

Bowie Hockey Club / Board of Directors Meeting

July 9, 2026 – Bowie Ice Arena

Called to Order: 7:02 pm

ATTENDANCE in PERSON:

Bill Schmidt, Sam Bowles, Randy Richardson, Mark Russo, Kristina Stanley, Elizabeth Curran, Kevin Conover, Paul Mazzei, Walt Calhoun

ATTENDANCE on ZOOM:

Andrw Bruening, Nardo Roxas, Dan Kunath

ABSENT:

Grace Alaska, Wendy Abell, Derek Rabold, Mary Smith

Bill Schmidt / President's Report:

Rink is progressing and concrete stands and plumbing are in; locker rooms have plumbing. Locker rooms are much larger than current rink, roughly 400 sq/ft. Player benches will be on far side away from stands, and the rink is accessible for sled hockey as well. City has posted drone pictures on website. Big thank you to everyone for volunteering for this Board. New hockey director: Andrew Bruening, is getting up to speed with the board. VP Sam will get some summer ice skill sessions for the Club to get things going. Open skate on Friday, July 10 for all BHC members from 5-7 pm, and then Learn to Play starts on Sunday with 30 kids signed up. All Board members must have USA Hockey number, SafeSport and background check. Free number available through USA Hockey for volunteers. Get in as soon as possible. SouthEast district is 2nd largest growing district in country, with women's program is biggest add on, and is much larger than other demographics. No PVAHA meeting has been held since Nationals, awaiting more details from PVAHA.

Sam Bowles / VP of Travel Report:

Talking with many Board members through email. Travel teams have head coaches but still need a manager for 12U. Numbers are at 110 for total registrations. 8U Black grabbed a new player over the last few days, and hoping to get a 10th player at minimum, perhaps from Learn to Play. 12U is the big issue and needs focus, due to only 7 players; need contacts and Board members to help beat the drum for more kids at that age group. Most teams are submitting tournaments and getting registered. Ice has been acquired in July and August for skill sessions (July 20-August 14), leading up to practices beginning. 3 power skating sessions, 3 skill sessions, and checking. Week of August 17 for practices to start. CBHL schedule will finalize in early August.

Randy Richardson / VP of Recreational:

Numbers look good for sign ups at rec level. There are enough kids to create teams at every level, and 12u has a waiting list. Just getting acclimated to the new duties. Rec teams will start in early September, with games in early October.

Mark Russo / Secretary:

Getting team managers organized with email info, duties, binders, and a zoom meeting. The hope is to create a good manual and a support system for managers now and in the future. Learning the duties and getting organized. Hoping to get all team managers together for training on scoreboard and scoring and gamesheets.

Grace Alaska / Treasurer:

No report.

Wendy Abell / Membership:

No report. President Schmidt did add we will be getting everyone into Crossbar, including the girls teams. Rec teams are in, so those are taken care of. Sam requested a snapshot page in Crossbar that doesn't populate all players in one area that creates confusing. Some work will be done by Nardo to try to clean things up and filter the names differently.

Paul Mazzei / Special Events & Social Media:

Views are up 400% over the last month; travel posts have over 4k views, so algorithm is working well. Open House will be September 13, 2026. Sam mentioned 2 days a season for Bruins day to have all teams play that day and build a culture around it and have people looking forward to it. Saturday ice usually ends at 3:30; Sundays are early and done at 1:30, then games pick up later in the day.

Elizabeth Curran / Tournaments & Player Safety:

Coaches and managers have been sent lots of emails! Tournaments are getting past dates for tournaments; some teams have been non-responsive on getting back. Some team managers are waiting for payments back, and there is a sheet that is being used to track the events, payments, and how much money each team has left in their tournament allowance. There are some teams that are fully signed up and others have blacked out dates for tournaments. Tournament spreadsheet is the place to see where discounts are for teams. Crabtown Showdown is looking for teams for their event, and Mites on Ice is looking for BHC as well to participate, as last year was first year we didn't do it. There are full ice tournaments available for 8u and also for rec level teams. No injuries to track as we are not on the ice! President Bill Schmidt noted any concussion issues must fill out a USA Hockey form if a player is pulled from a game for concussion symptoms. Documentation of any injuries is a good practice and should be done.

Kristina Stanley / Sponsorships:

Getting into the role and looking at spirit wear vendors and potential new vendors for different quality. Some basics and some upscale product. BSM and SquadLocker have lots of options. Usually takes 4 weeks and get them in by December for Christmas. Looking at photographer and when we do it and potentially doing it earlier so we can have them for Holidays. More to come on scholarships and sponsors as Kristina gets into the role more. Scholarships are usually handed out by Open House.

Andrew Bruening / Hockey Director:

Bio - played at Bowie growing up, then at Salisbury University. Works part time with Capitals and Youth Hockey as well. Expecting twins soon! Developing college coach series for 16u and up to have college coaches come run a practice; good exposure for the kids to see how the next level works. 12u is a focus and a new parent did reach out to add a player; 12u rec team was contacted and no movement as of now for any of those players. If 12u has to bump down, we do have a coach in place. Open House and Girls Hockey Day may conflict on the schedule, so that needs to be looked at so maximum participation can happen.

Dan Kunath / Equipment Manager:

Kyle will be open over the weekend and on the Free Skate for fittings; jersey orders are placed. Goalie equipment needs upgrading in the chest protectors; gloves and blockers are good. Pucks are needed, and they are getting expensive. No requests from Learn to Play as of yet for equipment. Ideas for a 3rd jersey need to be submitted to Board as quickly as we can so that they can be ordered. Would be per team and the whole team would need to purchase them to make it work.

Kevin Conover / SafeSport:

22 coaches and only 6 of them have what they need as of now. 2009 birth years have to do SafeSport. All coaches, assistants, team managers and locker room monitors need it. 9 travel managers, with only 2 completed. The coach spreadsheet needs to be filtered out so that old coaches are removed and new coaches are added.

Nardo Roxas / Webmaster:

Dealing with some email forwarding issues but things are getting worked out so that all Club Board members can get emails. Working to get some online forms in an editable format for ease of use. There are 3 forms on the Google Drive that are for scholarships.

Mary is working on the schedule to get things in by July 20 for the CBHL deadline.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.