

Meeting Minutes

Jaguar Hockey Club Board Meeting

January 20, 2026

Meeting Called to Order by Melisa Kochniarczyk at 7:03 PM

- **Roll Call** - Lauren Walsh - Eric Scott - Melissa Reese - Melisa Kochniarczyk - Colleen Krol - John Wirkus - Ryan Melling - Denise Spreeman (phone) - Sarah Dean - Jim Seiwert - Mike Lazarri - Elyce O'Sullivan (phone)
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- **President's Address** Lauren Walsh
 - Girls
 - Girls have a game scheduled next Monday night in place of the girls skate. Everyone is welcome to come out and cheer them on!
 - Girls Monday night skates are open to ALL girls within the club 8U, 10U, 12U, and development. There is a \$20 drop in fee that can be paid on the website.
 - Girls played their first game against an all girls team during our memorial weekend. They did great! While it was not a win, we showed that we are doing great things.
 - NIHL
 - NIHL will be hosting a spring league this spring. More information to follow.
 - AHAI
 - There is a President's meeting next Monday.
 - Special Dates
 - Veterans Game -2/28
 - Sled Hockey Game 2/28
 - Senior Night 3/7 tentatively
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - November minutes approved by Colleen Krol second by Eric Scott all in favor
- **Treasury Report** Griff Schiele
 - Boosters:
 - Credits have not yet been transferred from Boosters to the Jaguar Hockey operation account yet.
 - John is working with Legends to have a check re-issued after Chase rejected it due to the check not being made out to the Boosters.
 - 1099s
 - Working on 1099s, missing W-9 information that was not transferred over from Tracy's legacy system. Working with Greg to get those, so we can complete 1099s by the 1/27/26 deadline.
 - Additional note: Any coach that was paid in both the 2024-2025 Fall Season/2025 Spring and the 2025-2026 Season will be receiving two 1099s. One from the Jaguar Hockey Club and one from Jaguar Hockey.
 - 2026 Spring
 - Starting conversations with Lauren and Greg regarding the 2026 spring plan to develop the budget and associated fee structure.
 - Memorial Game/Fund:
 - Funds for the scholarship credits have been transferred over from the Foundation account.
 - Personal Comment: Thank you to everyone who assisted with this year's Memorial Game. Having been part of the first game in 2012, I cannot express enough how meaningful this event is to the families, players, and alumni, and how strongly it reflects the culture of our club.
 - Reminders and Notes:
 - Correct Entity on Check: Chase is cracking down on deposits where the check and account name do not match. Please ensure any checks we are receiving from membership or partners are correct
 - Jaguar Hockey

