

**JAMESTOWN HOCKEY BOOSTERS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**7:00 pm Wilson Arena 3/10/25**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

- I. In attendance: Whitney, Jeremy, Joe, Nic, John. Paul Belzer, Absent: Chris, Ramone, Mitch, Mollie.
- II. Called to order at 7:04pm
- III. Reading of last month's meeting minutes – Trautman
  - a. Jeremy motions to accept, John seconds, motion passes unopposed
- IV. Reading of the Treasurer's report – Forester
  - a. John motions to approve, Nic seconds, motion passes unopposed
- V. Committee reports –
  - a. Equipment (Steckler, Wazek, Klundt)
    - i. All but 3 families have returned rental equipment
  - b. Coaching (Stockert, Co-op)
  - c. Referees (Stockert)
  - d. Concessions (Champagne, Forester)
  - e. Scheduling (Stockert)
  - f. Fundraising (Trautman, Forester, Perkins)
  - g. Community Rep (Trautman, Forester, Stockert)
  - h. Registration (Perkins, Stockert, Forester)
  - i. Tourney (Steckler, Klundt, Wanzek)
  - j. Park Board (Trautman, Forester)
  - k. Discipline/Grievance (Perkins, Stockert)
  - l. Co-op (Trautman, Forester, Perkins)
  - m. Apparel (Trautman)
  - n. Grow the Game & USA 2 for 2 (All board members)
  - o. Marketing (Wanzek, Klundt, Stockert)
  - p. Social Media (Vigil, Perkins)
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Concession stand :
    - i. Profit of \$39,926
    - ii. Whitney motion to provide year end bonus of \$1200 to both concession organizers, Nic Seconds.
      - 1. Jeremy abstains from vote due to conflict of interest
      - 2. Vote passes unopposed
  - b. Purchases: this summer- helmets, new skater pads. Whitney to have follow up discussion with Chris about the rink adding goalie creases to the side boards when putting in ice this fall.
  - c. Reminder to save financials and meeting minutes to Prowl One drive. Mollie can upload meeting minutes or send to Jeremy V to upload. Jeremy F will send financials to Jeremy V to upload. Will have Jeremy create page to post co-op meeting minutes on our crossbar website.
  - d. Survey Questions have been given to Jeremy V, who is working on creating 3 separate surveys: Parent/Coach/Official. With hopes to have completed by end of week
  - e. NDAHA- page updates need to be submitted following Spring meeting vote
- VII. New Business
  - a. Associate member requests x 2

- i. Ashton Stockert and Alex Stockert made request to board president to be considered for associate membership. They have each expressed their interest in increasing involvement within the prowl board. At present, they do not have a player in the program and are not considered members of JHB. They would need to be approved by the board for associate membership which would give them permission to attend meetings, vote at annual meeting for election of officers, and run for open positions.
  - ii. The board discussed at length the way the bylaws are currently written and would propose that when they are amended a clause be voted upon to give JHB coaches permission to attend board meetings and participate in discussions.
  - iii. As it stands today, a vote was taken using current bylaws with the following results
    - 1. Ashton S- 5 opposed- No membership granted
    - 2. Alex S- 4 opposed, 1 in favor- No membership granted
- b. Park Board and Wilson User group updates:
  - i. Discussed desire to have august ice time again, we will need to vote on that, and it was tabled until more information is gathered, and missing members are present for vote. Park and Rec would like to know in the early summer if we plan to do this again. They provided a quote to us for a new humidification system that would make improvements in the integrity of the Eagles building when wanting early ice. \$38,600 was humidification quote. Board request more information on quote such as who is doing the work, and what the itemized quote is. Were there competitors quotes to consider? Whitney to follow up with Amy.
  - ii. Member request that there needs to be more padded floor though certain high traffic areas in the arena: specifically eagles arena around locker rooms and extended north to the Zamboni garage door. Coaches can not reach to get nets to pull onto ice from the eagles end of mats. On the Wilson side, would like to see matting cover more of the area at the bottom of the stairs and wrapping around to the 2<sup>nd</sup> bathrooms.
  - iii. Park and Rec informed us that there will an increase in ice time fees this coming season.
  - iv. Plan to have scheduling meeting between the user groups, facilitated by Chris and Amy in July.

