

NANAIMO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 7, 2025

Beban Social Center – 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo
52 voting members in attendance

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

President	Amanjit Pandher
Female Director	Alli Schneider
Directors at Large	Brad Remillard
	Cameron Park
	Graeme Fipke
	Heather McEachen
	Taylor Jenkins

Award Ceremony was held at 6:00pm – Matt Hughes & Cody Gessner
Presentation of Appreciation to Amanda Medforth and Janna Gordon

Meeting called to order at: 6:33pm

Meeting Chaired by Amanjit Pandher - President

Welcome

Scrutineers for elections, Mary Pearson, Janna Gordon, Vicky Long, Amanda Medforth, Tania Bhullar

Motion: To adopt agenda as presented. Taylor Jenkins, 2nd Graeme Fipke. CARRIED.

Motion: To adopt the minutes of NMHA AGM May 8, 2024 – Taylor Jenkins, Brad Remillard. CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS: (on file)

- No questions from members

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Financials, under budget for 2024-25 season, no questions.

Review of changes in Bylaws

- Not all changes were announced in summary
- 4.2, does that not take away the power of the members of the Society and give it to Board members only?

- 1st & 2nd Vice president already in current bylaws, why removing them
 - Not removing 1st VP, just making that position an elected position as apposed to appointed
 - Allows for the person coming in to know what is expected, at this time job description very vague, full job description for 1st VP
 - Only removing 2nd Vice President

- Concern of moving from 11 to 8 Board members
 - One AGM per year, and as you can see we do not get many out, another meeting to go through the Bylaws again would mean an extraordinary meeting.
 - Need 2/3 of current voting members to pass at this AGM

- Concern of quorum being decided by Board could make it 3 and voting could go in their favor for any motion
 - Plan is to keep it 50% + 1

- Concern for committees, members already have a lot of volunteer hours, are we not asking them to do more?
 - Already stated in bylaws that committees can be given the power to make motions by the Board
 - That will be on a case by case basis, and final authority is to the board to vote on all motions, committees will give recommendations to the board
 - Committees allows the membership to be involved what the general members want, more bodies form general membership to be on committees, to help progress the association
 - Engages members
 - Allows members to bring forth ideas

- Concern on how removal of a Board Member, power in the hands of the Board of Directors, not the membership
 - Board will appoint someone in new position for duration of tenure, could remove a Board member tomorrow and put who they want in
 - There has to be a reason to remove Board member, and follow the BC Society Act
 - If continue with membership removal, means another extraordinary meeting
 - Never seen one removed in 8 years on Board- Amanda Rauh
 - Has something happened that the members need to be concerned about? – Courtney Cross
 - No

Do we vote as a whole, the full Bylaw changes, or can it be split up into sections? In favor of most of these changes, can see benefit of smaller board – Nicole Sugiyama

- Can be split up
- Need to amend or remove section that has not been properly sent to membership

Will remove sections 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11

Can we table to next AGM? Yes

Motion to table change of Bylaws to 2026 AGM. Tanie Bhullar, 2nd Ryan Rauh. VOTED DOWN.

Motion to amend new bylaw changes with the removal of sections 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11. Nicole Sugiyama, 2nd Kim Robinson. CARRIED.

Motion to adopt as amended the New Bylaws. Nicole Sugiyama, 2nd Amanda Medforth. CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn the regular order of business. Ryan Rauh. 2nd Taylor Jenkins. CARRIED.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vicky Long will chair the election of officers.

New Bylaws do not take effect until filed, therefore we hold elections for the open positions which the Board will then appoint the Director at Large to the position in the new Bylaws.

The following are on the 2nd year of a 2 year term and will remain:

President	Amanjit Pandher
Risk & Safety Director	Chris Lawson
Female Director	Allison Schneider
Directors at Large	Brad Knight
	Taylor Jenkins
	Tara Scott-Legary
	Heather McEachen

The following are elected to the 2025-26 Board of Directors:

Competitive Director	Brad Remillard
Directors at Large	Amanda Medforth
	Graeme Fipke
	Mary Pearson

Close of elections.

Motion to destroy the ballots. Nicole Sugiyama, Andrea Logan. CARRIED.

Free registration draw winners:

**Bentley Herman
Kayson McLaren**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.