D4 Update
February 17, 2025
6:30pm Zoom

Attendance

Chair – Amanda Waterfield **Present**
Past Chair - Del Brown
Vice Chair – Glenn Austin **Present**
D4 Hockey Ops - Steve Edgerton **Present**
D4 Risk & Discipline - Chris Benson **Present**
D4 - Mike Smith **Present**
D4 RIC –
D4 Assigning – Mike Clarkson **Present**
D4 Secretary – Jennifer Garner **Present**
D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon
D4 Webmaster - Andy Backa
LCMHL President - Tom Stephens
LCMHL Treasurer - Fiona Livingston
U9 LCMHL Statisticians – Shawna Kealey **Present**
U18 LCMHL Statisticians – Debbie Heuchert
U11 LCMH Statistician – Mike Taylor **Present**
U13 LCMHL Statisticians - Jane Cameron **Present**
U15 & U21 Statistician – Jenny James
OVT - Joce Legault
Silver Seven - Tyler Nystedt **Present**
APMHA President - Scott Robillard
CPMHA President – Stuart Robinson
Romans – Martin Bouchard **Present**
MTK - Jennifer Downey **Andrea Tunks Present**
RMMHC –Jim Wallace **Present**
SMHA – Terry Foley **Present**
ORMHA - Cameron Legault **Present**
PLMHA President – Morgan McNevin **Christine Thomas Present**
WCMHA - Natasha Danschinko

Agenda Items:

Approval of January Meeting Minutes – Martin motions, Cam Legault Seconds

LCMHL Update - Tom Stephens

District Chair Report - Amanda Waterfield

How long should we keep minutes on the website? 5 Years.

- **HEO UPDATE**
  - Unsanctioned players – Memo was put out, if you have questions, please let us know.
  - Competitive Registration Fee – This is a fee that we as a District can choose to charge or not charge. It can be anywhere from $0 to $25. What do the associations do with the $.

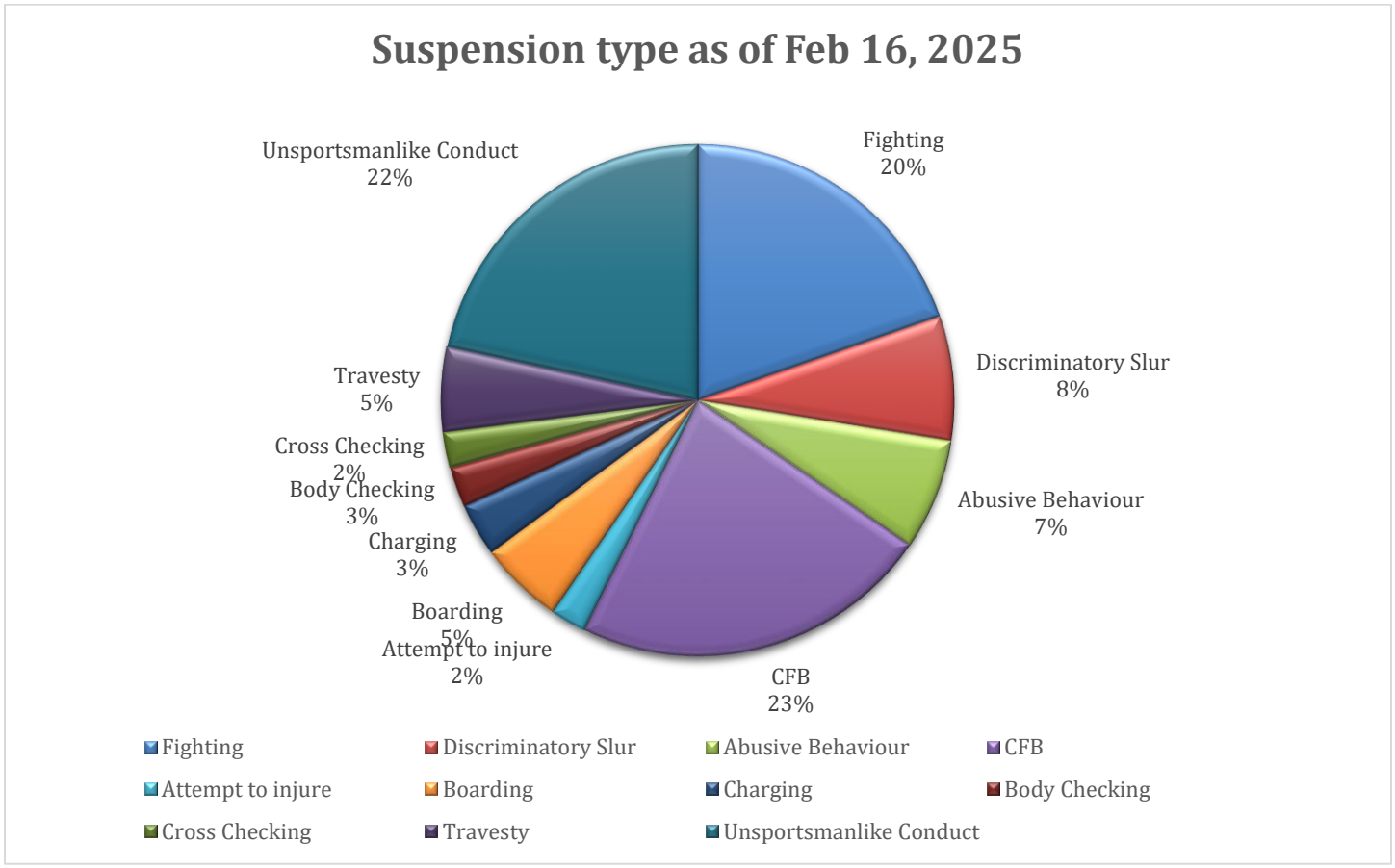
    ORMHA – Uses the $25 to cover credit card fees and what is left goes to Romans

