

ATHENS YOUTH HOCKEY

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 6-9-26 | Location: Grover Hall, Ohio University | Time: 7:00 PM

MEETING DETAILS

Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Presiding: Allison Kelley, Board President

Secretary: Charles Cohara, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

- Allison Kelley
- Anne Morrison
- Jimmy Schwinne
- Jennifer McKinney
- Jackie Brinsley
- Suzie Ferraro

Members Absent:

None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of May 5, 2026 were submitted for correction as names were misspelled. Minutes of May 19, 2026 were submitted for approval. Motion to correct 5/5/26 and approve 5/19/26 put forth by Vice President Brinsley. Past President McKinney seconded. Approval passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Morrison still getting transitioned into role. Ohio Rise has stated that they will vouch dues for one player so an invoice will be generated. As Registrar has not yet been filled Vice President Brinsely will assume the duties temporarily.

OLD BUSINESS

2026 – 2027 Director of Hockey

Director of Hockey Schwine Reported - Two formal complaints to Mid Am about coaching selection decision, these are expected to be dismissed.

Open Board Positions

President Kelly reported - one person has expressed interest in BTHL position but has not submitted formal email. Registrar, Ice/Ref Scheduler remain unfilled. Ms. Kelly will send out another email.

Discussion of BTHL vs. MCHL

10U tried MCHL last year alongside BTHL and had a good experience. Board agreed to look at it as an option for other age brackets. This will necessitate a change to bylaws because right now they read as restricting us to BTHL.

8U Structure / Practice Times

Board discussed. Last year there were over 30 kids. Board wants to explore coaching models as well as best and most practical practice times for all age groups.

Board Training

Secretary Cohara, an attorney, volunteered to give a board training some time in July.

Jerseys / Equipment

Pure Hockey was discussed as a vendor due to more affordable price points. Hoping to order first round of jerseys by July 1.

Playerships

August 1 remains the deadline to apply. Further Secretary Cohara was asked by the board to reassess the collection of previous subsidy overpayments and underpayments. After reviewing the issues, he recommended to the board that no action be taken to require repayment. This is because the amounts were de minimis, the overpayments were three years ago, collection costs would be disproportionate to what would be recovered, and the money subsidies went to eligible families, even if the amounts were not correct. Representative Ferraro moved to accept this recommendation. Treasurer Morrison seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Scheduling

As no scheduler has been appointed Past President McKinney has been working with Ohio University to schedule Ice Time.

OSHL

Representative Ferraro reported. A former Athens who player went to Newark for two years is working on getting a release to return to Athens. Additionally, the organization will have one high school team that will be classified as JV.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: The board will meet informally to discuss bylaw changes. The next board meeting has been set for July 7 at 6:00 PM. Following that, there will be a board training and bylaw ratification meeting set for July 21 at

Motion to Adjourn: Director Schwinne moved, Vice President Brinsley seconded, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.