren
- Tablets are ready to go
- Ordered replacement chargers and cables

Committee Reports

President – Harold

- U9 program – Island wide conclusion that policy will remain – children stay in own age group. Exemption would go to Harold for VIAHA approval. Commissioner returning for a second season and will have a universal support. Those that don't follow policy will not be permitted to play other associations. Harold needs to be told if some associations are not following the U9 policy so that it can be addressed. Will be full ice for 8 yr olds starting on December 15
- Scheduling – Oct 16th rep schedules will be drafted and then rec schedules will be done up about 7 to 10 days after and will be made until mid-December. All associations have submitted proposed list of teams so that VIAHA knows how many teams they need to schedule. Everything has been done to assist in getting schedules out more efficiently. If there ends up being a wide disparity between teams, there will be a rework before the second half of the schedule is released.
- AI VIAHA President – major cancer surgery; successful and recovering.
- Of the current membership, 35 to 40 families need funding. SportAssist is struggling to have enough funds to support families in full. Debbie Cooper funds have been donated and organized Westshore companies to donate as well. SportAssist has agreed to fund any balance of unpaid funds. All kids will get their fees paid.
 - o Jen – use gaming grant account for funded players? Will investigate options to see what can be done.

Registrar – Ashley

in box very quiet and things will pick up in September.

- Registration Numbers:

Division	Rec Skaters	Rec Goalies	Rep Skaters	Rep Goalies	Total JDF Skaters	Total JDF Goalies	Total JDF Players	Zone	Waitlist
U6	35	N/A	N/A	N/A	35		35	N/A	1
U7	41	N/A	N/A	N/A	41		41	N/A	4
U8	72	N/A	N/A	N/A	72		72	N/A	2

U9	68	N/A	N/A	N/A	68		68	N/A	5
U11	69	2	67	7	136	9	145	N/A	3
U13	59	6	50	7	109	13	122	7 skaters	0
U15	27	3	35	8	62	11	73	9 skaters; 1 goalies	1
U18	50	2	50	9	100	11	111	9 skaters	0
U21	31	2	N/A	N/A	31	2	33	N/A	0
Total JDF							700		

Head Referee/Ref Allocator – Galen; Tom Coyle (absent)

- Camp starts next week and structure has been redesigned: returning ref sessions and beginner sessions (will be two separate groups)
- 50 refs signed up
- More than 25% are returning referees

Ice Coordinator/Ice Committee – Jaclyn

- Got ice contracts at end of last week; assessment ice and first two weeks of September has been done
- Will be working on rep practices and dryland schedule
- Will be booking ref clinics
- Ahead of schedule from last season
- Can still negotiate ice needs for tournaments
- Extra ice at Naden that will help with League play.

Gaming – Jen

- 50/50 and raffle licenses for association have been submitted so that they can be launched

Tournaments – Corrina (absent report by email)

- Final total raised for 2025 16th Annual Debbie Cooper memorial Tourney was \$15,500.00!
Bringing total raised to \$177,900.00
- 2025-2026 tournaments are well under way with registrations coming in.
- **U15 Turkey Cup**- October 10-13, 2025:
 - 11 registrations rec'd already, and 3 committee volunteers have stepped up with the organizing. We will accept teams shortly and fill this tournament asap! How many JDF rec teams will there be? Darren, I and hopefully the division manager, Jeff Eves will host a meeting shortly to get the planning underway to allow for a successful tournament.
 - **With a few reciprocal tourneys offered for our JDF teams**
- **November Remembrance weekend Tourney:** 14 registrations rec'd so far. Will see what Tier they will be placed in and start planning
 - U13 T1/T2 Nov 7-9, 2025
 - U13 T2/T3 Nov 9-11, 2025

