CHEYENNE CAPITALS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MAY 2026 MINUTES

DATE: 5/13/26 TIME: 6:00p MEETING LOCATION: Cheyenne Ice and Events Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

a. Attendees include President D HANCOCK, Secretary J GRONSKI, Registrar T SCHLAGEL, Scheduler K WASHENFELDER, Scheduler J PARRISH, Equipment Manager C VAUGHAN, Fundraising Chair C HAMMACK, Fundraising Chair A ESTES Discipline Chair M SAMUEL, SafeSport Liaison J COVER, Coach-in-Chief S WASHENFELDER

b. QUORUM ESTABLISHED

III. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTION

a. Anthony Johnson, Jake Spinder, Abbie Connally, Briana White, Nick Marriott, Amy Lance, Matt Humphreys, Jheri Marriott.

IV. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

a. April 2026 – APPROVED with minor edits to names (Motion: K WASHENFELDER, 2nd C VAUGHAN; passed unanimously)

V. FUNCTIONS AND CONVERSATION OF A BOARD

a. D HANCOCK offered his take on the role of the board to include that members do not need permission to do their job and a request for loyalty to the board. He expects healthy conflict, fighting for the best idea and attacks to center on ideas not people. Finally, he suggested that the board decisions are just that, decisions of the board. If the board votes for or against something, we must all be ready to follow that position.

VI. OPEN ISSUES (OLD BUSINESS)

a. Volunteer Hours—C HAMMACK
    a. C HAMMACK shared a spreadsheet with 2025-2026 volunteer hours. There were several families with no volunteer hours and few that did not meet the full requirements. What should we do with these ?
        i. Conversations centered on charging families that made no effort, if anyone should be exempt (i.e. board members) and the impact of hours being different for each team. It was also highlighted that several families bought out of the requirement and not holding everyone else accountable may impact our future participation. D HANCOCK asked that the Policy Committee work on a fix for next season.
        ii. J GRONSKI moved that anyone who completed zero volunteer hours be assessed the full buyout cost. 2nd by J PARRISH; passed unanimously.

b. 2026 Jerseys—C VAUGHAN
    a. C VAUGHAN shared the decisions made by the ad hoc jersey committee including narrowing down the orders to two companies.

i. Company A is a $75 reversible set; socks and breezers would still need to be ordered from China. There are questions about the impact of shipiing costs and time differences.
ii. Company B is a $100 reversible set; socks and breezers could be obtained locally. The quality of this one is great, including being lightweight. The company offers a 4 week turnaround for organization wide orders and can have individual player jerseys done in 2 weeks.
    1. This is the recommended company from C VAUGHAN
iii. The board discussed the importance of ordering extra socks and breezer covers and adequate rental jerseys.
iv. C VAUGHAN moved to order the $100 reversible jerseys and seek a second vendor for socks and breezer covers; 2nd by C HAMMACK; passed unanimously.

b. C VAUGHAN also got quotes for personalized warmups. She has circulated the design around with players who seem to like the idea. The 2-piece set will say Captials on the front (no number) and have a wide leg with zippers. The cost is $108 for the full set with a 4 week turnaround.
    i. The goal is to have all players have these to arrive at games. D HANCOCK suggested this might be a good way for families to see the fundraising benefits.

c. D HANCOCK suggested the board complete the appointment of the Vice President and allowed the two candidates in attendance (B WHITE and A JOHNSON) to share their background, reason they desire to serve and they took questions from the board. A ballot vote was conduced with resulted tallied by J COVER and T SCHLAGEL. B WHITE was named Vice President in a 7-3 vote.

d. C HAMMACK made a motion to balance bill all players that did not quit, play only senior night or find sponsors over $500; 2nd C VAUGHAN; passed unanimously.

e. WAHL/CRHL –tabled to June meeting with the expectation that we will notify members and give them the opportunity to offer comments.

f. Photos—J GRONSKI
    a. J GRONSKI shared that people have been receiving photos. She advises no additional communication. The board opted for one more email to members to close out the process. If they prepaid, there is a clear way to order. We are not able to assist with refund requests.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Expenses
    a. The board approved paying Sierra for the games she attended; anticipated at $700. (Motion: C HAMMACK, 2nd J PARRISH; passed unanimously)
    b. The board approved the purchase of the remaining letters for last year's high school students, not to exceed $250. Motion: C VAUGHAN, 2nd C HAMMACK; passed unanimously)
    c. C VAUGHAN highlighted an upcoming expense—we need to purchase sticks, skates and pucks. She will work on pricing.

b. Coach-in Chief

a. D HANCOCK walked the board through the process. Our Coach-in-Chief now serves at the pleasure of the board and should be appointed/reappointed annually. He shared some concerns he has heard from members about the Coach-in-Chief also being a coach.
   i. S WASHENFELDER shared that his real passion is coaching, helping other coaches and developing kids. He isn't cut out for administrative tasks and parent complaints.
   ii. D HANCOCK suggests making the Coach-in-Chief an administrative/issues-based task and appointing J COVER and leaving S WASHENFELDER as a program development director.
      1. J GRONSKI asked for clarification if this is in alignment with the bylaws. D HANCOCK reports the board can appoint anyone it would like to. He also highlighted that because it was on the agenda the board is free to appoint tonight.
      2. J COVER mentioned this is likely as close to a hockey director as we will get. S WASHENFELDER highlighted that this alleviates the Coach-in-Chief/head coach conflict. J COVER will address all personnel issues. He also committed to not serving as a head coach.
      3. C HAMMACK moved to appoint J COVER as Coach-in-Chief; 2nd C VAUGHAN; passed 11-1
      4. C VAUGHAN asked that we open Safe Sport up to members and suggested we vote at the June meeting.

c. Fall Hockey Camps
   a. C HAMMACK shared an update that Black Hills is not returning. She would like to bring in Hull Hockey the first weekend that the ice is in. For morning and afternoon sessions for 2 separate age groups, Friday, Saturday and Sunday costs would be $300-350. We also discussed hosting a body contact clinic in October and potentially inviting Hull back in December.
   b. J PARRISH moved to contract with Hull Hockey for a Capitals hockey camp in September; 2nd by C VAUGHAN; passed unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNED 8:09p (Motion K WASHENFELDER; 2nd T SCHLAGEL; passed unanimously)