

Meeting Minutes

Jaguar Hockey Club Board Meeting

March 17th, 2025

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

▪ Roll Call

* **Roll Call** - Griff Schiele - Mark Karkoska - Eric Scott - Melisa Kochniarczyk - Colleen Krol - Sean Mikos - Melissa Reese - John Wirkus - Denise Spreeman - Kristin Dondlinger - Mike Lazarri - Elyce O'Sullivan Ryan Melling

▪ President's Address

Lauren Walsh

- o Spring 2025 Tryouts have started
- o NIHL Championship - Thank you to everyone that volunteered. It was a crazy 2 weekends. It took a village to accomplish everything. Everyone's sacrifices & commits did not go unnoticed. Thank you.
- o Girls Spring Program-
 - Girls spring programming will be on Mondays this spring. 1 ice touch a week. Cost is \$300. IF they are rostered on a fall jaguar girls team they will receive a \$300 credit towards their fees.
 - We encourage our girls to participate in both programs if they want. Participating in both programs will not affect their team placements. The girls spring skate on Mondays will not conflict with team practices.
- o Elections are this evening. We will be electing to following:
Positions up for election:
 - VP League Affairs
 - Eric Scott
 - VP of Operations
 - Mark Karkoska
 - John Wirkus
 - Director of Fundraising
 - Melisa Reese
 - Julia Bisch
 - Director of Technology
 - Denise Spreeman
 - Jim Siewert
 - Tom Positano
 - Ice Scheduler
 - Kristin Dondlinger
 - Manager of Managers
 - Ryan Melling Advisor to the Board
 - Concessions
 - John Wirkus / Melissa Reese

▪ Approval of Meeting Minutes

- o February minutes
 - Denise motions Krol second

▪ Treasury Report

Griff Schiele

- o Approval of Treasury Report
- o Quickbooks Update:

- All entries for fiscal year have been assigned, and all months through Feb have been reconciled.
 - Working with Quickbooks to set up payments processing and ACH/Direct Deposit payments. Additional information was requested from Quickbooks since application was submitted last month.
 - Working on chart of accounts, will wait to finalize until we work through fall 2025 budget to better understand income and expense categories.
- o Spring budget was completed.
- o NIHL Tournament
 - All expenses and income so far have been entered and allocated.
 - Waiting on referee information from AHAI.
- **Vice President of Hockey Operations** Mark Karkoska
 - o Pure Hockey - Malcolm & I have a call scheduled next week to discuss renewing our annual partnership agreement & new schedule for jersey ordering process. We received our annual sponsorship check for \$1,840.00. The amount is directly based on the club's number of skaters for the last fall season.
 - o SquadLocker - please let me know if anyone has any new logo ideas for spring or upcoming fall season (e.g. girls or spring). Adding new logos to the Squad locker store is easy, and they are immediately available for printing & delivery. The SquadLocker store has sold 153 items for the total sales amount of 7931.86. 5% of all Squad Locker sales are invested directly into the club.
 - o The Club development survey went out. Thanks to everyone who contacted me directly & contributed to that process. As I mentioned, the club's last survey went out during the 2017-2018 season. The Jaguar Hockey Club development survey is critical in helping shape the club in the future.
- **Vice-President of League Affairs** Eric Scott
 - o NIHL
 - No Date Change for Tryouts - Around 8/24/25
 - Game Counts, changing rule to recommend count instead of a hard count.
 - Send Larry Beller expense form for expenses for host sites
 - 25-26 Season, close to being finalized, all that was said tier 2 boys & tier 2 girls will have a place to play.
 - o NWHL (Melisa Miller) -
 - Discussed Spring - Jaguars are not a part of the league for spring.
 - Next meeting May
 - o CUHL (Mark Karkoska/Eric Scott)
 - They concluded its fall season on March 2nd with Championship games at Glacier. Next up for the CUHL will be the fall annual declaration meeting, when the 34 active clubs will meet to discuss the upcoming fall season. The CUHL is looking to strengthen its relationship with the Central States, as CS has expanded its squirt division, so many of the CUHL mites are feeding directly into CS for the 2025 season.
- **Secretary/Registrar** Melisa Kochniarczyk
 - o Working on spring
 - o Need to submit patches, will contact AHAI to submit.
 - o Going through birth certificates to get those verified.
 - o Working on Board Job Descriptions

