

# **Meeting Minutes**

## **Jaguar Hockey Club Board Meeting**

### **November 18th, 2024**

The Meeting was called to order by President Lauren Walsh 7:05 PM

#### ▪ **Roll Call**

Present: Present: Lauren Walsh, Melisa Kochniarczyk, Griff Schiele, Mark Karkoska, Eric Scott, Colleen Krol, Melissa Reese, John Wirkus, Denise Spreeman, Kristin Dondlinger, Ryan Melling

#### ▪ **President's Address**

Lauren Walsh

- o Regular Season is off to a great start.
- o We will be hosting the NIHL Championship games again at inwood. More information to come. There will be a NIHL Championship dinner on January 6 2025 - location to come.
- o I will be attending the AHAI presidents/HD meeting on Wednesday with Coach Stormy.
- o Will talk to Steve Egan regarding possibly stocking/selling Jaguar Socks in his shop.

#### ▪ **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- o Motion to approve the October minutes was motioned by Colleen Krol and Second by Denise Spreeman. Motion Passed.

#### ▪ **Treasury Report**

Tracy Miranda/Griff Schiele

- o No Report Given

#### ▪ **Vice President of Hockey Operations**

Mark Karkoska

- o We have closed the Pure Hockey Holiday Store on 10/20. There were 26 orders this year for the holiday store, down from 53 orders for the 2023 holiday store. Due to the low order counts, I am working with Malcolm @ Pure Hockey on changes to next year's schedule. For the last 2 years we've had the Summer Jersey online store open in June & Close in July, and the Holiday store open in October for Christmas delivery, we may look to change this to another cadence next year. Malcolm and I will further discuss what the schedule may look like moving forward.
- o I am also working on ordering coaches' coats with the remaining Pure Hockey credit we have available. However, the Bauer coats we are looking for are currently sold out so I have ordered available sizes in the meantime.
- o Pure hockey has asked for feedback. Please reach out to me or Elyse with Feedback on the recent Jersey or attire purchases. I am also considering posting a survey online to get additional feedback.
- o SquadLocker continues to be a great option for ordering Jaguar gear. Again this store is open year round. We've sold \$6752.26 worth of gear on SquadLocker so far. We had 10 orders in the last month alone. Last week I added more items to the store, we now have over 400 Jaguar-branded items on the website currently.
- o I am currently in conversations with Howie's about sponsorship or volume discounting options for their products. More to come as the conversation progresses.
- o Also, I wanted to thank all of the families who supported PeeWee 1 & Bantam 2 last night at Inwood. It was a great representation of the club & Atmosphere. Jaguars packed the stands & packed Cemenos. I had opposing teams' parents on the Mission & Vipers comment on how great the atmosphere was last night. We played and won 2 close games so i wanted to also commend everyone's behavior. Great to see & Hear.

#### ▪ **Vice-President of League Affairs**

Eric Scott

- o **NIHL -**
  - o Coaching Certificates are due by 12/31/2024.
  - o State game registrations due next month
  - o 1/13 NIHL AllStar Game
  - o Best Flow competition will be after Thanksgiving
  - o The Tournament format is posted online
  - o Keep ALL score sheets for the entire season.
  - o December we will find out what clubs will host playoff games
  - o NIHL is adopting the 1 game suspension for fighting as of 11/19/2024
- o **NWHL (Melisa Miller) -**
  - o Scheduling was Sunday 11/17/24 - all went well.
  - o 2 positions are open - can be anyone, they do not have to hold a position on your club board.

