

# **Meeting Minutes**

## **Jaguar Hockey Club Board Meeting**

**July 20, 2026**

**Meeting Called to Order 7:02 PM by Melisa Kochniarczyk**

- **Roll Call -**

- Lauren Walsh, Griff Schiele, Eric Scott, Melisa Kochniarczyk, Jim Seiwert, Kristin Dondlinger, Sarah Dean

- **President's Address**

Lauren Walsh

- Girls
  - Conditioning for girls will be free of charge this fall. We have a generous sponsor who was interested in sponsoring our girls program specifically. I encourage everyone interested to leave Chris a 5 star google review in appreciation.
- Summer
  - The summer program is almost over.
- Fall
  - We were awarded a squirt major team for CSDHL
  - Conditioning registration is underway and posted on our website
  - Tryout & Season information will be posted in the next day or so.
- AHA
  - USA Hockey passed a rule in January that requires players to submit a waiver to play in a different state. Currently, this does affect us.
  - AHA plans to have monthly stub president meetings starting in August. Dates and time will be announced later.
  - AHA granted 2 clubs Tier II Charters, Kankakee & Niles. The Wolfpack & Timberwolves have merged to create Hoffman Estates Ice Hawks.
  - There is a registrar Meeting 8/6 & 8/12. The meeting is Via Zoom.
- Misc
  - Jog -
    - 1st Jersey order has been placed and the store is closed.
    - Warmups will be included in season fees this year. We will conduct warmup sizing during tryouts & place the order shortly after tryouts are concluded.
  - Board Meetings -
    - I gave Danny the board meeting dates for the next year. I am waiting for him to confirm and I will post the next years date and times on the website.

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- May Minutes - Jim Seiwert Motioned Griff Schiele second, all in favor.

- **Treasury Report**

Griff Schiele

- Met with Jerry last week to finalize fall budgets. His contract should be finalized next week
- There are some loose ends on the travel side that need tightening up, but we should be in a good spot with the budget.
- Work with tournament companies on getting a better discount for more teams being placed.
- Need to discuss and decide if we keep the booster or not. It is a few \$1000.00 extra each year to keep that going. We can merge with Jaguar Hockey now.

- **Vice President of Hockey Operations**

John Wirkus

- Nothing to report

- **Vice-President of League Affairs** Eric Scott
  - NIHL (Eric Scott)
    - Estimated 15 U10 teams, 23 U12 teams, 3 new clubs asking to join.
  - NWHL (Melisa Miller) - Nothing to Report
  - CUHL (Eric Scott) -
    - 8/1 team declarations/season ref-fees are due
    - 8/28 final team declarations due and payment due
    - 9/2-9/5 seeding round scheduling
  - CSDHL - (Eric Scott)
    - Squirt major has completed scheduling and it will be finalized 8/8 at the in person meeting for Reps.
    - Prospect applications due 8/31
- **Secretary/Registrar** Melisa Kochniarczyk
  - Working on updating our club coach/board member google doc, will be reaching out to people regarding safesport / back ground checks
  - Memorial game January 9, 2027 - I will talk with Mike Lazzarri about scholarship information and what is needed.
  - Will work on getting all the scholarship docs online only.
  - Back to Hockey day will be August 15. I will get together with Cemenos to have pizza donated.
- **Development Coordinator** Colleen Krol
  - July 8th we started back up on Weds - 6 Weeks
  - Jr. Helpers will be needed
- **Chairman of Rules & Ethics** Ryan Melling
  - Nothing to Report
- **Director of Fundraising** Melissa Reese
  - Spring Flower credits are ready to be applied to players' crossbar accounts. There is also a banner sponsorship and a direct sponsorship that need to be applied.
  - I am working on Fun Pasta credits, they will be ready to be applied to accounts soon.
  - There was a delay in banner installation due to an issue with getting banners printed. The issue has been resolved and banners are being produced. Once received I will work with the park district to get those up.
  - We need to send a reminder email or/and post on the website about Raise Right fundraiser. Only a few families have registered.
  - Fall fundraisers are in progress of being scheduled: Fantasy Hockey, Wreaths, mums, and some new opportunities that I am looking into.
- **Director of Marketing** Jim Seiwert
  - Going to look into more scholarships for the club
- **Ice Scheduler** Kristin Dondlinger
  - Summer Skates wrapping up. Conditioning starts next Monday 7/20. 5 Per age group, 3 for girls
  - Fall Tryouts will begin on Saturday 8/15 and run through Friday 8/21. We will have some pre-season "level skills" skates after that, with Labor day weekend off and Fall season starting after the holiday.
  - Working with the rinks to get our contracts settled for fall. It's a slow process but things are in motion.
  - Would ask that we send more email blasts out rather than just Facebook.
- **Manager of Manager** Sarah Dean
  - Manager handbooks are updated - CUHL and CS dates are in there
  - Need to add board information to it.
  - To the managers: please continue to share information with current teams and thank you for a great spring season.
- **Concessions** Becky Libersher, Nick Krol, Dan Nyalka

- o Nothing to report

\* **Equipment Manager**

Elyce O'Sullivan

- \* Nothing to report

▪ **Advisor of Technology/Communication**

Denise Spreeman

- o Nothing to report

▪ **New Business**

▪ **Old Business**

▪ **Closed Session**

**Jim Seiwert Motioned Eric Scott Second - all in favor - Meeting came to a close at 7:39 PM**