## VIII. Additional Discussion

- a. John brought up discussion with having high school hockey players take an active role in practice and game participation in lower levels. Will look to have further discussions with Coach Andy and Coach Jake on seeing if we can foster this through volunteer time and or paid time. Will look into what type of certifications are necessary (safe sport volunteer?)
- b. Discussion of discontinuation of PDC contract for following year. Whitney has had conversations with Chris openly about other roles we feel he could make a greater impact on in our program.
- c. Discussion was had on what paid contracted positions will look like going forwards, the following recommendations were discussed, and tabled until strategic meeting for executive board review this summer:
  - i. Contracts served on 1 year terms of service and could include the following
    - 1. Implementation of new training model- consider paid position
    - 2. IT/Web support/Game sheet/ cross bar- Jeremy V
    - 3. Referee Scheduler for home games, provide opportunities for strategic pairing to foster development as well as improve communication and frequency- part time paid position, may combine this with VC's coordinator
    - 4. Practice and game scheduler- paid part time
    - 5. Concession stand managers

- ii. Gaming Contracts- no changes
  - iii. Coaching contracts- consider increased pay, additional reimbursement for travel, attendance policy
- d. Review of Bylaws in accordance with past presidents voting rights and the discrepancies between our out of date bylaws and signed up to date annual handbook. Board discussion and review of both statements following Cody's intention to fulfill past president position on the board beginning in April.
  - i. Outdated bylaws from April 2021 state: \*the Executive board will include 7 members plus all past presidents. Only the 7 directors and 2 immediate past president will have voting rights. Three unexcused absences by any executive board member and the member will be replaced.
  - ii. The handbook states \* The president of the current board will continue on the board as the past present for 3 consecutive years after their term as president.
  - iii. Lengthy discussion of what we feel is the most correct course of action according to the documents we have to follow.
  - iv. Board interpretation is as follows: Ramone has fulfilled his 3 year past president commitment and continued on to cover the term left vacant by Matt Eggl, both which are now completed. With the 3 year rule signed by all members in the handbook. This would leave only 1 past present, Cody. And he would have 3 years of past president rights beginning in November 2024.

Senario A: we go with the handbook, and Ramone no longer has past presidency rights, Cody has 3 years of past presidency rights

Senario B: We go with the bylaws, Ramone does not have voting rights the 2 past presidents would be Matt Eggl and Cody. (there are no stipulations on reason for leaving presidency role). We also examined the last line in the above bylaw and if we move to use the last line of that statement, both Cody and Ramone have missed 3 meetings and would be replaced. We agree this statement is vague as it does not specify replaced by whom, nor have we previously enforced regular attendance by past president. Further discussion was had on expectation of past president involvement in board- clearly stating full attendance to then be allowed to vote in executive board decisions or amending bylaws to give past president rights to only vote to determine a tie breaker vote if majority isn't reached.

- v. NDAHA and USA hockey have provided guidance on how to improve verbiage in the bylaws to more clearly identify reasons for resignation and termination of voting rights. But feel that the scenarios outlined by board with use of current documentation is acceptable.
- IX. At this time the board accepts Cody fulfilling past president role with voting rights for a 3 year term, with Ramone no longer in the role of past president.
- X. All board members need to review current bylaws so we can go through entire document next meeting for amendments prior to sending out for legal review.
  - 1. Current additions on the table: add coaching membership (discuss voting rights, and right to hold board seats)
  - 2. Add statement co-op operations for Peewee, Girls, and Bantams
  - 3. Declarations of conflict of interest and acceptable voting practices

XI. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm
- b. Jeremy motions, Joe seconds, motions passes

XII. Gaming requests approved via email on 3/10/2025:

- a. - Stray Sanctuary LLC: request \$14,000: vote: all opposed
- b. - JHB: Orriginals bill- Jeremy will call to get clarification on jersey charges as parents paid individually for those.
- c. - NDAHA- state tournament fees: \$750, all in favor
- d. - Ice time to park and Rec: \$9712.50- all in favor
- e. - Spirits; Softball fees \$1,500- all in favor
- f. - Whooly- running of the green \$3,000- all in favor