

MOTION #1:

(Motion by Duncan Havens, seconded by Carrie Coleman) request for an exemption to SDMHA Bylaw 5, whereby, following the 2025 AGM the SDMHA RIC will be appointed by the Board of Directors for a one year term.

RATIONALE:

Appointing the Referee-in-Chief (RIC) ensures the selection of a qualified, experienced leader who aligns with the board's goals and officiating standards. This process promotes stability, accountability, and long-term planning. An appointed RIC remains directly accountable to the board, ensuring consistency in decision-making and referee development. By appointing the RIC, the board maintains oversight, streamlines decision-making, and fosters a professional, merit-based approach to officiating, ultimately benefiting the development of officials and the integrity of the game.

MOTION #2:

(Motion by Duncan Havens, seconded by Carrie Coleman) request to amend the bylaws of SDMHA to change the position of RIC from an elected position to a board-appointed position.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Bylaw 5, Section 5.5.1 of the SDMHA bylaws currently states:

The Directors of the Association shall be:

- a) President;*
- b) Immediate Past President;*
- c) Vice President Hockey Operations;*
- d) Vice President Administration;*
- e) Secretary;*
- f) Treasurer;*
- g) Registrar;*
- h) Coach Coordinator;*
- i) Referee-in-Chief;*
- j) Ice Allocator; and*
- k) no fewer than three (3) and no more than nine (9) Directors at Large.*

Bylaw 5, Section 5.5.1 shall be amended to state:

The Directors of the Association shall be:

- a) President;*
- b) Immediate Past President;*
- c) Vice President Hockey Operations;*
- d) Vice President Administration;*
- e) Secretary;*
- f) Treasurer;*
- g) Registrar;*
- h) Coach Coordinator;*
- i) Ice Allocator; and*
- k) no fewer than three (3) and no more than nine (9) Directors at Large.*

Bylaw 5 shall be amended to include a new section to state:

x.x.x REFEREE-IN-CHIEF (RIC)

- a) Shall be appointed to a non-voting one year term by the Board*