- Jaguar Booster Club
 - Jaguar Foundation
 - o Using correct accounts: Those with cards and those depositing checks, please make sure you are using the correct account. Expenses for the Boosters, need to be paid from the Booster account, same for the Foundation.
- **Vice President of Hockey Operations** **John Wirkus**
 - o Regular Season is wrapping up and we are looking forward to our first CSDHL playoff season for those teams that qualify. The state tournament is approaching as well. Feels like the season just started. Final player payments are in. We had a successful Memorial day weekend not to steal Mike's thunder but I want to thank everyone who came out and helped on that day. It was a very positive day. On a not so positive note there was an issue with the last pure hockey order in their communication which has delayed the jerseys, but the development socks are in and Elyce has them to give to Colleen. As always I'm available to help in any way possible.
- **Vice-President of League Affairs** **Eric Scott**
 - o NIHL (Eric Scott)
 - Nothing to Report
 - o NWHL (Melisa Miller)
 - Nothing to report
 - o CUHL (Eric Scott)
 - Playoffs - (D1-B, D2-C, D3-C) 10 team Divisions - Top 6 teams will advance to round robin 7th team will play 10th for the #7 seed and 8th place will play 9th place for the #8 Seed
 - 9 Team divisions (D2-D, D3-A, D3-D) Top 7 teams will advance to the round robin. 8th will play 9th place for the 8th Seed
 - 8 Team Divisions (D1-A, D1-C, D2-A, D2-B, D3-B) all 8 teams advance to the round Robin
 - 7 team divisions (D4 Bedard, D4-Nazar) Top 5 teams advance to round robin. 6th place will play 7th place for 6th Seed.
 - Play-in games will be hosted by the higher seed in regular season standings, except any games that involve Pekin, Peoria, or St. Louis teams will be played on pre-determined slots.
 - All play in games must be played between 2/16/26 and 2/19/26
 - Division round robins will be played on pre-determined ice slots played between 2/20/26-2/24/26
 - 8 teams in round robin will be split into two groups of 4 who will play each of the 3 teams in their pool once.
 - Jaguars are hosting 2 games at Canlan Romeoville
 - o CSDHL - (Eric Scott)
 - Submit all home scores immediately to avoid fines this final weekend of games
 - Playoff - White and blue 1/29/26-2/1/26 Major/Minor & Red 2/5/26-2/8/26
- **Secretary/Registrar** **Melisa Kochniarczyk**
 - o One redline coach, states SS check expired, will need to look into that. All other coaches have done all their training for the year.
 - o Working on Senior Night. We are scheduled for Feb 10 for on/off ice pictures. Will be working with Elise Stadler. This will take place March 7th at 5:15 PM here at Inwood
 - o Sled Hockey Benefit game with U18's will play 2/28/26
 - o I have submitted B1-B2-& U16 DOB / citizenship verification to Laura Johnson at AHAI. These are due by 1/31/26. I will be working on all other teams so she has them and we don't have to worry about full teams going forward. Once a player is verified we no longer need to send documents to confirm to AHAI.
 - o Have reached out to Will at MyHockey regarding refund for Squirt 4 presidents day tournament. Lauren will get those teams credited. All other tournaments have been paid for.
- **Development Coordinator** **Colleen Krol**
 - o We are kicking off another Winter session with some BIG numbers for our Littlest skaters
 - 4 InHouse Teams with 38 skaters
 - 2 ADM teams with 30 Skaters
 - Combined 107 Pre-hockey & Little Jaguars
 - o We partnered with Rink Rat Rentals again, this time sending families to them directly. Most of our families (50+) registered less than a week before class, and this left the RRR guys scrambling and doing everything they could to get our skaters gear and on the ice for their first

class. Unfortunately when folks register 24, 12 or 1 hour before class, that's not going to happen. But we only have a handful who needed a make-up class option.

- o Jr. Coaching & Jr Ref Sign up links will be shared and posted within the next 24 hours, please share with Managers, socials ect. Remember PeeWee level skaters and higher.
- o I will need extra attention to our schedule and locker rooms within the next 24/48 hours. Splitting In-House skaters into 4 teams, so that Monday shows All Inhouse and Friday & Sunday show specific teams.

▪ **Chairman of Rules & Ethics**

Ryan Melling

- o 3 Coach violations
- o 4 player violations
 - Currently 1 additional player violation under review
- o 6 parent violations
 - Currently 1 additional parent infraction under review
- o NO PHOTOS or VIDEOS in the locker room.
- o In addition to the listed items we have addressed 3 separate concerns to and from other clubs that include, Northwest Charges, Huskies & Trevians
- o The major theme that is consistent within this season seems to fall under Code of Conduct or Individual Responsibilities inside the R&E policy (Behavioral infractions) I have done my best to remove myself from on ice decisions that include referee calls unless it jeopardizes the safety of our players or impacts the behaviors of our fans. That being said, there is a significant disconnect and lack of communication between AHA!, hockey league officials and referees in maintaining consistency.
 - Fighting communication from CSDHL & Referee not penalizing teams for fighting, letting it go unaddressed
- o Ultimately, we Jaguar Hockey, cannot force organizations or clubs to respond in the manner the hockey club or everyone would like us to. We can only control the dirty laundry within our own house and that's what I have tried to do. Understand a lot of communication & actionable steps are taken prior to me getting involved. I encourage coaches & managers to address matters in house before R&E gets involved. In the end, the goal needs to be to build bridges through policy, accountability and ownership.

