CCYHA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 22, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Flight/Virtual Teams Meeting
Called to Order By: Ashley Courier

Board Members Present:
Ashley Courier, Kristy Chernick (via teams) Maria Grose (via teams), Eric Manning, Krista White, Jobana Munoz, Mike Kohn and Teri Isenberg (Parent)

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1. Call to Order and Approval of Previous Minutes

Ashley Courier called the meeting to order and led the review of the previous meeting minutes.

Motion: Kristy moved to approve the previous meeting minutes.
Second: Ashley Courier
Result: Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Referee Relations and Officiating

Ashley Courier discussed concerns regarding inconsistent officiating, including recent disciplinary decisions affecting coaches and players. Ongoing discussions with local officials have established a constructive dialogue aimed at improving rule consistency and communication.

Key points:

- Direct communication with local officials remains important.
- Governing bodies often have limited engagement with smaller organizations.
- Proposal to establish a liaison role between the organization and officiating leadership.
- Duane Twining was identified as a potential liaison due to his experience as a referee and assistant coach.

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3. Financial Report

Kristy Chernick reported:

- All 2026 financial reconciliations have been completed.
- Approximately 95% of supporting documentation was located.
- All 2025 Venmo reconciliations have been completed and submitted to the accountant.
- Form I9 is on track to be filed before the November 15 deadline.
- Tuition payments are current except for one player account that is being addressed.
- The organization remains in a healthy financial position despite upcoming major expenses, including ice and facility-related costs.

Financial Policy

Kristy announced plans to present a comprehensive financial management policy at the next board meeting.

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4. Coaching Development and Volunteer Support

Eric provided an update regarding coach training opportunities.

Discussion included:

- Initial interest in People Academy was high. Ashley thinks we should still pursue this training as a possibility.
- Extensive certification requirements have discouraged some potential volunteers.
- Guest coaches and volunteer helpers are not required to obtain full rostered coach certifications.

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5. Team Rosters and Parent Conduct

Concerns raised regarding ongoing recruiting efforts and negative comments made toward coaches/players/families associated with the 14U White team. Discussion highlights:

- The 14U roster was intentionally maintained at 17 players to accommodate injuries, absences, and game-related demands.
- The board agreed that a roster size of 17 is appropriate. This was discussed in detail at meeting April 21, 2026 Board meeting.
- Negative recruiting and interference with families were strongly discouraged.

Ashley Courier will send a communication to parents emphasizing:

- Positive representation of the organization.
- Respectful interactions among families.

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6. Team Pictures

Ashley reviewed plans for October team photos.

Highlights:

- House and travel teams will be included.
- Pricing of $15 per pose
- Background selections are pending final approval.

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7. House Program Update

The board reviewed participation levels within the house program.

Discussion included:

- Strong enrollment across multiple age divisions.
- Capacity challenges due to program growth.
- Feedback regarding skill-level disparities when competing against larger organizations.
- Continued commitment to providing opportunities for players from 6U through 18U levels.

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8. Grants, Scholarships, and 18U Program Update

Ashley reported:

- CAHA grant and scholarship funds have been received and deposited.
- The 18U team currently carries a 19-player roster.
- As the only 18U team in South Carolina, the team is eligible for automatic advancement to USA Hockey Nationals provided participation requirements are met.
- The July 19 CAHA meeting report was received.
- The Welcome Back event was successful.

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9. Fundraising Policy Review

Kristy Chernick presented a draft fundraising policy designed to support ongoing 501(c)(3) compliance.

After discussion, the board agreed that additional review time was needed.

Decision Deferred

The board postponed adoption of the fundraising policy until the next meeting to allow members to review the document and provide feedback.

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10. Events Committee and Community Engagement

Ashley Courier discussed the need for additional volunteers to support the Events Committee.

Potential activities include:

- Whiffle ball tournaments
- Fireflies' outings
- Swamp Rabbits events
- Other family-oriented community-building activities

The goal is to host organized events on a regular basis to strengthen member engagement.

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11. Post Office Box Discussion

The board reviewed the need for establishing a post office box.

Discussion concluded that:

- Current mail handling procedures are working effectively.
- A PO Box is not an immediate priority.
- The option may be reconsidered as the organization grows.
- The previous Treasurer had paid for a box, but that box was never secured and the organization received a refund from USPS.

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12. Leadership and Volunteer Recognition

Ashley Courier recognized David Jennings for his leadership and successful management of younger house divisions, including coordination of scrimmages and communications.

The board also discussed:

- Planning an alumni game with Lou Goulet.
- Acknowledging Lou's significant contributions to the growth of travel hockey within the organization.

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13. Fundraising and Social Media Compliance

The board reviewed concerns regarding personal fundraising efforts that utilize Cyclones branding.

Discussion resulted in a recommendation that individuals include a disclaimer stating that funds raised are for personal expenses and not on behalf of the organization.

Action Items

Responsible Party	Action Item
Kristy Chernick	Contact CAHA and My Hockey Tournaments regarding outstanding checks.
Kristy Chernick	Draft and present a financial management policy at the next meeting.

Ashley Courier	Verify upcoming ice bills against schedules and agreements.
Ashley Courier	Send parent communication regarding conduct expectations and required safety equipment.
Maria Grose	Select photo backgrounds and coordinate with photographer.
Board Members	Review fundraising policy and provide feedback before next meeting.
Ashley Courier	Evaluate and establish a PO Box if deemed necessary.
Ashley Courier	Request addition of fundraising disclaimer language to personal fundraising posts.

Decisions Made

1. Approved previous meeting minutes.
2. Continued efforts to improve referee communication through designated liaison.
3. Deferred approval of the fundraising policy until the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Date: October 20, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Ashley Courier.