- **December - U8U9 Jamboree**
 - 5 registrations rec'd with reciprocal tourneys offered for our JDF teams
- **December U18 Candy Cane** - 4 Registrations rec'd with 2 Reciprocal tourneys for our JDF Teams.
- **January U21 Presidents Cup** - 7 registrations rec'd with 1 Reciprocal tourney for our JDF teams
- **February U11 Development Family Weekend tourney** - 6 registrations rec'd with reciprocal tourney for JDF team
- **March U6U7 Jamboree** - 6 registrations rec'd with reciprocals being arranged.
- **March U11U13 Debbie Cooper** - 12 Registrations rec'd and several reciprocals being arranged
- We will arrange committees, accepting teams and organization by the end of September I am thinking for ALL JDFMHA tourneys this season! Therefor all will be as much as and even more successful than the past season!
- For the reciprocals offered for our JDF teams, I have asked most associations Tournament Coordinators if they are able to provide a reciprocal tourney trade. Most are loving the idea and others are checking but enthusiastic of the idea. Darren and I will meet and discuss a fair but swift way to draw/distribute these spots given/confirmed.
- **JDFMHA Away tournaments for JDF Rep teams.**
- Darren has worked on most of these so far.
- I have registered U13T1 into the Pat Quin Classic on direction from Head Coach Tyler and Brian Kowalko - Confirmed acceptance given

Sponsorship – Adrianna (absent)

Equipment Manager – John T

- Pinnie distributed
- Brian will connect with John to get U18 to U13 jerseys and pucks
- U8/U9 jerseys – has jdf jerseys and Tim Hortons to distribute (each will have home and away jerseys). Tim Hortons no longer providing U8 and U9 jerseys.

Head Coach – Brian

- Thanks ice allocated and div managers for help to dates
- Working on rec ice schedules for back to ice.

Risk Management – Kyle Henderson

- Epect assessment groups almost done – working on zone players and then moving on to rec players for back to ice
- Log in for div managers should be the same as previous season

VP Admin – Jared

- More info will be sent out to members regarding upcoming events - meetings
- Info to rep parent re expectations
- U6 to U7 ice times will start at 6:30am to build in time for game slots
- Goal is to manage expectations for members
- Will release VIAHA draft schedule to members
- Photo day Oct 19 in Field House
- Gear Swap - did not work – only three families pledged to sell gear. May not be the right model; maybe collect gear and distribute to families in need.
 - Set up section on website? Darren will explore

- Should we pursue traditional gear swap? Perhaps arrange for Spring

VP Operations – Ian

- All ice contracts and dryland contracts are signed, and all providers are anxious to get started!
- **Our Ice Partners:**
- **Westhills**
 - Notable changes:
 - Increased tournament ice times
 - Loss of Thursday morning ice
 - Early morning, weekday practice ice times start at 5:45am (Mon, Tue, Wed)
 - Loss of early evening ice, Tuesday evenings
- **Naden**
 - Happy to report that Naden is open on Saturdays starting in September! We are back to our historical ice times, in terms of the amount of ice we have at Naden on Saturdays and Sundays.
 - To accommodate extra Recreation games on Sundays, we have opted to start the Timbits program at 6:30am on Sunday mornings. This opens 2 hours for the Timbits program on Sunday mornings and then allows us to schedule 3x90minute game slots for the recreation or U11 development programs.
- **WSPR**
 - Early morning weekday ice will now start at 6:00am, instead of 5:45am, at both The Q and JDF Arena.
 - **The Q**
 - With the Shamrocks bowing out of playoffs, the ice will be in on time for the start of our 2025/26 season.
 - We have the exact same amount of ice at The Q that we have rec'd in years past.
 - **JDF Arena**
 - Same schedule as years past.
- **Our Dryland Partners**
 - **Strength-in-2-Fitness**
 - Stacy and Dan - owner operators
 - 3 sessions / week - 1 for each Representative T1 team - U13/U15/U18
 - **Empire Athletics**
 - Justin Manz - owner operator
 - 3 sessions/week - 1 for each rep T2 team - U13/U15/U18
- Dryland sessions start the week of October 6th and end the week of January 30, 2026.
- Other initiatives that I'm working on:
 - Post-tournament weeks
 - Rep Coaches will be asked in advance of the season if they would be willing to give up one early morning practice time the week following a tournament
 - Purpose for the team:
 - to promote rest and recovery for the players after hockey-intensive weekends
 - Free up some time for the team to look at other team building ideas if they choose
 - Purpose for the Association:
 - To create, plan, and prepare additional clinics that we can offer

