



**JDF Executive Meeting  
January 21, 2025 In-Person**

**Attendance:**

Harold Bloomenthal	Present	John Turcotte	Present
Jared Steingard	Present	Karalee Reade	Absent
Ian Taylor	Present	Darren Jarvie	Present
Sheryl Williamson	Absent	Dennis Frenette	Present
Janine Hughes	Present	Justin Simmons	Absent
Brian Kowalko	Present	Sarah Hannay	Present
Galen Brewer	Present	Jaclyn Lambourne	Present
Corrina Taylor	Absent	Bonnie Osborne	Present
Jeff Eves	Absent	Jordan Taylor	Absent
Trevor Won	Absent	Laurie Anderson	Present
Ashley Johnson	Absent	Jen Glassel	Present
Kyle Granger	Present	Tom Coyle	Absent
		Matt Erickson	Present

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Harold at 7:04pm

**Established a Quorum**

**Adoption of previous minutes**

Motion to adopt previous minutes from November 26, 2024 – motioned by Jen, seconded by Kyle.

**To adopt minutes of the previous meeting – ALL**

**CARRIED**

**Old Business: N/A**

**New Business: N/A**

Motion to adopt agenda as presented – motioned by Sarah seconded by John.

**All in favor - ALL -**

**CARRIED**

**Financial report – Trevor (absent report sent by email)**

- The bookkeeping has not been updated yet so the latest financial information I have is the financial statement that was sent out last meeting (October 2024).

- There is a committee meeting next week to review recommendations for registration fees for the 2025/26 season.
- Bank balance is \$70,196 as of today.

#### **Web site – Darren**

- Scheduling issues with RAMP and Schedule works. When season is over Darren and Jaclyn will assess if this is the best software for the association to use.
  - Unable to publish play off schedules, add time adjustments and no answer coming from RAMP
- Stripe – for 50/50 or other fundraising
  - All set up and ready to test and things to consider: Would a tap payment system be better? Could we buy terminals?

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **President – Harold**

- President's Meeting
  - Discussions on have a U21 division have a carded team but there is no appetite for this amongst the presidents.
  - U11 Zone program to play Lower mainland/Alberta – voted against
  - Ice time issues across all associations – some associations had to limit registrations.
  - VP reports of match/gross penalties have increased by 2.5 times.
- Ice Times
  - Attend Langford Council meeting regarding the purchase of the YMCA. Decision when forward for the purchase and to amortize the cost over a 5-year period.
  - RFP gone out for a consultant for study of recreation facilities on Westshore.
  - If a new arena is built it will take three years to complete and we will need to wait for a new council to make progress on construction of a new arena/recreations facility.
  - Ice committee will be reviewing our needs/resources and moving forward we cannot add more teams.
  - Jen G. – could we consider speaking to advocacy groups for healthy living?
  - Jared – should board form a policy on numbers?
    - Do some strategic planning first (Finance committee)
    - Issue will be our mandate of inclusivity and not being able to take all new players.
- Scheduling
  - VIAHA hired an administrator to assist with schedules (recreation teams) and in practice this hasn't worked.
    - Consensus for associations to schedule own games in coming season. Follow a similar model to representative scheduling: South Island Presidents will plot out game schedule over one weekend and share out to associations.
    - Jared – pre-plan bracket for playoffs as well
  - Galen – house playoffs will be played at arenas where commissioners are – JDF has 2 (U13 and U15) we will not be able to host. Harold will deal with this.

##### **Registrar – Ashley (absent)**

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

- If a game is cancelled, please notify Tom so that refs can be notified – Refs will be paid.
- Jaclyn will send Tom updated schedule so that Tom knows, and things are efficient.
- Referee Camp arrangements have been made Aug 27 to 29th.

**Ice Coordinator/Ice Committee** – Jaclyn

- U11 rec schedule still to be determined games.
- Lost ice at Naden in early February – planned power outage. Still rebooking.
- Island league playoffs schedule finalized and will be entered.
- Team manager meeting at beginning of season should be mandatory. Also set meeting well in advance.
- If managers make changes to games, then Jaclyn can no longer make updates to that game. All changes to games should be sent to Jaclyn.
- Tournament issues (more ice needs than expected)
  - Pulling ice from Friday afternoon and Sunday evenings result is complaints from recreation teams.
  - Moving forward we need to look at the number of teams per tournament and not accept additional teams.
  - Jaclyn to send synopsis to Harold for strategic review.

