Camillus Youth Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

WAVES Ambulance Station – Camillus, NY

August 20,2026 | 6:30pm

Attendance / Quorum

Present: M. Craner (President)

E. Binns, N. Bucktooth, J. Leubner, S. Mercurio, M. Rapple, R. Thompson, J, Moulton

Virtual: J. Heron (Treasurer)

Absent: Matt Liadka (Vice President), C. Sandford (Secretary), J. Weaver, N. Cormier

Quorum: Established

1. Approval of June and July 2026 Meeting Minutes

- The June and July 2026 meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Motion: Niki Bucktooth made motion to approve the June and July meeting minutes
Second: Jake Moulton
Vote: Unanimous
Motion: Passed

2. Treasurer's Report

- The July financial report was presented. Expenses included CYHA email/Google services, the West Hill Golf Course deposit, preseason ice, background-screening reimbursements, and the monthly Crossbar fee.
- Registration revenue and Pepsi sponsorship income were reviewed. Preseason ice costs paid by CYHA are expected to be reimbursed by the applicable travel teams.
- The Treasurer will contact the organization's tax preparer regarding filing for the prior fiscal year.

Financial report is available to organization members upon request
Contact: camillusyouthhockeyassociation@gmail.com

Motion: Ed Binns made motion to approve the July financial report
Second: Rich Thompson
Vote: Unanimous
Motion: Passed

3. 2026-27 Budget / Sponsorship Levels

- The Board reviewed the proposed 2026-27 budget. Registration rates had already been established, and projected ice and registration revenue were considered sufficient to provide a reasonable operating buffer.
- Fundraising remains an important budget component, including the proposed golf tournament and annual sponsorships.
- The Board discussed increasing sponsorship levels while generally retaining the existing sponsorship structure and benefits. Proposed principal levels were $1,250, $1,000, $750, and $500, with the existing smaller individual-support option also remaining available.

Motion: Rich Thompson made motion to approve the 2026-27 budget with the discussed increases to sponsorship levels.
Second: Jake Moulton.

Vote: Unanimous
Motion: Passed

4. Tabled Item - 2026-27 Ice Scheduling

- The Board reviewed projected team ice needs and the preliminary scheduling plan prepared with Scheduler Steph Murphy.
- Tykes are expected to receive two weeknight sessions. The Board discussed preserving the early weekend slot for 8U full-ice use later in the season.
- Additional Tuesday evening ice from approximately 5:00-8:00 p.m. is tentatively available through the Nation Rink, at a modest increase over comparable outside ice. The additional ice is expected to help balance scheduling needs.
- For most 10U-14U teams, the working goal is one full-ice practice and one shared-ice practice per week, subject to team size, age-level needs, available ice, and tournament schedules.
- 16U and 18U/split-season scheduling will use available later slots and will be adjusted as final team numbers and season dates become clear.
- The preliminary schedule will be circulated for Board review before it is finalized.

5. Old Business

PeeWee / 12U House and Select Numbers

- Registration numbers remained below the preseason evaluation totals. The Board discussed combining remaining eligible players into one workable roster rather than turning away in-district players or creating undersized teams.
- Parents of players affected by the larger combined roster will be notified so they understand the anticipated team size before the season begins.

14U Registration

- A late out-of-district 14U house registration was discussed. Because CYHA did not have a 14U house team and the select roster was full, the registration was refunded and another local program with roster availability was identified as an option.

Jerseys / Apparel Store

- The jersey store was scheduled to close August 21, and the general apparel store was expected to open the following week.
- No jersey change will be made for the 2026-27 season. The Board will continue reviewing future jersey options and samples, with consideration given to families' prior investment in current uniforms.

6. Fundraising

Golf Tournament

- Eight golfers were registered at the time of the meeting. The Board discussed the need for stronger participation from Board members, coaches, families, and the broader hockey community.
- The event can accommodate up to 92 golfers. Based on the current cost structure, the estimated margin is approximately $50 per golfer before additional fundraising such as raffles and hole sponsorships.
- A firm golfer count is due to the course by August 29. The Board agreed to make a strong promotional push before that deadline and then determine whether participation is sufficient to proceed.
- Additional promotions will include organization-wide email, social media, the website/registration link, outreach to the varsity program, and existing course promotion.

Other Fundraising

- The Board discussed establishing a practical electronic-payment option for fundraising, including whether a separate account linked to Venmo could be used. Additional research is needed regarding nonprofit/business account requirements and fees.

- Restaurant fundraising nights such as Chipotle and Panera will be scheduled during the season, preferably on nights that align with higher-traffic CYHA practices.

7. New Business

Hockey Director / Player Development Program

- The Board reviewed a development proposal designed to provide CYHA with more consistent hockey leadership, coach support, player development, and coordination across age levels.
- The proposed Hockey Director role would be a non-voting Board position and would not be permanently tied to the varsity head coach position.
- The proposal includes the previously planned six early-season clinics, ongoing player-development involvement, and regular communication/meetings with coaches and division directors.
- The annual Hockey Director stipend was set at $10,000. The Board noted that the funding had effectively already been built into the 2026-27 registration structure.

Part 1

Motion: Jake Moulton made motion to create the position of Hockey Director for CYHA.
Second: Rich Thompson
Vote: Unanimous.
Motion: Passed.

