Camillus Youth Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

WAVES Ambulance Station – Camillus, NY

September 21, 2026, | 6:30pm

Attendance / Quorum

Present: M. Craner (President), J. Heron (Treasurer), C. Sandford (Secretary)
E. Binns, N. Bucktooth, N. Cormier, J. Leubner, S. Mercurio, M. Rapple, R. Thompson
Virtual: M. Liadka (Vice President), J. Weaver, J. Moulton, F. Colabufo (Hockey Director)
Absent: None
Quorum: Established

1. Opening Open Forum

- Guests were invited to raise matters during either open forum. No comments were raised during the opening forum.

2. Approval of August Meeting Minutes

- The August 2026 meeting minutes were presented for approval. No discussion was held.

Motion: Nicole Bucktooth; to approve August Minutes
Second: Nicole Cormier
Vote: Unanimous
Motion: Passed

3. Treasurer's Report

- Jason presented September financial activity, including advance referee fees for multiple teams, preseason ice payments, registration receipts, Crossbar fees, NYSAHA dues, and reimbursement of three registrations for the canceled golf tournament.
- Venmo imposes approximately a 2% deposit fee and cannot be used by the organization's charity account to send refunds; the golf tournament reimbursements were therefore issued separately.
- Sponsorship outreach resulted in several commitments, including Top Tier Roofing at the $1,250 Hall of Fame level and additional sponsors at $750. Payments were pending.

- Division directors were reminded to collect outstanding preseason ice reimbursements. Crossbar sibling-discount credits/refunds were discussed; additional reconciliation is needed.
- The Treasurer explained that Crossbar sends combined deposits and that sibling discounts and refunds cannot always be readily isolated without reviewing individual registrations. Some credits were already processed, while others required reconciliation.

Motion: Rich Thompson; motion to accept treasurer's report
Second: Justin Leubner
Vote: Unanimous
Motion: Passed

4. Tabled Items

- No items remained tabled from the prior meeting.

5. Old Business

12U House / Select Roster

- Families were notified that enrollment did not support two separate 12U house teams. The combined roster was reported to be approximately 19 players. Coaches will manage expectations around skill differences, development and playing time.
- The Board acknowledged concerns expressed by parents about skill disparities and playing time. Coaches and the division director will communicate expectations and manage the combined team as fairly as possible.

Fundraising / Sponsorships

- Updated sponsorship forms are to be posted and circulated. Board members were encouraged to solicit local businesses and other contacts.
- Potential restaurant fundraisers and a bottle-and-can drive were discussed; dates will be coordinated with the ice schedule.
- The golf tournament was canceled and registration fees for three participating groups were reimbursed. Future fundraiser dates will be coordinated with the regular season schedule.

Registration

- 282 skaters were registered, compared with approximately 310 the prior season. Additional Tykes and 8U registrations were anticipated.

6. New Business

Central Section / NYSAHA Updates

- Travel-team commitment forms and financial releases must use approved NYSAHA forms. Dual-roster requests require signatures from the presidents of the primary and secondary organizations.
- Clarification will be sought on helmet requirements for all people on the ice during USA Hockey-sanctioned activities, including coaches and guest instructors.
- The Board was advised that an on-ice helmet requirement may apply to coaches and clinic instructors during sanctioned activities; the President will seek clarification before communicating a definitive rule.
- Tournament-bound team contacts must attend credentialing sessions. The new NYSAHA offending-party/parent conduct form is required for tournament-bound credentialing; broader use for CYHA teams was discussed.
- The Central Section update described a $500 fine assessed to the association when a spectator is ejected, along with a 30-day suspension associated with the offending party. The Board noted that appeals of prior sanctions had generally been unsuccessful.
- Members discussed obtaining the NYSAHA offending-party/parent conduct acknowledgment from parents across all CYHA teams, not just tournament-bound travel teams, because spectator incidents can occur at house games as well. No separate motion adopting an all-team requirement was recorded.
- The discussion did not establish that CYHA parents must personally reimburse the association for the $500 fine.
- Events involving more than three teams generally require a USA Hockey sanction number; girls JAM exemptions were reported. Full ice 8U designations require the 'FI' team identifier. CYHA's full-ice plan had already been submitted ahead of the January 4 deadline.
- The Board was reminded that participating in unsanctioned events may affect USA Hockey insurance coverage. Tournament-bound teams must ensure required credentialing and signed conduct forms are complete.

Head Coach Approvals

- Applications presented: Rob Sauda (8U Girls), Brad Stalter (10U House), Dave Schneid (10U Select), Rich Thompson (12U Select), Drew Bucktooth (14U Select), and Ed Gasparini (18U House).

Motion: Jason Heron; to approve Head Coaches
Second: Steve Mercurio
Vote: Unanimous
Motion: Passed

Ice Scheduling / Development Clinics

- The first two weeks of ice schedules were distributed. Mite schedules will appear in Crossbar as team rosters are finalized following evaluations. The Board discussed supplemental communication through email and social media.
- The Board reviewed the goal of distributing home games as equitably as possible and maintaining the existing practice of covering the first ten home-game referee fees for eligible teams; any additional referee-fee support would be considered separately.
- 10U-14U development clinic sessions are to be uploaded into Crossbar. CYHA will continue the customary coverage of referee fees for ten home games per team, with requests for additional games considered as needed; approximately 16-17 home games per team remained the scheduling target.