▪ **Director of Fundraising**

Melissa Reese

- o Banner Sponsorships are due by Feb1, 2026 for the June 2026 installation. This includes any renewals. These will be removed if not renewed by the due date. All details are on the website. I will be sending a reminder email to those that currently have banners hanging in the rink.
- o Direct sponsorships are open all year long, see the website for more information.
- o Fantasy Hockey is currently on Week 8, we have had multiple winners this year with payouts running from \$3.13 to \$150.00 Remember payouts come as a check via mail from BoosterShots, looks like it could be junk mail.
- o Milwaukee Heart Pretzel Fundraiser is currently going & will end January 26th. All order forms and payments should be turned in no later than January 27th. Delivery will be at Inwood on February 18th.
- o Remember that ONE check should be written for fundraisers and should be made out to Jaguar Booster Club, cash is also an option. When turning in anything for fundraising please label it with what fundraiser it is for and mark the attention Melissa Reese to ensure it will get to me.
- o Spring Fundraisers: A popcorn fundraiser coming in March, Flowers in April and Fun Pasta May.

o **Concessions**

John Wirkus

- Nothing much going on. Had a Legends check that was kicked back by Chase for it being under Jaguar Hockey Club and not Jaguar Booster Club. Working on getting that reissued.
- We received a message from the Slammers asking if we would be returning & I told them we would be. They are excited to have us back & already have the highest pre-season ticket sales of all time.

▪ **Director of Marketing**

Jim Seiwert

- o Nothing to report

▪ **Director of Technology and Communication**

Denise Spreeman

- o Social media numbers are still climbing, I'm hoping this will get some families interested in our club in the future.
- o Thank you managers for keeping me extra busy this past tournament weekend. You make my job easy. I appreciate all of you.

- **Ice Scheduler** Jim Seiwert
 - Working on Spring
- **Member at Large** Mike Lazzari
 - Thank you everyone who attended the Memorial Game for making it a huge success. The event wouldn't have been possible without your hard work and support.
 - Moving onto the Veterans vs Coaches game, I am very excited about the Sled game scheduled before the main event. I believe this addition will help us raise even more money for Project Headspace & Timing.
- **Equipment Manager** Elyce O'Sullivan
 - Nothing to report
- **Manager of Managers** Sarah Dean
 - Managers did an amazing job with Raffel baskets. Everyone was responsive & timely and they all were unique and amazing
 - Central States & CUHL play off dates and locations have been updated online. Managers will need to add these games to crossbar.
 - Reminder for Patches for Central States - Hat Trick - Playmaker and Shutout for all games, regular season, seeding and tournaments. Turned in by 2/28/26.
 - Keep up on the volunteer tracker. We will collect money from those at the end of your season.
 - **Team Updates**
- **New Business**
 - Elise Stadler would like to thank everyone for supporting her. 5% from her website sales go back to Jaguar Hockey.
 - Discussion of concussions and how important they are to make sure a player is fully recovered before returning to the ice.
- **Old Business**

Meeting Ended 8:13 PM Colleen Krol Motioned - John Wurkis second
- all in favor.

- **Closed Session**
 - The board came out of closed session at 8:46 PM after discussing change of Bi-Laws and Positions.
 - The bookkeeper had notified the board, after striking out at a handful of tax firms, both local and national, he had a call with 1-800-ACCOUNTANT and they are taking on new clients and have a team that specialize in 501c3 non-profits. They have two offerings
 - Option 1 Tax Prep & Filings - \$1316.00
 - Option 2 Tax Prep & Filing and 12-month accounting service agreement - \$2864.00
 - Service agreement will allow assistance from a dedicated accounting team throughout the year.
 - Audit to ensure funding & Procedures are compliant with our non-profit tax status.
 - Assistance in ensuring our chart of accounts are properly coded to ensure expenses & revenues are allocated correctly in regard to future tax returns.
 - Assistance in development of accounting procedures to ensure we are compliant.

Board Members voted for Option 2. Melisa Kochniarczyk Motioned, Mike Lazzari Second and all were in favor.