to our membership

- Use the morning ice for these sessions
- Provide additional value, for a nominal cost to the members
- IDEAS for CLINICS (not limited to the following):
 - Goalie training
 - Shooting clinics
 - Defense / Offense Development
 - Checking clinics
 - Transition to Full Ice for Timbits
- Developing community partnerships that bring value to membership
 - Shooting clinics for teams (Myles Bell's artificial ice & training centre)
 - Guest speaker list for teams (in the event that teams want to pay for a specific guest speaker)
 - Mental health
 - Cyber-bullying
 - Nutritionists
 - Westshore Boxing cross-training opportunities - discounted classes for people interested in trying their cross-training classes

Social media – Laurie (absent)

Head Manager & Divisional Manager reports

Head Manager

- 12 friend requests for association
- Working on dates for meetings
- Travel requests are now online
- If you want to speak at a meeting Sarah will schedule you in
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Age Division Managers

U7 Bonnie – nothing to report

U9 Kara nothing to report

U11 James – absent report by email

- Not much to report from the U11 division, typical emails and questions you would expect at this time of year but nothing too unexpected. So far 12 kids signed up for the try being a goalie session.

U13 Kyle - sending comms to families re upcoming info

U15 Jeff – ready to go

U18 Matt – ready to go; 4 assessment teams; volunteers for all game slots and bench staff organized and refs confirmed

U21 Darren – recovered missing jerseys. tentative coaches and managers lined up.

Correspondence – N/A

Old Business

Jersey Policy (Jeff)

- Looked at existing policy and other associations and combined to make new policy
- VPs and Harold have reviewed and approved

- Third jersey would be purchased with team funds and would be an approved jersey
- 1 third jersey would be selected for use

Motion to propose changes to jersey policy – seconded by Kyle

- Jared likes ideas to amendments but give team more latitude to create a third jersey within JDFs policy; kids would get names on jersey. Teams would be free to pick within reason third jersey. Jeff would be jersey approver along with a small committee.
- Jen – Brand guidelines for JDF? Short answer is no but, the association does have guidelines
- Limit use of third jersey.
- Will vote September after amendments made (jersey samples, when to use).

New Business

- US Tournament & Travel
 - o Came up at table officer meeting
 - o Cognizant that there are individuals in our association that may not be comfortable with travel to US. More that a 50 % vote.
 - o Need for a recommendation for team travel to US.
 - o Brian – votes for tournaments don't work in person. Vote should be made anonymous.
 - o US – request from team should be sent to Harold; we will then send survey to team and would need 80% to attend. Must have travel insurance. For tournaments outside of Canada
 - o For any tournament request outside of Canada, permission to attend must be sought through the association president and a survey will be released from the president where an 80% is needed. If threshold is met all players are required to have medical travel insurance.
 - o **Motion to move above — seconded by Kyle – all in favour**
- Stress at managers meetings and included in VP admin communications that participation in tournaments need team approval.
- Participation in home tournaments
 - o Problem in past of teams opting out of home tournament (sometimes last minute).
 - o **Motion - Make mandatory that home teams should not opt out JDF hosted tournaments -seconded by Kara**
 - Make clear at managers/coaches meeting
 - Send info to families re. tournaments
 - o **All in favour – no opposed - carried**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51pm – motioned by John seconded by Darren

Next meeting will be September 19, 2025, at 7:00pm location TBD