



Agenda Board of Directors Meeting November 18, 2025

Invited: Cher Allen, Kathy Brook, Christine Keay, Gwen Smoluk, Ken Storozuk, Steven Leduc, Alyson Renaldo

Regrets:

Meeting start time: 7:03 pm Central

Meeting location: Zoom

Item	Notes	Action
1.	<u>President Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:</u>	
2.	<u>Role Call:</u> <i>As above</i>	
3.	<u>Additions to Agenda:</u>	
4.	<u>Approval of Agenda:</u> <i>Motion to approve the agenda Moved: Ken Second: Alyson</i>	Carried
5.	<u>Declaration of Conflict:</u> <i>Christine is an athlete and has declared conflict</i>	
6.	<u>Approval of October BOD meeting minutes:</u> <i>Motion to approve the October BOD meeting minutes Moved: Steve Second: Ken</i>	Carried
7.	<u>Business Arising:</u> - Board Fundraiser - Board Member ideas to Gwen	
8.	<u>Electronic Correspondence:</u> <i>Motion to approve Insurance as presented Moved: Alyson Second: Ken</i>	Carried
9.	<u>Financial Report</u> <i>Motion</i> to approve financial report as circulated Moved: Ken Second Steve	Carried
10.	<u>Reports:</u> • 57 people attended Westerns in Edmonton • Next weekend is the Selection Event in Brossard. Registration is closed • Preparation underway for sending Juniors to World Championship in December • Head coaches met with their teams last week. Very successful zoom meetings. • Safe Sport list updated to CCES • Continue to work on new funding opportunities	No questions

11,	<u>Motions:</u> 1. Motion to approve AAP criteria for the 2026-2027 carding cycle as presented Moved: Ken Second: Steve <u>Rationale:</u> No changes were made 2. Motion to approve HP decision to decline Kaitlyn Couckuyt's request for an exemption from the Selection Event for academic reasons. Moved: Ken Second: Steve <u>Rationale:</u> The HPC reviewed Kaitlyn's request and voted to deny it for the following reasons: • The letter from her school indicates it is <i>not recommended</i> that she miss class. ◦ The policy specifies that the letter must demonstrate a <i>requirement</i> to attend school. • Kaitlyn has indicated that she is prioritizing her commitment to the Junior Team and will be missing school to attend World Juniors. ◦ The HPC supports her decision; however, the Development Team has separate commitments that Kaitlyn has agreed to in the Athlete Agreement. • The Exemption Policy was amended in April to address this type of situation. • Kaitlyn's funding for the Development Team will not be affected. 3. Motion to approve changes to exemption policy wording as presented: Moved: Ken Second: Alyson <u>Rationale:</u> • The HPC has made one change and some wording updates to the Exemption Policy. Change: <i>In situations where an athlete's/team's average placement is higher than the total number of athletes/teams registered in the current draw (for example, an average placement of 9th, but only 5 entries in the draw), the exempted athlete/team will be assigned a placement no lower than one position below the total number of entries in the draw. This calculation includes all approved exempted athletes/teams for the event. As a result, if multiple athletes/teams are granted exemptions in this scenario, they will all receive the same average placement.</i> • The calculation did not used to include exempted athletes/teams. Updates: • Wording for School/Exam exemptions - attempted to strengthen the requirements and intent • Overall wording in Section 5 in an attempt to be more clear • Appendix A - Provided examples to support policy	Carried Carried Carried
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	4. Motion to approve selection criteria for the 2026 World Championship Team as presented Moved: Steve Second: Ken <u>Rationale:</u> - As per HP Review recommendation there is qualification available through the pro tours. - It also requires participation in the Nationals - HPC chose Top 8 as they felt the standard should be high as the point of pro tour qualification is for Team Canada to have podium finishes - Moved to points for top 16 to be consistent with the National Team Selection criteria. We continue to take 4 athletes per gender which aids in our review for carding	Carried
	5. Motion: To approve selection criteria for the 2026-2027 National Team Program as presented Move: Ken Second: Steve <u>Rationale:</u> Changes to highlight: - Point 1.2.3 At the time of team selection, the Women's National Elite Team will be expanded proportionally to account for athletes on official maternity leave, at a rate of one additional position per two athletes on leave. - HPC felt this was fiscally responsible and fair to the athletes. - They considered the Men's Elite Team however men are only eligible for up to 35 weeks of leave, so they did not feel it warranted consideration for expanding team size. - The Points Table has been expanded from 12 to 16 positions in Section 3. - Rewards athletes for playing out matches in the red and white divisions - Allows younger athletes to earn points towards making the Dev Team (where top 12 often cut them out of the points) - Will allow for more accurate points in selecting the Dev Team	Carried
	<u>Review of risk management and report card and operational plan:</u> <i>Nothing new at this time</i>	
13.	<u>Discussion</u>	

14.	<u>Next Meeting:</u> January 20	
15.	<u>Adjournment:</u> <i>Motion to adjourn Christine 8:27</i>	