**Gaming** – Jen

- Not much going on
- Working on event reports and reaching out to teams
- Next season look at splitting bottle drive and gaming

**Tournaments** – Corrina and Jordan (absent, report provided by email)

- Over December we hosted the U11 recreation and the U18 recreation tournaments at Westhills. Both Tournaments had 12 teams entered including our JDF teams. The Chair of the tournaments and their committees did a fantastic job!
- U11 Recreation Chairs, Christine Bergsma & Sarah Erickson and the U18 recreation Chair is Judith Hales. We have had several positive responses and compliments on our procedures and surrounding community sponsors. I loved the imagination on the prizes, player swag and auction items these committees ventured out to find. It is refreshing to see the new life into this part of tournaments. We did have quite a lot of registrations come in for both tournaments creating a big waitlist. I am very confident our reputation for hosting tournament is returning to the level we used to have years and years ago!
- We are looking forward to our Family Day U11 Development tournament, with a great chair & committee. It sounds like they will be fully prepared to host another amazing JDFMHA tournament!
- Once the season is over, we will host a meeting with Chairs, committee members and a few executives to see what we can work on and improve going forward. One thing we do have a little miscommunication is the financial part but that will be an easy fix with making sure the committees understand more closely going forward. So much improvement that this is such a minor issue.
- Once again thank you to the executive Tournament support team - Harold, Darren, Jaclyn, Sheryl, Trevor, Jen & Janine to mention a few.

**Sponsorship** – Kyle

- Association 50/50 will go live on Friday. Board members excluded from purchasing. Runs until March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Gathering list of major sponsors for next season
- Jerseys – need to start looking for sponsors for another 6 sets.
  - Will send a communication to teams to share out.

#### **Equipment Manager – John T**

- Will look at atomic order for 2025 season.
- Extra Timbit jerseys – could they be used as practice pinnies?

#### **Head Coach – Brian**

- Presented a report on current age divisions numbers and projection for future seasons. Moving forward we will need to keep the same number of teams and can only absorb a few more players in certain age divisions. If we expand too much there will be even more difficulty with ice times.
- All certifications complete for coaches and working on Development 1 Field Evaluations
- U9 transition went well.
- Tournaments well run and great refs
- Assessment ice is booked August 20<sup>th</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup> .
- Need a review for registration dates: How late will we accept late registration? Set firm dates. Players that left after assessments have until September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Restricted refund process
  - Payment deadlines (strict)
- Need strategic planning meeting.

#### **Risk Management – Sarah**

- No-tints on fishbowls – Sarah sent email.
- Need to do regular safety checks.
- Neck guard – all must have proper neck guards.
- Reminder – helmet always on in penalty box.

#### **VP Admin – Jared**

- Working on re-take day with Photographer
- Few odds and ends with photos – errors not being resolved.

#### **VP Operations – Ian**

- Discipline committee fairly quiet this season.
- Petition from rep teams re. early morning ice times
  - Rep teams have early morning practices.
  - Expectations were set at beginning of the season, and all received email re. ice
  - Reality is that association is overextended, and the resources are not coming our way (ice resources)
  - Result – will reevaluate ice for next season.
- Will return to MEL-FIT? Decision will be made after AGM who dryland provider will be.

#### **Social media – Laurie**

- No updates currently

## **Head Manager & Divisional Manager reports**

**Head Manager** – Sheryl (absent) – nothing significant to report.

### **Age Division reports**

**U7 Dennis** - going well; starting games with other associations.

- Volunteer to head committee for tournament – set up meeting with Corrina and Darren
  - Include managers to assist (March 22 to 24)
  - Peninsula hosting a tournament at same time.

**U9 Karalee** – (absent report by email)

- Both U8 and U9 divisions are playing games now with the U9's playing full ice
- U8 managers have been successfully sending me completed game sheets this year. The U9's are reporting to their VIAHA commissioner.
- The U8/U9 jamboree went really well! I had lots of good feedback from managers and families. Kudos to Kristin and Gerry for taking the lead on it and they had a great team of volunteers to make it a success. The skills competition and Santa skate were a huge hit with the kids! Kristin also shared some considerations for next year's jamboree such as Spordle for game sheets as the paper ones were clunky. She also said it may be worth considering tiering as many associations tier their teams and it can make for some uneven games when playing associations who do not tier their team(!)

**U11 Justin** (absent report by email)

- Teams are finalizing their schedule and preparing for playoffs.
- Recreational teams are doing well, except one of them.

**U13 Bonnie** – T1 won gold in Arizona and T2 bronze in Seattle; rec teams doing very well in standings.

- Turkey cup funds not resolved. Bonnie to send Harold email communications.

**U15 Jeff** (absent report by email) –

- JDF U15 Representative Teams ranks as follows:
  - U15 T1 - 3rd in Division 1 - 4-5-0 - 9 Pts - 3 Regular season games remaining.
  - U15 T2 - 5th in Division 2 - 1-8-2 - 4 Pts - 1 Regular season game remaining.
- JDF U15 Rec teams are ranks as follows in the South Island:
  - 1st - U15 C1 - 7-0-0 - 14 pts
  - 2nd - U15 C2 - 7-2-0 - 14 pts
  - 3rd - U15 C3 - 6-1-1 - 13 pts

**U18 Matt** – Rec groups doing well. The tier 1 team has had lots of injuries, and the tier 2 is having a hard time in the standings.

**U21 Darren** – things going well but communications with the players can be challenging.

- Teams a bit unbalanced
- Debbie Cooper Tournament meeting - no participation from U15 teams

**Correspondence** – N/A

**New Business**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm – motioned by Darren– second by John**

Next meeting will be February 18, 2025, at 7:00pm location Highlands Room