- Positions are VP and Treasurer
    - Will require about 2-4 hours a week
  - o All rules are now on the website as of 11/13/24
  - o Resources & About us will be listed on the top of the page.
  - o Working on the link for standings with Crossbar
  - o Link for Calendar is being worked on with Crossbar
  - o Fixed the link for Game Changes
  - o Fixing App to load scores - right now please just go on website and upload scores there.
  - o **CUHL (Mark Karkoska/Eric Scott)-**
    - No New Updates from CUHL at this time
- **Secretary/Registrar** Melisa Kochniarczyk
  - o Created a google doc and shared to Ryan for Tournament locations - lists out fun places to go - good hotels - good restaurants ect. Will be shared with all the managers
  - o Created a google doc & shared with Ryan for New Season Check off list for managers. Will be sent at the beginning of each season (Spring/Fall) for managers to check off. A guide to help.
  - o All permits for the remainder of the year have been paid for and processed and sent to managers
  - o Tournament google doc has been updated.
  - o All Minutes for 2024 have been uploaded to the website.
  - o Please be sure to have neck guards and ear coverings on (older kids)
  - o No parents in the locker room, must be Safe Sport Certified and Background check.
- **Development Coordinator** Colleen Krol
  - o Final states of the Jaguar taking over the Wolves Den. Last count was roughly 400 tickets sold to In-House & ADM families & everyone. Including the Wolves are excited about the opportunity.
  - o We are Working on collecting coaching info; basics with current USA Hockey numbers. I created a google doc and I'm going to forward to Melisa once complete.
- **Chairman of Rules & Ethics** Sean Mikos
  - o Managers please talk to coaches and/or have locker rooms monitored during practice, skills etc. Especially between the time when coaches & players are getting off the ice & headed to the locker room.
  - o Coaches please address players and advise them that any adverse language being stated to other Jaguar's or opposing teams can lead to suspension.
  - o R&E has been working hard over the past month. Few items that have occurred.
    - We had one player suspension
    - Complaint for adverse language from one team to another
    - A team was having locker room issues & dealt with the coaches.
- **Director of Fundraising** Melissa Reese
  - o **Sherwood Farm** Fundraiser has concluded. I am still waiting for a few families to turn in money for orders. Sherwood Farm has created a FedEx Shipping label so that delivery should be happening soon.
  - o **Banner Sponsorships & Direct Sponsorships** Completed banner order with Simian Brothers Creative. They also added names to the memorial banner. Working with Inwood on getting these hung back up. Both Banner & Direct Sponsorships are still be turned in & accepted.
  - o **Fantasy Hockey** - ends December 1, waiting for families to turn tickets & money in. Online sales have increased within the last few weeks.
  - o I am researching some new fundraising opportunities for the Spring Season.
- **Concessions** John Wirkus/Melissa Reese
  - o We are done with the season. Finalizing the hourly rate should be about \$37 an hour. Funds should be distributed this week.
- **Director of Marketing** John Wirkus
  - o We are working on a campaign to promote Jaguar Development. We are putting some ideas together for exactly what we want to try.
  - o I have to finalize yard signs as well as the entrance way to Inwood.
- **Director of Technology and Communication** Denise Spreeman
  - o I don't have much just thank you to the managers that have been sending in pictures. Keep them coming.
- **Ice Scheduler** Kristin Dondlinger
  - o All teams have now finished regular season game scheduling as of this past weekend. Thank you managers for all of your hard work!
  - o Practice schedules are posted through December. The practice schedule for the remainder of the regular season will be finished over the next week or so.
  - o Currently working on scheduling scrimmages with a few teams who needed to return the favor with teams who hosted them.

