D4 Update
October 20, 2025
6:30pm Google Meet

Attendance

Chair – Amanda Waterfield **Present**
Past Chair - Del Brown
Vice Chair – Glenn Austin
Treasurer – Andrea Tunks **Present**
D4 Hockey Ops -
D4 Risk & Discipline – Mike Smith **Present**
D4 RIC – Brendon Stitt **Present**
D4 Assigning – Mike Clarkson **Present**
D4 Secretary – Jennifer Garner **Present**
D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon **Present**
D4 Webmaster – Brad MacDonald
LCMHL President – Mike Taylor **Present**
LCMHL Treasurer - Fiona Livingston **Present**
U9 LCMHL Statisticians – Shawna Kealey
U18 & U21 LCMHL Statisticians – Debbie Hechert
U11 LCMH Statistician – Jordan Heavens
U13 LCMHL Statisticians - Jane Cameron **Present**
U15 Statistician –
OVT - Joce Legault
Silver Seven - Tyler Nystedt **Present**
APMHA President - Scott Robillard **Present**
CPMHA President – Stuart Robinson **Present**
Romans – Martin Bouchard
MTK - Jennifer Downey**Present**
RMMHC –Jim Wallace **Present**
SMHA – Terry Foley **Present**
ORMHA - Cameron Legault – Rob Smith VP **Present**
PLMHA President – Morgan McNevin **Present**
WCMHA – Chris Havey **Present**

Agenda Items:
Approval of September Meeting Minutes – Jim Wallace & 2nd by Scott Robbilard.
Agenda for October approved by Fiona & 2nd by Chris Havey.

LCMHL Update – Mike Taylor

Manager meeting went well, we found a restriction on our Google meets platform, it allows for only 152 participants to attend. May need to look into another platform for next year.
I sent an email with a link requesting teams to confirm their attendance, only about 48 people have replied. Please message your teams to encourage them to complete this.

Our website is currently down, we think this is part of a larger issue and I will let Brad comment on this.

Statisticians are all setup, nothing crazy going on. There is no comment section for game switches to put a reason why. Statisticians need to email Mike Clarkson until we can find a way to add a comment.

TTM: I believe it is the registrars who grant access for teams to enter their suspension

Fiona – I will be sending invoices for teams within the next week. Canada post seems to be back up for those who email cheques, but I can provide banking information for those who want to send etransfers.

U9 –Lots of reschedules right now, things are going well.

U11- many game switches and tournament requests have been approved, and no further issues.

U13 – Everything is going well, just sent an email to the Perth convener to send me a list of their contacts so I can get them entered into game central.

U15 – Marie decided not to continue with this role, Jane is stepping in to help while we hand this off to a replacement.

District Chair Report - Amanda Waterfield

We've asked HEO if we can allow an additional tournament for our U9 teams, which would be a full ice tournament. We are waiting to hear back.

Lots of good things happening right now- special disposition for U21, you're now allowed 4 over agers if they played last year.

SMHA – Terry asked for clarification around the additional tournament for teams with a home tournament.

Amanda Waterfield – IF you're in a silver stick tournament and qualify for the international, that counts as your 5th tournament.

Glenn – VP/Treasurer

• Officiating:
Invoices for District 4 Officiating Advance Payments have been sent to all Association Presidents and their Treasurers. Payment is due to District no later than November 1st so we can do our first payroll on November 15th
Please remind officials their first pay cheque will be November 15, 2025

• District Finances
Invoices will be sent out in the next week to Associations for their $550 District fee which will cover District 4 Operations/

• New Treasurer
Training has started for the new Treasurer (Andrea Tunks) who will be taking on District Finances and Officiating Payroll. November payroll will be used as introduction on how to administer the payroll.

District Risk & Discipline – Mike Smith

October 29th we are having our first Risk & Safety meeting which will happen quarterly. Every Risk & Safety officers has been invited, I've only heard back from some.

I was going to mention equipment not being worn properly, lots of conversations with coaches around that. It is up to the presidents to talk to their coaches.

District Hockey Ops –

RIC & Assigning – Brendon Stitt & Mike Clarkson

Mike Clarkson – Busy start to the season, lots of game changes coming in on the LCMHL Side. Our biggest issue will be that some weekends we have a lot of games scheduled. The 25th of this weekend we have 99 games.

We may have onboarded too many new officials, SMHA has a lot of new timekeepers. We may seem some complaints about that.