Goaltender Development / Girls Program

- A parent with goalie-coaching experience offered to provide instruction without charge when attending 12U Girls practices. The scheduler will explore ways to include additional CYHA goalies.
- A potential inter-association 12U Girl's league or showcase was discussed. The Board agreed Central Section approval must be sought before CYHA commits to any new league arrangement.
- Members emphasized that CYHA should not bypass Snowbelt or Central Section approval procedures. The President agreed to contact Central Section and include the girls-program directors before any commitment.

Shove Park Internet / GameSheets

- Board members reported unreliable internet connectivity affecting GameSheets, concession transactions, and other rink operations. Follow-up with Town contacts and review of existing Ethernet wiring were planned.
- Members noted that connectivity problems had resulted in lost concession sales and raised concerns about communications in an emergency, including the ability to place a 911 call from the rink. Existing Ethernet installation and responsibility for restoring service require follow-up with Town contacts.
- Existing team iPads and their availability will be confirmed.

Parent Meetings

- Parent meetings were planned for Thursday at West Genesee High School and tentatively September 29 at Shove Park, with families asked to attend one session.

Constitution and Bylaws

- N. Cormier proposed updating Board names, roles and responsibilities and reviewing outdated references to parent work obligations and concession-worker compensation.
- The Board noted that substantive bylaw amendments require the applicable advance notice and voting procedure. No bylaw amendment was approved at this meeting.

- The proposed changes were not adopted at the meeting. The President will verify notice periods and required approval thresholds before any amendment is formally presented for a vote.

Concession Stand / Amazon Business

- Snack bar preparations included pizza, Pepsi and other supplier orders, volunteer scheduling, and equipment readiness.
- The Amazon Business membership was considered beneficial because of shipping savings and tax-exempt purchasing. Renewal is due October 19 at $179.

Motion: Justin Leubner; approve $179 renewal of Amazon Business membership
Second: Ed Binns
Vote: Unanimous
Motion: Passed

- A replacement pizza warmer was discussed; an initial quotation was approximately $2,633. Purchase was tabled until further options could be reviewed.
- The existing warmer was reported to have intermittent electrical/heating issues. Additional pricing, including restaurant-supply alternatives, will be researched before authorizing replacement.

Snowbelt Update

- Snowbelt is tightening GameSheets controls so officials finalize/lock game records; both referees are expected to sign.
- Tier III travel teams may participate in Snowbelt at designated levels. CYHA's interest in hosting a JAM will be revisited before the application deadline.
- Coaches will be consulted about team-level declarations. Signed equal-ice acknowledgments will be collected and retained.
- The Snowbelt representative also discussed possible CYHA hosting of a JAM and applicable league fees; the Board deferred a final decision pending additional review.

7. Division Director Reports

- Tykes: Socks ordered; approximately 29 registrations reported. School flyers, social media and billboard advertising were discussed.
- The Board discussed whether traditional school-distributed flyers or digital outreach would be most effective; any school distribution requires district approval. A nonprofit advertising rate for local digital signage may be explored.
- 8U: Evaluations and full-ice planning underway. The January tournament will initially be promoted for 8U, without a separate 6U JAM.
- 10U-14U: Routine updates included team iPads, referee questions and early-season preparations.
- 16U/18U: Dual-roster attendance and competing team commitments remain concerns.

- The 16U team was described as a full-season developmental opportunity, whereas the 18U split season concludes in November. Conflicting 18U commitments had left the 16U team short of players for some games and raised concerns about maintaining a viable full-season schedule.
- A speaker urged that players and families affirmatively agree to dual roster and understand which team takes priority during conflicts. Parents had questioned paying for two registrations and tournaments when a player cannot attend simultaneous events.
- Possible solutions discussed included prioritizing 16U during conflicts and, if eligible and appropriate, dual rostering a limited number of 14U players to support 16U depth, while keeping their 14U tournament-bound team as the priority. No formal policy or roster decision was made in open session.
- Girls: Coaching assignments and scheduling are being finalized; 10U Girl's registration was reported open. SafeSport requirements for eligible older players were also discussed.

8. Additional Motions

- The Board recognized the volunteer tax preparer's annual assistance.

Motion: Jason Heron; to approve $100 gift card for the organization's tax preparer
Second: Steve Mercurio
Vote: Unanimous
Motion: Passed

- A request was received for support of the West Genesee Community Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Motion: Jason Heron; to approve $200 donation to the West Genesee Community Sports Hall of Fame
Second: Ed Binns
Vote: Unanimous
Motion: Passed

9. Closing Open Forum

- Concerns were raised regarding 16U and 18U dual-rostered players prioritizing split-season 18U activities over full-season 16U commitments, creating potential roster and scheduling instability.
- Discussion emphasized the importance of explicit player and parent commitment, 16U roster stability, and possible consideration of eligible 14U dual-rostered players. No formal policy change or motion was recorded.
- The Hockey Director requested head coach and division director contact information to begin outreach and coordinate clinics and mentoring.
- The Hockey Director also proposed discussing varsity-player mentoring opportunities with the Tykes program and asked to coordinate directly with division directors.

No further issues or discussions.

10. Executive Session

Motion: Jason Heron; to move to Executive Session
Second: Ed Binns
Vote: Unanimous
Motion: Passed

11. Adjournment

- Public meeting adjourned Approximately 7:35pm and moved into executive session.