CHEYENNE CAPITALS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY 2026 MINUTES

DATE: 2/11/26 TIME: 6:00p MEETING LOCATION: Cheyenne Ice and Events Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

a. Attendees include President J HESSER, Vice President J POPOVICH (online), Secretary J GRONSKI, Registrar T SCHLAGEL, Scheduler K WASHENFELDER, Equipment Manager C VAUGHAN, Fundraising Chair C HAMMACK, Discipline Chair B MOORE, SafeSport Liaison J COVER, Coach-in-Chief S WASHENFELDER

b. QUORUM ESTABLISHED

III. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTION

a. Lance Anderson—online; Scott Bowers, Kristen Bowers, Briana White, Lindsay Bonazinga, Kandi Rasmussen, Teri Prince, Bo Prince, Kasey Kiel, Matt Humphreys—in person

IV. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

a. January 2026 – APPROVED with no edits (Motion: B MOORE, 2nd J COVER; passed unanimously)

V. OPEN ISSUES (OLD BUSINESS)

a. Girls Tournament

  a. B WHITE shared that although she has lots of funds that have been obligated, there are fewer that have arrived. Some of the delay is that many governmental organizations are recovering from shutdown and related delays. She requested a $6k budget from the board to draw from.

  b. B WHITE also asked that parents who have not met their volunteer hours be allowed to count volunteer time at the tournament toward their hours.

  c. B MOORE asked what the funds would be used for. B WHITE stated they have cut all the fluff expenses, but need money for ice time, the booklet, banners and hotels for the refs.

  d. J GRONSKI asked what funds have been received. B WHITE shared that she has $7k in cash, including 3 checks that are in the mail, and have been promised $3.5k each from Air and Space Forces.

  e. T SCHLAGEL asked what the budget was originally. B WHITE originally identified a $15k budget, but it is now down to just shy of $9k.

  f. J GRONSKI moved that the board allocated up to $6k to be used as needed for the Girls State tournament. 2nd C VAUGHAN; passed unanimously.

  g. J HESSER highlighted that WAHL is asking that associations place folks with plenty of experience with Game Sheet at state. They should be qualified to avoid the inadvertent 10 & 2 issues we have seen this year. There is no real time to fix this in a tournament.

    i. S WASHNEFELDER asked why coaches don't sign Game Sheet again at the end of the game? That would allow them to confirm goals, asssits, etc.
        1. K KIEL clarified that coaches are only signing to certify rosters. All mistakes are up to the ref and Game Sheet attendant.
        2. J HESSER highlighted that we may not want coaches interacting with officials after the game

b. Elections
    a. C HAMMACK updated the board that nominations close February 20. She mentioned not having any nominees for President or Fundraising. She also asked for clarification about what happens after she has names/candidates.
        i. J HESSER clarified that they can use last year's google form for members to vote. He asked C HAMMACK to send a reminder email about the February 20 deadline.

c. Hockey Director
    a. C HAMMACK shared that people stated the max they would pay to secure a director of hockey was $100/player. That would significantly limit our budget to hire a qualified director.
    b. L BONAZINGA asked if it is possible to use fundraising from this year to hire? What else are we doing with that money?
        i. B MOORE stated the complication with using fundraising to cover a budget item. Sustainability of the funds can be problematic.
        ii. S WASHENFEDER also highlighted that using this can put us in a bind when ice costs go up.
        iii. J HESSER stated that other agenda items may help clarify where the funds are going. He also reminded the board that WAHL wants to hire a Director of Hockey and that will impact our affiliate fee.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Expenses
    a. C HAMMACK asked to allocate fundraising for end-of-season gifts as follows: $60/Mite, $30/all other players. She highlighted that the Mites tournament is a major financial driver and that these players do not get time with the coaches we bring in for clinics.
        i. J HESSER stated his preference that we just charge all families $30 less per player than give a gift they don't want/won't use. He is in support of the Mites gift. He stated that gifts are less essential/expected after Mites.
        ii. K WASHENFELDER shared that gifts have been a part of the season at every level for her players.
        iii. C RASMUSSEN stated that she's over receiving gifts for her player. B PRINCE stated that he still remembers the gift he received as a Mite and thinks it's worth the cost.
        iv. B MOORE suggested allocating some of this budget to buy warm ups for next season.

1. J HESSER reminded the board that it will cost approximately $4k-4.5k for non-Mite players at $30 each.

b. J GRONSKI moved to allocate $60/player for Mite gifts with gifts to be chosen by the manager. 2nd K WASHENFELDER; passed unanimously.
c. S WASHENFELDER stated that he likes the idea of sweatshirts as it's something players will use (like the backpacks from a few years ago) and provides free marketing for us.
d. C VAUGHAN expressed her support for sweatshirts.
e. J GRONSKI liked the idea of sweatshirts but suggests doing them now, not season to keep the reward closer to the fundraising they did.
f. J HESSER suggested if we opt to provide sweatshirts, we just provide $30 for the team store to decrease the load for team managers.
g. T SCHLAGEL supports creating a special listing in the team store with sweatshirts in all sizes in 3 colors.
h. Audience members suggested both a small and large logo option and proposed doing what NoCo does—where all players select a team war up and order it immediately after making a team, so they'll have it all season.
i. J GRONSKI moved that we provide all players Squirt and older with credit for a Capitals sweatshirt from the team store. 2nd C HAMMACK; passed unanimously.