Amanda Waterfield – I want to thank you and Brendon Stitt for the mentorship that has been happening at the rinks I've seen happening.

We had a compliment this weekend around the officiating at our U15 CPMHA tournament.

We had an issue where an official was a sibling of a player in the game they were working and gave their sibling an 11.10 which was meant to be an 11.4.
Brendon would like trainers to be required to wear helmets on the ice across the board.

Coaches do not need to be talking to a U9 rated officials.

I updated the District 4 complaint and compliment officiating form. I will send that out shortly.

U18 Rep cage hangs will be a work in progress, please have your coaches talk to their players. You get 1 warning, if it isn't fixed they sit for 5 minutes, if it happens again you'll be told to leave the game.

U18 House in Richmond, I decided to wash everything from the gamesheet. I am taking some accountability for this, but there is some accountability to the coaches and players for their actions.

I am adjusting the code of conduct to show that U18 Rep and House A games require the same number of officials. With some exception where trusted officials who could handle the game.
In the first period there was a brawl.
The game sheet shows #88 which didn't even exist. The wrong person was given an instigator penalty. Given the amount of the errors and inaccuracy, to be fair to teams at both associations we are wiping out this game sheet.

Mike Smith - I will be sending out an email regarding this situation for coaches to discuss with their players about expected behaviors. This is house league hockey and it should be for fun.

Waterfield – Spoke with both teams about this event as I was in attendance. The discussion was around behaviors and expectations. Suspension following them on in their lives if they're in their last year of minor hockey.

Jim Wallace – I was on the bench for this game, we believe that there needs to be 3 officials at House A games. We would even prefer to cancel the game if we can't have 3 officials.
Brendon – If we want to all agree to cancel without any exception, we can blanket this and say that if there aren't 3 officials we will cancel the games.
Chris Havey – so we are saying that the officials aren't responsible, which I can agree to. But we have 2 presidents who were on the benches and they both say that it wasn't the coaches. Was there video of this?

Amanda – No. There wasn't. If we handed out the suspensions and those players appealed to HEO they would have been overturned.

Brendon Stitt – That is correct, they would have. And how is it fair for those kids who got minor suspension to have to serve those and the kids who received major suspension to serve nothing?

Chris Havey – Because mistakes happen. I've had players have to serve a suspension for which they didn't earn.
I don't think this is a good look for D4, I want it to be on record that I do not agree with these suspension/penalties being cleared.

Jim Wallace -I called Amanda in to talk to the players as she happened to be there and it was handled well, we don't have a conflict.

Amanda – I stepped away from this and let Brendon and Mike Smith handle this.

Brendon Stitt – We are rebuilding our officiating systems and I am doing my best. I'm sorry this happened and will work to ensure it doesn't happen again.

Officiating Handbook & Code of Conduct for District wide implementation after next meeting. Members should review and prepare questions ahead of the District Meeting. I

will give it another week if anyone needs more time, please email me with any questions.

Key focuses for start of season:
Player safety concerns such as cage hangs, “taped-up” neck guards, tinted visors, etc.
Communication with benches: when it is appropriate and when it is Roger Neilson/Clock-eating times that are not appropriate
Ramping up on supervisions, coaching & mentoring of officials before late November supervision “cool off period.”
A lot of younger B-League and House hockey will have an extra body “mentoring officials” in Month of October/early November. They are there to teach positioning, procedures and build confidence. They are a Mentor and technically not supposed to make calls on the ice.

Reminders:

-Officials are to walk behind trainers and not extend/offer an arm or elbow

−All discriminatory slurs that are not personally heard by officials are to be reported through TTM

-Players wearing equipment improperly will receive a warning with the bench. If not adhered to, player receives a 10 min Misconduct. If it happens again in the same game a second 10 min Misconduct will be called which constitutes a Game Misconduct for the player.

-Attached 2024-2026 Rule Changes (as a reminder) any questions of what changed or interpretations members should read and prepare to ask at the District meeting.

-Officiating complaints should use appropriate B-League/LCMHL Officiating complaint forms. They should go through Association level Risk & Safety/Convenors first. They know problem parents, coaches, spectators better than I do.

−Hockey Canada Rulebook can be downloaded for iOS and Android from the Hockey Canada website- Officiating resources section. Appendix D- Penalty options chart is particularly useful for coaches ie: there are only two options for slew foots, minimum kneeing call is Dbl Minor, no such thing as a Dbl Minor Cross Check, etc.