Part 2

Motion: Steve Mercurio made motion to accept the development proposal and appoint Frank Calabufo as CYHA Hockey Director
Second: Jake Moulton
Vote: Unanimous
Motion: Passed

- The Board further clarified that the Hockey Director is a non-voting position and is not restricted to the varsity head coach.

Part 3

Motion: Matt Craner made motion to amend the prior registration-fee allocation so that the additional 8U registration revenue ($25 per player) funds Daniel Calabufo's $2,400 stipend; the additional $110 charged to 10U-14U players funds the $10,000 Hockey Director stipend; and any remaining funds are applied toward ice for the development clinics.
Second: Niki Bucktooth
Vote: Unanimous
Motion: Passed

House 3v3 Tournament

- Because the traditional December 26 date was unavailable, the Board selected December 23 for the House 3v3 event. The anticipated format remains similar to prior years, with balanced teams and an approximately 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. event window.

Mite Tournament

- The Mite Tournament is planned for January 9-10, 2027. Kristen Russell is unable to lead the event this year but has organized materials from last year's tournament and is willing to assist with transition.
- The working fee structure discussed was $700 per 8U team with a four-game minimum and $175 for the 6U JAM. CYHA 8U teams completing their volunteer requirements would receive a reduced/effective team cost of $400 rather than using the prior profit-sharing arrangement.
- The tournament announcement and registration information should be released promptly because teams are already scheduling their seasons.

Picture Night

- The Board agreed to explore using the same picture vendor as last season. The prior format, including composite team photos, worked well. Picture night will likely be scheduled around mid-November.

GameSheets / Team Tablets

- The Board reviewed the location and availability of team tablets used for GameSheets. Coaches will be contacted to confirm which devices remain in their possession.
- Additional devices may be needed because Snowbelt is expected to use GameSheets this season. Any required purchase can be addressed at a future meeting.

Dual Rostering - 16U / 18U

- The Board reaffirmed the prior CYHA practice that players rostered on two CYHA teams are responsible for the full registration cost for each roster.
- A separate question involving a player participating with an outside organization during split season requires additional research because it differs from the usual internal dual-roster situation.

Start-of-Season Parent / Player Meetings

- The Board discussed replacing the large all-organization meeting format with age-group-specific sessions so expectations can be addressed more effectively.
- Potential groupings include Tikes/8U, 10U/12U, and 14U-and-older. Topics will include player and parent codes of conduct, locker-room expectations, cell-phone/behavior issues, and age-specific requirements.
- A suitable meeting location will be investigated, with school facilities preferred if available and Town facilities as a possible alternative.

Tikes Jerseys and Socks

- Approximately $1,800 was spent on Tikes jerseys and socks the prior year.

Motion: Matt Craner made motion to authorize up to $2,000 for Tikes jerseys and socks for the 2026-27 season.
Second: Rich Thompson
Vote: Passed.

Central Section / NYSAHA Updates

- The Board received an update from the August 2 Central Section presidents' meeting. State leadership discussed simplifying rules and administrative processes for local associations and reviewing tryout-related rules.
- 8U full-ice play is expected to begin January 18 and continue for eight weeks.
- Commitment forms are expected to be automated to better establish financial obligations and reduce issues involving unpaid commitments.

Concession Stand / Volunteer Operations

- The Board discussed concession-stand scheduling, opening/closing procedures, worker assignments, and simplifying instructions for volunteers.
- Board coverage is expected to begin after the initial weeks of the season, generally in two-week blocks. A schedule will be brought to the next meeting.
- The Board discussed giving CYHA-connected youth, including children of coaches/Board members, priority for paid concession work before offering shifts more broadly.
- Volunteer scheduling procedures and possible shift adjustments will be reviewed before the season is fully underway.

Locker Room Attendants / SafeSport

- Coaches will be reminded that locker-room attendants must meet USA Hockey/SafeSport requirements and that teams are responsible for maintaining compliant locker-room supervision.

Referee Certification

- Information will be circulated regarding an upcoming referee certification/credentialing session with on-ice and off-ice components. The transcript identifies September 21 as the intended date, although the date was briefly misstated during discussion and should be confirmed before publication.

Coaching Approvals

- The Board reviewed the 41 coaching applications currently submitted through Crossbar. Additional applications will be considered individually as they are received.

Motion: Niki Bucktooth made motion to approve the 41 coaching applications currently in Crossbar, with future applications to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
Second: MacKenzie Rapple
Vote: Unanimous
Motion: Passed

8. Division Director Updates

- The first Snowbelt meeting was scheduled for the following week. A backup Board representative was requested for Snowbelt meetings when the primary representative is unavailable.
- Girls-program planning remained in progress. Depending on final numbers, the goal may be to form two groups/teams to allow an appropriately competitive travel option.

9. Open Forum

- No members of the public were present for Open Forum.
- The Board briefly discussed reported future Town development plans near the recreation area/community center and agreed to keep the issue on its radar. No action was taken.

10. Executive Session

Motion: Matt Craner made motion to enter Executive Session
Second: Steve Mercurio
Vote: Unanimous

- The public meeting moved into Executive Session at approximately 7:58 p.m.

11. Adjournment

- Public session concluded at approximately 7:58 p.m. upon entry into Executive Session.