b. Senior Night
    a. J HESSER asked what payments are still outstanding.
        i. We believe cupcakes, gift card reimbursements and ribbons are still awaiting payment.
c. Alumni Night
    a. C HAMMACK shared that the have 18 players and 1 goalie for the alumni team. She is missing 2 sportsmanship awards from coaches and has coordinated to have Troy Thompson announce. She reminded the board that we previously discussed getting him a hoodie to thank him for his efforts this season.
    b. Bo PRINCE gave a brief overview of the Teddy Bear toss. Items will be donated to the Pediatric and Day Surgery departments at CRMC. Teri PRINCE stated they will also have a box out for and non-throwable donations. Last year we had 496 teddy bears. Scouts will be on site to help collect the bears and will "sell" extra bears to those who arrive without them. Teri will coordinate the flyers and distribute them digitally at the request of the board.
    c. J HESSER highlighted that we will also have a 50-50 raffle and draw names for the gun raffle.
    d. B MOORE moved to allocate up to $100 to buy a sweatshirt for Troy. 2nd S WASHENFELDER; unanimous.
d. Lettering
    a. J GRONSK shared the idea of discontinuing a Central/East/South/Pine Bluffs/Burns letter in favor of a Caps patch that can be added to a letter jacket. This idea was pitched by the current high schoolers and their coach. Letters are becoming increasingly more expensive and difficult to source.

i. B WHITE expressed her disapproval. She feels like the high numbers from last year are not an indication of the actual cost and that some kids may only letter in hockey and then would not have a letter for their letter jacket. She encouraged the board to ask the players

ii. C RASMUSSEN asked how we could change at this point when players are expecting something different.

iii. J HESSER highlighted that we've heard mixed comments—that lettering was too easy, that players didn't care about the letter, that it was important how letters were presented, etc. He encouraged the board to make a decision about when we will give letters this season.

iv. Bo PRINCE stated that players want to do it by team, not by school as they are one team not split by where they go to school.

v. C RASMUSSEN suggested presenting letters at the end-of-season banquet. It should only impact Girls team and High School. K KIEL seconded the option of doing this at the banquet and offered to have the Girls join the HS banquet if they are not having their own.

vi. B MOORE moved for blanket approval to buy letters as necessary once numbers become apparent. 2nd T SCHLAGEL; unanimous.

VII. REPORTS

a. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. J HESSER reminded the board that Alumni Night is March 11 from 7:45-10p
      i. J GRONSKI asked about lettering. Who is determining what letters we need, ordering letters, etc.? B MOORE offered to follow up with K KIEL and Girls Team.

b. REGISTRAR'S REPORT
   i. T SCHLAGEL shared that everything is looking good. She has recently registered the U8 Mites for 2 tournaments.

c. TREASURER'S REPORT
   a. See attached (with the exception of the Edward Jones line item, it is incorrect)
   b. A MILDENBERGER shared that reimbursements are a mess. Coaches are submitting reimbursements that are inconsistent in format and request. She also highlighted that there is no guidance on game pay. She's also unclear of paying for submissions from parents who help cover games (i.e. J McKINLEY and B HAMMACK)
      i. J GRONSKI suggested A MILDENBERGER decide what she wants reimbursements to look like (on the WAHA mileage form, submitted by email to the treasurer email address) and ask S WASHENFELDER to reinforce this with coaches.
      ii. J GRONSKI also recommended Re: coaches who are covering for teams that they do not have a player on, we could do what we did last year where in special circumstances, we name individuals to reimburse/pay.
         1. J HESSER would like to come up with a structure for this (JV team coverage) at the next meeting.

d. SECRETARY'S REPORT
    a. J GRONSKI offered updates about photos. She is meeting virtually with the photographer this Thursday and will send a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help next week.
    b. J GRONSKI asked about messages being redirected to spam from Crossbar. She has reached out to Crossbar to see if it's a result of using previous messages or something else.
        i. J HESSER shared that this seems to be dependent on the subject line
    c. J GRONSKI updated that adding the Sense Arena check out form to the website has been unsuccessful. Please continue to direct interested players/parents to me and I will email them the printable form.

e. FUNDRAISING CHAIR REPORT
    a. Recent events have raised:
        i. Wreaths: a percentage of $2,014.18
        ii. TOTAL fundraising: $27,376
    b. C HAMMACK asked for guidance and support in setting up the gun raffle. She has struggled to get adequate information from Sportsman's Warehouse and wonders about going back to the gun broker from last year.
        i. The board offered various suggestions to connect with Sportsman's and suggested getting 20 guns and 10 gift cards.
        ii. C HAMACK also confirmed we will accept venmo payments instead of online payments and that tickets will still be $50 each. Once she has additional information, she will reach out for a decision by email.
    c. C HAMMACK will provide a list to each manager of how much their player has raised—send parents asking to their team manager.
    d. C HAMMACK also has a request to put together a golf tournament. Board members expressed support and suggested a disc golf tournament.

f. SCHEDULER'S REPORT
    a. K WASHENFELDER and J PARISH shared that they are working to reschedule Riverton games as it comes up.

IX. ADJOURNED 8:05p (Motion K WASHENFELDER; 2nd B MOORE; passed unanimously)