- o One more team is working on getting a scrimmage scheduled to complete the Memorial Game weekend, but every other team was able to get something scheduled.
- o Our Canlan weekend ice was all filled except for 1 hour in January. Will offer to eligible teams to use as a practice or scrimmage before assigning someone.
- o PeeWee, Bantam & Midget Managers: we don't have off-ice the week of Thanksgiving. Make sure you keep adding those to Crossbar.
- o Working on ice donations for CUHL & NWHL playoff/play-in games that the leagues have requested. Just want to be sure our teams are all settled before we offer anything, especially with how tight the practice schedule is.
- o Senior Night is Saturday 3/15/2025 @ 6 PM
- o Talked with Lazarri about the Veterans Game. Looking at Saturday 3/22/25 @ 6:30 PM
- **Member at Large** Mike Lazzari
  - o We have 8 applications turned in for the scholarship. I have a rough draft flyer made up.
  - o Coaches Vs Vet game is scheduled for 3/22/25 and we have two returning sponsors. Once again we are raising money for Project Headspace & Timing.
  - o Looking to see if we can get the Sled hockey team to come and play before the Vet game.
  - o Looking into going full digital next year, possibly a google form for applications and making it a little easier for younger players.
  - o Also suggest opening to ADM/IN-House even if it's just a \$75.00 scholarship to them.
- **Equipment Manager** Elyce O'Sullivan
  - o Last Bulk Pure Hockey order came in
    - Everything came in with a few minor issues.
    - All managers should have picked up their bins/boxes from Inwood or Canlan
    - Miss-spelling of 3 last names. We are ordering replacement name plates for these jersey's.
    - One warm-up misprint.
    - One family said the jersey was too big, but it was the correct size that was ordered so unfortunately there is nothing we can do.
    - 3 Mite players added late will have their Jerseys in a couple of weeks.
  - o I have Tyke socks in stock for anyone who needs them throughout the season.
- **Manager of Managers** Ryan Melling
  - o All teams including NWHL have been scheduled as of this past weekend. Currently the whole club has all of their regular season games scheduled.
    - PW1 is still attempting to schedule a game for the Memorial game weekend.
    - Mite 2 & Mite 3 are settling on scrimmage games with Decatur, simply a matter of 1 &1 between clubs.
  - o Email was sent to all the team managers for baskets to raffle at the Memorial game in January. \$100.00 minimum threshold put in place will follow up with progress status within the next 2 weeks.
  - o AHAI website complications, club needs to figure something out to simplify this process to validate refs are assigned. Either a google sheet that can be shared or weekly communication can be provided at the end of the week.
- **Team Updates**
  - o Mite 1 - Off to a great start, currently 5-0. The team has a jam-packed November. Their first tournament ended with 2nd Place finish in the beginning of the month, but they bounced back with 3 wins this past weekend and are looking forward to 3 more games this weekend. Overall things are going smoothly & the kids are showing a lot of growth and having fun.
  - o Mite 2 - 4 games in, we are working through it, but showing growth.
  - o Mite 3 - Had their first win this weekend. Big win for them.
  - o Squirt 1 - Finished 2nd in the Grinder tournament a few weeks ago, with a very close game. Doing ok in the regular season. All kids have their PSL patches on Jersey's
  - o Squirt 2 - "We play Hockey" - currently 1-1. Have a Local Thanksgiving tournament and Cleveland in December.
  - o Squirt 3 - Doing well and are undefeated.
  - o Squirt 4 - Doing well - Headed to Grand Rapids next month. Grinder felt bad for the bad placement in Nashville, so they have given them a free tournament to make up the difference.
  - o PW 1 - 3-0 Beat the girls AAA team & Rockford!
  - o PW 2 - 1-0 very thin schedule to start, but heavy on the later part of the year, which is ok because a lot of players are out with injuries.
  - o PW 3 - 1-1-1 - tough loss this weekend. Holland went 2-2 but competed very well.
  - o B1 - 0-4 right now - headed to New Jersey this weekend.
  - o B2 - 1-1 - lost first game to Mohawks, but doing very well.
  - o Midget 3 - Finished up seeding on Nov 10th - Finished 0-6. Just completed scheduling this past weekend and looking forward to compete during regular season play.

- o U16 - 3-1 playing some good hockey. Went to New Jersey / Philly a few weeks ago, played some good competitive hockey. Had a team outing last Friday at the Steel game with some of the U18 team.
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- o U18 - 5-1-1 - Philly was a great success. Coach Targett would like feedback if we should continue with AHF?
- o **Open Floor**
- o Craig Frase - State tournaments? Are we doing it? Feels it's a waste of time and money for some teams. Suggested to have a team vote before we register.
- o JCA & Morris will be playing at Inwood on Saturday.

8:05 PM Mike Lazarri Motioned to adjourn. Ryan Melling Second. Unanimously approved to adjourn.