

February BHC BOD Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2026 7:00PM

Via Zoom

1. Call to Order - @ 7:05pm
2. Roll Call - Bill Schmidt, Elizabeth Curran, Kevin Conover, Grace Alaska, Dan Kunath, Paul Mazzei, Will Durkee, Derek Rabold
3. Absent: Stanley Helowicz, Julianna White, Mary Smith
4. Approval of January Minutes- No objections- Motion to approved Paul Mazzei, second Grace Alaska
5. Guests: A few on Zoom

REPORTS :

HOCKEY DIRECTOR - Will Durkee

- Busy time of the year- end of season crunch time with tournaments, playoffs, prepping for Spring, etc
- Spring Hockey- Mix of power skating, skills, and maybe 3x3- registration is live and time frame is 8 weeks. Emails have gone out to coaches to sign up to help with Spring hockey, about half full
- Tryouts- dates are set but not posted yet-will be soon.
- Working on coaches application for in club and trying to recruit out of club, especially with the 20-30 somethings locally that want to give back and help coach.
- Wants to receive feedback so that we can improve for next season.
- Winning percentages have gone down to 21% from 25% with league play. Travel was up to 30% from 21%, Girls was up to 16% from 12% but rec was down to 6% from 43%. This was likely due to the pull to travel for many rec and the new influx of newer kids at the rec level.
- With tryouts coming up, needs someone to take the lead of getting the volunteers set up for the check in and other help needed at the time of tryouts. A volunteer to help navigate the volunteers.
- Asked if the Bylaws were officially updated- Elizabeth stated the majority of the items have been voted on but they need a quorum to finish. Need votes for Mite Coordinator and other items. Would like to have completed by the May elections. Bill said he would send out dates for options for voting to get the update completed. Note- April 30th is deadline to announce meeting, May 30 is the deadline for the elections to take place.
- Asked Paul towards end of meeting about the End of Season Picnic at the Lodge early May and also get the coaches together mid March (maybe Dockside) like last season.

TREASURER - Grace Alaska

- At the end of the year so there is an increase in expenses but a decrease in income which is typical this time of year. Currently operating with in the average balances of previous years.
- Pulling information from previous season to build the budget
- Wants to get grants applied for as soon as possible, but most need a budget to submit. Suggestions welcome for any grants that can be applied for. Bill noted a couple of grants but

Grace had not seen any emails or notifications for those.

- Paul sent out an email for the request to reinstate the Snowden Scholarship at the request of Mrs. Snowden. Derek mentioned the two additional scholarships that were previously given out and Bill noted he would check back in the records for those.

SECRETARY - Julianna White - not on at time of meeting

- Emailed report- currently working on end of season emails for the managers and collecting the information for the USA Hockey Awards to send in.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA - Paul Mazzei

- Social Media- been a popular month. Over 33K views- Lake Placid posts and Girls posts were most popular
- Met with the digital marketing team recommended by a current coach that had a wealth of items that could be done to work with the metrics of our club with media marketing to help increase membership. Typically a much higher cost involved (\$1800-3000), but due to the organization having a large following already, the rate would be much lower (\$5-600 per month) to manage marketing campaigns. This would hopefully increase targeted marketing to expand membership. Spent a great deal of time with the owner and thinks it will be a great opportunity to expand using media. Bill asked Paul to connect with Grace to work out budget questions and then email BOD proposal and budget.
- End of Season Hockey Night in Bowie- working with Will to get scheduled (Save the Date sent for 2/28/26).
- Spoke with Mrs. Snowden Re: Scholarship, Hockey Night and other items- happy to speak with Paul. Bill noted the Snowden scholarship was typically give out after the decision was made at the Fall Open House.
- Working on wording for the requirements for Banners, etc. Need to have verbiage set and factor in what will be allowed and what we want to do at the new rink. Need to set perimeters. Derek noted a few impact coaches that it would be nice to honor. Bill suggested an acknowledgement board for coaches, parents, etc that have made the organization what it is today. Looking for ideas to help make the new rink home- like a walk though the history of the Club.

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

- Bill noted this was her calm before the storm part of the season- will pick up after tryouts

DIRECTOR OF TOURNAMENTS AND PLAYER SAFETY - Elizabeth Curran

- Injury forms- none submitted/received. Bill noted he had sent one in- both agreed they needed to talk to Stan to determine where the forms drop to as they are supposed to hit specific emails.
- Tournament update message was sent out to the managers to get updates for the spreadsheet. Did hear back from some but will reach out directly to the managers left that have not responded.
- Will be putting a word of caution out next season to not use Defender Hockey based on events that took place this season. Will noted Travel Champs was another concerning

company. Not many “rink run” tournaments- most are going “big business”. Bill to check with PVAHA to see if these are sanctioned and make sure they know what is going on

- Elections by May 30th, announce by April 30th (after tryouts).
- Bill and Will talked about getting volunteers for specific events/things. Some members may be able to help with some things but not all. May increase participation.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER - Dan Kunath - not present

- Will had discussed jerseys- will report next month with findings- looking to bring down cost
- Will work with Julianna to coordinate iPad turn in
- Equipment room will be organized after the Girls THFF this weekend. Need to do inventory as to what we need to stock. Asked if Grace knew of any grant funding to help fund the restock
- Need more pucks- time to reorder
- Girls THFF this weekend- Stated he will not be there as he will be at an out of town tournament. Will swing by to get some items together for who is volunteering that day.
- Elizabeth may need pins- about 140 in stock now.

Director of Girls Hockey- Derek Rabold

- Girls THFF this weekend. 9 register, hoping more before the weekend. Looking to add another Girls THFF in March, possibly the weekend after the Capital Showdown. Asked if the Club was looking to have a co-ed THFF soon- Bill noted there was not one set, but would look at a date to plan.
- Will is looking into having a tryout date for the Girls teams.
- Wants to speak with the CBHL to see how exactly the divisions are broken down. Found that there were higher level girls still playing on teams in the Bronze level.
- Very proud of the Girls, especially 12U- showed a great improvement from last season. 12U will have a few mites moving up that will be a great addition.
- Asked if Paul had spoken with Chris in regards to the ISI team to possibly do some joint events- Paul hadn't but would.

SAFESPORT COORDINATOR - Kevin Conover

- Noted there were a few coaches with missing items, but USA Hockey was having issues so that was at a stand still
- Had an idea to have a google form for each team with the breakdown of coaches, manger and LRMs to have easier access to the breakdown of who, what, where, etc. Will work on for next month.

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

- No update

MASTER SCHEDULING - Mary Smith - not present at the time of the meeting

- No update

PRESIDENT - Bill Schmidt

- Not too much happening right now with new rink- on hold due to weather, but it is cleared and a retention pond put in. Looks like footers are next once the weather breaks. Hoping for March 2027 for completion.
- Looking at ordering soft barriers for half ice. Storage may be an issue with the new rink and we may need to get a shed or sea container for extra storage.
- Elections will be held by the end of May.
- PVAHA has warned for Clubs not to set up secondary teams- these are technically not sanctioned by USA hockey. This does not include Catholic Schools as we get a waiver from USA hockey when we play as they are not governed by USA Hockey.
- Development Camp for youth/girls/HS- will get the word out to coaches to get word out to teams. They have tryouts and see how the players compare to Tier 1 and AA players

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 8:28pm -Grace Alaska, seconded- Dan Kunath

Next meeting, Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 7pm at BHC and via Zoom