−Green Armband infractions are generally double under the Code of Discipline (depending on # of offenses). Remember these are kids and young adults and the future of our officiating roster.

-HEO will **not** review minor suspensions for appeals.

D4 Webmaster- Brad MacDonald

D4 Registrar - Heather Nixon

I know that associations registrars are very busy, we get all that work plus some. Please be understanding when you send something that is “urgent” we are typically working on a first in first done system.

Lots of associations are getting their APs in. When we get a bunch of APs at the last minute it is hard for us to get those done in time.

I see lots of ppl are finishing up their clinics. Trainers need to have their quals by Oct 31. Coaches, and managers need to have them by Nov 30th.

Declarations request is working again.

Travel permits need to be completed for every exhibition games, or even an email with all their exhibition games so I have record of them.

Mike Smith – Is you’re a level 2 trainer, do you need to recertify level 1?
Heather – Yes. It is online now.

APMHA - Scott Robillard

Everything is going well, most of our teams have played their first game of the season. I am happy to say that we haven’t had any complaints.

With 99 games this weekend, does that come from taking on the sensplex tournaments again? If so why are we taking those on if we can’t cover our own games?

The sensplex tournament is an OVSS tournament this weekend. There is also the Perth Duel and APMHA day.

CPMHA – Stuart Robinson

U18, we went with 3 B teams because we felt like we didn't have a lot of skill. Last night one of our B teams crushed another B team. I'm wondering if its too late to move them to an A team?

Mike Taylor would need to talk to Debbie about this and report back

Mike Smith – The team that got beat was my team that I am coaching, our goalie didn't play well, this stronger team wouldn't be competitive in A.

Stu – One of our U13B teams lost to an ORMHA 13-0. There were several complaints about this lopsided game. I've watched some of our other U13B teams playing and they're competitive with other associations.

Mike Taylor received email from parents on the team who won and wanted to know why they aren't a tier 1 team.

Amanda suggests they talk to Morgan about this.

ORMHA – Cameron Legault / Rob

Everything seems to be going ok, we have the U13 issue which we are paying attention to and monitoring. We're not going to take the 3 teir 2 teams lightly.

PLMHA – Morgan McNevin

Complaints from coaches about risk and safety, parents complaining about coaches.

RMMHA – Jim Wallace

Busy, we're a little behind on TTM.

I have a coach that is being blocked, bc the system believes he did a non-sanctioned team which he did not.

Amanda – He needs to email Jeff at HEO to have that cleared.

On that note, the Ottawa wolves have posted that they are having November Spring tryouts. Kids are allowed to attend these tryouts but can not play in games.

SMHA – Terry Foley

We have been busy here. Some of Brendon's issues were out of SMHA. No complaints about team balancing or coaches.

The instructions on the LMCHL website aren't correct around TTM. The instructions say that you need to do a password reset and there is no where to do that?

Other associations have not had any issues

WCMHA – Chris Havey

Not much to say, we started our programs and things seem to be going well.

We have a new registrar in place. I am hoping to appoint a new Risk and safety person soon.

MTK – Jennifer Downey

All good.

ROMANS- Martin Bouchard

New Risk & Safety Director, Ryan Wood.

Looking for an Ice scheduler.

Titans – Joce Legault

Silver Seven – Tyler Nystedt

Everything is going very smooth. Everyone has been to at least 1 tournament. Our U13 team seems a bit weak otherwise everyone is doing well.

TTM is busy.

I'm concerned about what I am hearing on this call about suspension being thrown out. And changing suspensions, because I keep telling my team that we aren't changing any suspensions and now we are?

Brendon Stitt – This was my decision to change and it was an isolated occurrence.

Ty – I just want consistency. Last year there was a suspension overturned which SHOULD have been.

Amanda – This was an issue where the referees couldn't even complete the GIR. There were many errors on the game sheet. The officials on this game shouldn't have been.

Amanda – If you have a minimum suspension and there is video showing it was the wrong player or the wrong suspension, we as a district can decide to overturn a minimum.

Ty – Then maybe there is a process issue, bc I did that.

Amanda – I will meet with Mike and Brendon and come up with a process/plan to move forward on this. The policy was put in place so we aren't receiving video for every trip or slash.

I will get something together for our next meeting.