- **Development Coordinator** Colleen Krol
 - o Since our last meeting we ended session 3 of development & have started session 4
 - o As successful as session 3 was, Session 4 numbers are even higher. We have 105 skaters registered currently.
 - o With so many skaters for development we are discussing moving the PreHockey class into the ADM time slot on both Sundays & Wednesdays. This has not been finalized, but just something we are discussing at this point. If that happens, we'll make sure to communicate that with Kristin & all registered skaters.
 - o We also just ended our Winter session of ADP & InHouse this past Sunday. We recommend about 45 skates try out for Spring Travel and 36 are currently registered between the Mite, Squirt & PeeWee levels.
 - o We are always looking for PeeWee aged & Higher skaters to help our development. With so many Little Jaguars on the ice, everyone who can help a crawler or marcher is appreciated. I will sign off on community service hours as well. Would love to kick start the Midget program again as well if that's something they'd be interested in.
- **Chairman of Rules & Ethics** Sean Mikos
 - o Working on a few last game issues
- **Director of Fundraising** Melissa Reese
 - o Banner Program deadline extended to April 1st. I did send an email with fundraising updates to be forwarded to teams and the club on 3/3/25, did that go out?
 - o I am talking with Elise Stadler and working on a date to meet up and discuss her fundraising ideas for the club
 - o Fun Pasta fundraiser has been finalized and all credits were applied in crossbar.
 - o Milwaukee Pretzel Company fundraiser is set up for after spring tryouts. Waiting for an exact date from the company.
 - o I have a meeting set up with Perfect Pastries to sample some products & discuss which of the MANY fundraisers they offer that will work for our club.
- o **Concessions** John Wirkus/Melissa Reeses
 - Concessions have begun. We have had 3 scheduled events, 2 of which were cancelled. We signed a contract with the slammers for events and will be doing a "draft" of events on 3/28 at slammers stadium. We should be getting word soon from Legends on when CU1 will start. I want to make sure we capture more volunteers as spring is starting then open up more events on Connecteam.
- **Director of Marketing** John Wirkus
 - o Looking into vehicle stickers & to get going on fall items for Girls
- **Director of Technology and Communication** Denise Spreeman
 - o Senior reel had over 3,000 views
 - o Guess the senior was a hit.
- **Ice Scheduler** Kristin Dondlinger
 - o Text went out to managers about tier 1 training for the summer.
 - o I'm ready & waiting for spring evaluation results to get spring scheduling officially on the calendar.
 - o Once evaluations are officially done, I will have a practice schedule on Crossbar pretty shortly after & it will be for the entire spring season.
 - o Format is 2 touches per week, one week 2 practices & the other is a practice & level skills, almost all of which are at Canlan. Goalies & Girls are every week on Mondays at Inwood.

- o Spring season will run until 5/22, so the week before Memorial day.
- o Some of the other clubs in spring co-op have already reached out to me to get games scheduled, so I'm working with coaches on blackout dates to make sure we don't have conflicts. The current plan is for me to do all of the league games scheduling instead of waiting for managers to be in place. I will have those done and posted on Crossbar ASAP.
- **Member at Large** Mike Lazzari
 - o Already have over \$500 in donations for the veterans game.
 - o Project Headspace and Timing is helping to promote the game heavily. They will be moving into the area with office space.
 - o 8:12am will be on Slocum's radio show Friday morning.
 - o Cemeno's, Irish Cantina, Cozule brothers, effing terrible podcast, SKV tree service are all sponsors.
 - o Organization founded by a veteran who has PTSD, started the organization helping veterans everywhere.
- **Equipment Manager** Elyce O'Sullivan
 - o Working on spring jersey numbers
 - Will be here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for any jersey needs during tryouts.
- **Manager of Managers** Ryan Melling
 - o Team Updates
 - Managers have been doing a good job keeping in touch with their teams.
- **New Business**
 - o Elise Stadler- can get cheaper refurbished ipads.
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- **Old Business**
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Colleen Krol motions to Melisa Miller-Kochniarczyk second