  - HC – will be removing the "Respect in Sport" and replacing it with a course "Welcome to Hockey & Hockey Culture mandatory courses. RIS will be grandfathered.
  - HC revamping the Gender Identity course as well. Hope to have ready for the spring.
  - AAA Ice allocation mandate – I have reached out to Titans and Upper Canada Cyclones to see how many hours they are short so that we can help the AAA program if we can.
  - Screening Policy is changing. OHF did it this year, HEO, and NOH are getting on board. VSC's are good for 3 years. Recommend that anyone whose VSC is expiring, apply for a new one now.
  - Video Review policy – Minor Council will review this policy once the season commences to address issues that came up over the season.
  - D5, D11 & D1 will be having new chairs this year.
- **RIC UPDATE**
  - HEO votes that we create a policy for U9 Penalty minutes. The previous discussion was not recorded anywhere and there was no consistency across the branch. U9 will now be 1- & 3-minute penalties. U11 will be 2 and 5 minutes
  - Monthly quizzes – quizzes are being completed. I am having to go back into TTM and mark it as mandatory as no one had it flagged for them.

- Supervisions – we have supervisions happening and in collaboration with local RICs they have gone and conducted supervisions for any official we have had a complaint about.
- Survey will be going out about where we need improvements for officials so they can heard. Example – Beckwith Ref room has no heat
- Timekeepers – I have been timekeeping for APMHA with my daughter lots in Almonte and I started to train some U18 players on how to time keep as well for APMHA.
- End of year event for officials? Something to show appreciation to the officials. Would anyone be opposed to that?
    - No one opposes.
- Would like to propose that first year officials we also train to be timekeepers. This gives them more opportunity to be assigned but also you do learn a lot as a timekeeper.
- Would like to put the call out for a RIC for district, my goal would be to have this name confirmed for the AGM as the constitution indicates that they are voted in at our first executive meeting after the AGM and then work with them to get some clinics setup for the summer. I have a list of names of people (teens and adults) that would like to be officials with district next year.
- RIC for your local associations – APMHA, WCMHA and ORMHA need RICs.
    - ORMHA will be posting their position.

- **DISCIPLINE UPDATE**
    - Number of hearings – we have had a handful of hearings this year.
    - Issues that are arising – abuse of officials by parents and bench staff
    - # of video reviews – we have reviewed videos and sent them to HEO for confirmation. We have had four. One suspension has been overturned.
    - Remind parents as we get into the playoffs about conduct. Thank you, Osgoode, for already posting this to your website.

1. D4 has had to suspend a parent for the remainder of the season from the cold arena, she must write a letter of apology to MTK, PLMHA, her coach, and must complete the course – NCCP Make Ethical Decisions.



Succession plan –

Who is planning to stay and who is leaving?

- Natasha – WCMHA – going to the Lady Sens program as their new GM.
- Andy – Webmaster has indicated this is his last season.
- Glenn (Treasurer / VP role) Andrea Tunks will shadow Glenn this upcoming season to take over this role.
- APMHA -?
- CPMHA – Voted in last year…staying?
- MTK - Voted in last year.
- ORMHA – Voted in last year. Cam will stay for another year.
- PLMHA – Morgan is planning to stay on for 2 more years.
- RMMHA - Voted in last year. Jim is planning to stay
- ROMANS – Martin is looking for a replacement for next year.
- SMHA - Voted in last year. No major turn over happening this coming season
- WCMHA – New president
- OVSS – Appointed last year. No major turnover expected.

Glenn – VP/Treasurer

I sent my report out for officiating costs. I will be reaching out to associations for additional funds.

We are not far off of what we spent last year.

The new Payroll system has been difficult. Hopefully next year it will be more seamless.

Usually the assignor role is a one year term with the option to extend. Mike has been great this season and is even helping to recruit new officials. I would like to put it to vote, does anyone have any issues with keeping mike on for another year.

No one has any concerns about keeping Mike on as assignor for next year. Vote passes.

District Risk & Discipline - Chris Benson

I expect emotions to be a little higher going into the playoffs.

District Hockey Ops – Steve Edgerton

RIC -Assigning Mike Clarkson

This weekend was interesting with 40 games being cancelled due to the weather. They were all rescheduled by 8am this morning and officials are assigned to all of those games.

D4 Webmaster- Andy Backa

D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon

APMHA - Scott Robillard

CPMHA – Stuart Robinson

ORMHA – Cameron Legault

Our AGM will be early April, we can confirm early this week.

PLMHA – Morgan McNevin

AGM set for April 14th. Glenn will attend on behalf of District 4

RMMHA – Jim Wallace

We had some internal ice scheduling issues which we will learn from.

Did HEO ever reply about when we can start training our referees in the summer?

Amanda – is hoping to do these official training in August. Waiting for HEO approval

SMHA – Terry Foley

No updates

WCMHA – Natasha Danschinko

MTK – Jennifer Downey

We are just working on planning our banquet which is March 30th.

ROMANS- Martin Bouchard

No update

Titans – Joce Legault

Silver Seven – Tyler Nystedt

-U18 is going to a game 5 of their series they are 1-0-2 and need a win or a tie to move on

-U16 is done after going 0-2-2 to lose to Nepean

-U10-U15 have started playoffs or will this week after the pathways break

-After no other association stepped up OVSS will be running the Tier 1 U9 year end Jamboree in Kinburn March 28-30.

-Banquet is scheduled for March 1 in Almonte. All D4 exec are invited just let me know

-Coach Applications for 25-26 season will run March 1 or 2nd and be open until March 22

-Tryouts will start with U10-U11 pathways skates at the end of April then U12-U16 will be middle of May after AAA is completed.