

March BHC BOD Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2026 7:00PM

Via Zoom & BHC Meeting Room

1. Call to Order - @ 7:06pm
2. Roll Call - Bill Schmidt, Julianna White, Elizabeth Curran, Kevin Conover, Dan Kunath, Paul Mazzei, Will Durkee, Mary Smith
3. Absent: Grace Alaska, Stanley Helowicz, Derek Rabold, Wendy Bernard
4. Approval of February Minutes- No objections- Motion to approved Paul Mazzei, second Grace Alaska
5. Guests: A few on Zoom

REPORTS :

HOCKEY DIRECTOR - Will Durkee

- Spring hockey is doing well at the start. Coaches are sharing plans and working together.
- Tryouts are coming up for the younger groups. Focussing on these age brackets now since 14U and up are a month out. Registrations are on the lower end. At this time, looking to have two 8U travel teams, at least one 10U (need a goalie), but 12U is a little light on registrations and that is a concern.
- Encouraging participation for the pre-tryout sessions.
- Will have supplemental sessions
- Elizabeth suggested website/social media posts to push tryouts. Paul requested access to the website to update front page pins. Stanley is not returning as webmaster.
- Will asked about details for the club picnic- Paul noted currently set for May 9th.
- Jerseys- Going to put jersey designs out for voting- there are some out there that can be made cheaper. Looking to roll out new jerseys for travel this upcoming season and rec for next season. Wanting to go back to "old school" favorites with the design. *Board had a discussion about how to phase in the new jerseys. Final determination on this will come at a later time. Once the designs are narrowed down, call for a possible club vote.*

TREASURER - Grace Alaska- not on at time of meeting

- Bill gave update: Two grants being looked into- one is the interpreter grant that needs to be redone. Could use a volunteer to help put grant requests together.

SECRETARY - Julianna White

- Sent end of season emails out to the managers with reminders about USA Hockey awards sheets. Once all received, will be sent to Paul Duquette to process and receive the patches.
- Had already sent an email to the Board, but noted that she will not be seeking re-election for the upcoming season.
- Noted there is an issue with the website- difficult to send emails out to just managers, etc. The old site was more user friendly in that aspect. Elizabeth made a suggestion to add a "team manager" and a "coaches" team in the system so we can then send a team email.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA - Paul Mazzei

- Social media posts have been through the roof
- To work with Mike with the Marketing company to push for tryouts, wants to push the older tryouts as well

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP - Wendy Bernard - not on at the time of meeting

- No update- slower time of year- will pick up after tryouts.

DIRECTOR OF TOURNAMENTS AND PLAYER SAFETY - Elizabeth Curran

- Just wrapped up the last tournament- a total of 21 tournaments attended with only 2 negative responses. Travel Champs and Defender Hockey were two brandings that were not favorable this season. Tournaments spanned from Florida to New York and several states in between.
- Player safety- still not clear as to where the forms are dropping.
- Need volunteers for both tryout session groups in March and April
- Asked about having closed tryouts- Will agreed they should be closed
- Will send out a Bylaw voting date availability survey to get final Bylaw items voted on and updated.
- Bill noted we should get a banner for the website about Board volunteers as well.

SAFESPORT COORDINATOR - Kevin Conover

- Coaches need to start submitting items for the 26-27 season
- Need to work on google sheet for LRM, etc

EQUIPMENT MANAGER - Dan Kunath

- Asked Will about the rising 14U sessions- will have checking session on 4/11/26
- The new LTP starts this weekend. Requesting help. 12 registered.
- Will get pinnies together for tryouts
- Need to get quotes on new gear for additional needs

Director of Girls Hockey- Derek Rabold- not on at the time of the meeting

- No update

WEBMASTER - Stanley Helowicz - not present at the time of the meeting

- No update

MASTER SCHEDULING - Mary Smith

- A little boring right now
- Will double check ice slots for LTP
- Bill asked about rising squirts - Will noted there is a pre-tryout session that they can do full ice.

PRESIDENT - Bill Schmidt

- Work at the new rink is continuing- foundation is laid out. Still on schedule for the Spring of 2027
- Howard County is looking at a new two-sheet facility.
- CBHL- adding another Richmond team- the Generals and now the Legacy Generals (for 8U and 10U only). There will be a \$50 increase/team in season fees.
- PVAHA- Can not add teams across State Borders (that are not in same affiliation). Have to get approval to outside of PVAHA
- CCHL- There have been a few issues PVAHA is dealing with (some teams/players that were denied the ability to play).
- Elections for CBHL in April
- Tryouts and Election are the next focus.

VICE PRESIDENT OF TRAVEL HOCKEY - VACANT

VICE PRESIDENT OF RECREATIONAL HOCKEY- VACANT

DIRECTOR OF NEW PLAYER AND PARENT OUTREACH- VACANT

SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR- VACANT

DIVERSITY COORDINATOR - VACANT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:02pm -Kevin Conover, seconded- Elizabeth Curran

Next meeting, Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 7pm