



MEETING MINUTES  
Cleveland Suburban Hockey League  
General League Meeting February 3, 2026  
Garfield Heights, Civic Center 6:00 PM

ATTENDING PROGRAMS: Brooklyn, Cleveland Heights/Eastside Tigers, Elyria, Garfield Heights, Geauga, Gilmour, Lake Erie Panthers (Euclid), Mentor, North Olmsted, Parma, Shaker Heights, Strongsville, Tri-County, Winterhurst, Wooster.

CSHL BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT: Grote, Komma, Kraguljac, O'Shaughnessy, Radosevic, Stojak, Wahl.

Actions:

Review and approval of minutes from the CSHL General League Meeting October 29, 2025. Motion to approved offered by Jim Dirosa (Garfield Heights), second by Jeffrey Laubmeir (Winterhurst). Minutes approved.

Cleveland Monsters Update: Unable to attend due to Monsters game on this night. Sent a message read at the meeting that the CSHL Champions Day will be Sunday, March 29, 2026. Liz Goldsmith will contact Division Champs and Playoff Champs as soon as each are determined.

Craig Massello / USA Hockey Goalie Coach Development Gold Level 5 discussion/ Try Hockey for Free (March 7, 2026) Invitation to programs to host this event. Craig presented and noted events at Elyria March 7 and Gilmour March 28 as well as tentative event at Winterhurst, date TBD.

CSHL Playoffs Update: BAM Arena - Nicholas Komma. Note: End of Season is Thursday February 12th, e-mail to teams by Nick on 2/13 or 2/14. Noted that on CSHL website under Game Center/Playoff Tab - Playoff details. Mandatory Pre-Playoffs Coaches Meeting via Zoom, Tuesday, February 17th, 7:00 pm. Semi-finals February 21 & 22, 2026 and Finals/Championships February 28, 2026. Eligibility Requirements - 50% of regular season games as noted in the rulebook. On-site team responsibilities, penalty boxes, noted no goalies, players or under 18 persons allowed to "man" the penalty box. Interested Scorekeepers - Nick has a link to apply - request 3 game minimum. Noted that 40 of 45 games are already filled with score/timekeepers at \$30 per game.

New Business:

- Social media discussion / policy, i.e. SafeSport, respect of others, USA Hockey Player / Program Contract, signed by parents, players, program.
- Start coaching requirements for next season on March 1, 2026 - good for 1 year from date of completion. Pete Kraguljac noted that registration starts April 1 but can complete SafeSport and background check after March 1 - and is good for 12 months (SS) and 24 months (BC).

- Do not schedule Non-League/Exhibition games on GameSheet without notifying the League Secretary - Cost is \$8 per game and needs to be paid by the program if not completed at scheduling.
- First Time we have had a Level 2 Winter Storm Emergency - many cancelled/rescheduled games. Attempt to start the season early and front load the league games to allow end of season dates for necessary reschedules. Also noted that Super Bowl Sunday allows for morning and early afternoon times for any rescheduled game not already completed.
- Additional new business from the floor regarding players under potential SafeSport investigation, and whether that player is suspended from play during the waiting period for a potential hearing. Player was suspended by the program pending a decision, decision was returned as “charges dropped”. The player in question skated in practices with another program but not in any league games. Discussion ensued - noted that the team and program must notify opposing coaches & HOP & officials (refs and CSHL) of game cancellations, player releases, etc. Summary: there was not enough content to pursue any action.

Old Business:

- Future Meetings - HOP/Zoom Leadership Calls March 3 and April 7
- Annual Meeting - Saturday, May 9, 2026, 8:00 am start location to be confirmed (The Foundry). Rule Change Proposals/ Board - Member Election (4 positions) - Nicholas Komma, Josh Seigley, John Stojak, Mindy Wahl.
- Submit Standing Rules Changes by April 8, 2026, to Mike Radosevic

Motion to adjourn offered by Jim Dirosa (Garfield Heights), second by Alaina Rutledge (Strongsville).

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.