

2025 – 2026 CHA BOD Minutes

Date 12-17-25 | Time: 7:00PM | Location: Jon Ryan's

Meeting called by	Scott Trahan	Invitees: Allie Bishop, Lisa Jarek, Scott Trahan, Jon Bullock, Carolyn Sousa, Adam Butland, Adrienne Ostler, Sarah Fink, Mike Begay, Rhiannon Darienzo, Richie Volpicelli, Taylor Anderson, Lisa Jarek Guest: Absent: Katie Walsh
Type of meeting	Monthly Meeting	
Facilitator	Scott Trahan	
Note taker	Carolyn Sousa	
Timekeeper	Carolyn Sousa	

Agenda Items

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President Update

- o Red room renovation project is ongoing, but we are able to use the other upper room going forward. We will look into getting a better lock for Red Room as we want to keep kids out of there.
- o The ongoing safety issues at the Haverhill Gold Rink have not yet been addressed by Gilmartin. Scott has contacted them regarding both the ice conditions and the half-ice boards, which remain unsafe. CHA is committed to formally circulating these concerns not only with Haverhill but also with other rinks throughout the area to ensure player safety.
- o Scott is going to talk to a new jersey supplier and will report back further in January after speaking with them.

Financial Update

- o In good standing.

BC Update

- o Castle Creations will give CHA 10% of royalties on their holiday apparel store.
- o Co-ed girls are going to be invited to BC practices after the first of the year to see how they like it.
- o Going forward to 2026-27 looking into 2 practices.
- o Shared projected team sizes for next year.

Call-Up Protocol

- o Discussed call up protocol through VHL policies and will ensure coaches are clear on policy.

Tryout Outlook

- o We need to review and plan tryout week based on our overall schedule. Given the familiarity between the coaching staff and players at each level, we should also consider utilizing a third-party evaluation crew to ensure a fair and unbiased assessment process. The board to review options and present at the January meeting.
- o Open up coaching applications earlier so we can be prepared for when teams are formed.

Apparel Store

- o Blast Athletics - Fundraiser feature that ties in with Crossbar, up all year, Bauer/CCM product will only be offered on seasonal sales. Can do team exclusive products. 20% kick back on list prices. Board to review products and make a decision if they will be our store for the 2026-27 season.

2026-27 Scheduling Update

- o We are currently projecting 15 teams, which is on the high end of our estimates. A more realistic projection is likely 13–14 teams, which would still be an increase from our current number. At this time, we do not have sufficient ice time to support that growth, so we will need to return to the league to request additional ice time. Allie has already begun conversations to secure ice that will support our projected needs.
- o Send out communication to families that we are projecting a high number of teams, if interested in coaching to reach out.

2026-27 Development Programs

- o Brad would like us to waitlist on our learn to skate and they don't all get in. He thinks we should cap at 50 kids per session.
- o In-House is looking for additional ice time, we don't currently have that in the schedule but going forward trying to incorporate additional extra things like skating at high school games.
- o In-House might not be worth it for our program, as the age bracket is too large they would benefit more from Mite and Squirt.

Mite Jamboree

- o The schedule has been finalized and sent to participating teams.
- o We have reached out to a local vendor to do a shirt press for the event.
- o Volunteer sign up sent out, will be sent to Mite families to fill spots.

Fundraising

- Bingo Night
 - o Looking for donations for the event.
- Apparel Store
 - o Orders are supposed to be ready for pick up tomorrow. Carolyn will pick up and work on distributing. Email out to families once they are ready.

Next Meeting: January 20th @ 7PM - Forum