

SOUTH BRUCE MINOR HOCKEY EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2026

8:00 PM Teeswater Arena



<u>Present</u>	Adam Weishar	Christie Morrow	Laura Harris
	Michelle Russwurm	Megan Ruetz	Kris Wright
	Tyler Graham	Jeremy Ellis	Rob Fischer
	Kate Dickson		

<u>Regrets</u>	Keri Brunsdon	Jason Meyer
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:04 pm.

The minutes were recorded by the Secretary

2. Additions, Deletions, Amendments to Agenda

None

3. Adoption of Minutes

November 18, 2025

Resolution # 2026-01-01

Moved by Michelle

Seconded by Tyler

Carried

4. Delegations

- U11 F2 Team representatives Lonnie Martin, Kim Beck, Lukas Fritz and Mark Ballagh
- See handout presented attached below.
 - WOAA
 - A lot of other locations have similar concerns, WOAA have not released anything yet about next season.
 - WOAA allowed us to tier. They reseed teams based on stats from last season, distance travel
 - Tournaments are run through different associations they are in charge of how tournaments are run, this is not up to WOAA
 - SBMHA executive
 - Executive haven't discussed next season
 - Last year had summary of what other associations were going to do based on tiering, or not.
 - SBMHA have been in contact with WOAA about some of these same issues. With feedback being mostly negative, WOAA will be making changes and having discussions for improving next season
 - U11 F2 Coaching staff
 - Want to see more voices heard, help see better structure for better experience of hockey

- Tryouts and finalizing teams earlier, and have teams and coaches chosen earlier.
- \$1000 sponsorship to their team, has come in and will be sending a cheque for this sponsorship back to the team to be dispersed.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

- Picture with milk logo
 - i. This has been sent off

6. Reports - for Direction

The following reports are presented for information:

a. Treasurer's Report

- No Report

7. Reports – for Information (all additional reports included here)

Hockey Operations Report

- Nothing to report

Registrar Report

- Nothing to report

Sponsorship Report

- Sponsorship Update
 - \$18120 has been brought in.
 - 2 other jersey sponsors, screen logo onto newer jerseys?
 - Some jerseys sets are looking pretty rough; we will reassess jerseys at the end on the season and see what needs to be replaced.
 - Are we going to try and order an array of sizes for a team or one size? Have different sponsors in different sizes? Can we mix up sponsors so have one team with jerseys sponsored by multiple sponsors? Think on this and discussion once jerseys are assessed.
 - Sponsorship of \$2000 just covers jerseys cost and screening. Is there a way to continue to get sponsorship though out multiple seasons?

Fundraising Report

- Nothing to report

OMHA Report

- Nothing to report

OWHA Report

- Confidential agreement
 - A sample was created and shared to look over and read. We will discuss next meeting.

Ice Scheduler Report

- Nothing to report

Coaches Contact Report

- Nothing to report

Special Events Report

- February's Event
 - Tickets are going slow about 60 sold at this time.
 - 7 volunteers for set up and selling tickets etc. will be needed
 - Harley's is doing a charcutier board
 - Dealers are to be paid with cash
 - Auction items will be from teams for silence auctions and then have a raffle for rest of items donated. Make a cut off for amount value and that can go in silent auction rest in raffle.
- Ball hockey
 - Group that is running ball hockey in Mildmay is wanting a busy hockey night to set up a table to advertise.

Tournament Report

- Tournament update
 - Running a tournament with 17 teams in two different divisions.
 - We are extremely short on volunteers.

Equipment Report

- Equipment update
 - New Jerseys have been distributed
 - U8 goalies have new throat protectors that were purchased.
 - U9 LL was looking for another set goalie pads, but none were available

Secretary Report

- Minutes on website
 - Minutes will be added to website

President Report

- Referee in Chief was wondering what compensation will be given this season.

Resolution # 2026-01-02

Moved by Megan

Seconded by Rob

Increase Referee in Chief's compensation to \$1000 for this season.

Carried

8. Communications

- No communications

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SBMHA Executive Committee will take place on February 17th, in the Mildmay Arena 8:00 pm

10. Adjournment

Resolution # 2026-01-03

Moved by Kris

That the meeting of SBMHA Executive adjourn at 9:48 pm.

President Adam Weishar, Chair
Executive Committee

From the WOOA we would like clarity on the following:

1. What will Local League structure look like next season?
 - If that is not yet known, what options are currently being considered?
2. If tiering continues, we would ask the WOOA to consider:
 - Implementing a clearer structure for tournaments to define tiers
 - If teams tier by skill, having those skilled teams play other skilled teams regardless of location and be designated as Tier 1
 - Labeling balanced teams as Tier 2
 - Labeling development teams as Tier 3
 - Pooling balanced teams with balanced teams and development teams with development teams for the first half of the season, with reseeding in the second half based on results and travel considerations

From South Bruce Minor Hockey, we would appreciate clarification and transparency on:

- We would like the executive to share what has been requested or shared with the WOOA regarding these concerns
- Whether any decisions have been made about how South Bruce will approach next season if tiering continues
- If decisions have not yet been made, I would strongly encourage that they be finalized before early registration and clearly communicated to parents before they register — either through the website or registration materials.
- Regardless of tiering, We would also like to suggest that team divisions be finalized by October 1st at the latest, ideally even earlier for U9 and above, to allow adequate time for staffing, training, planning, and scheduling for all teams.
- Lastly, we would like clarification regarding the \$1,000 donation made to South Bruce U11F2, which went to the organization. We would like to understand how that funding can be returned to the parents, manager, or coaches of the team to offset costs already incurred.