

**HINSDALE CENTRAL HOCKEY CLUB
BOARD MEETING
Willowbrook Ice Arena
January 8, 2025**

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Jen Baskel, Louise Crabb, Kenny Carlin, Don Draudt, Brad Durkin, Jim Hamman, Julie Rzeppa, and Tina Weller

Hockey Director Update:

Regular season recap and playoff update. Spring program looking to get 34 skaters. Need 1 hour skates and 1 game per week to achieve minimum contract ice requirements at Willowbrook. Passing on Murphy 3:3 but considering weekly drills and a July camp.

Looking ahead to 2026. Reduce game count. Fatigue was real factor in energy levels and overall health of players. Very definitely want to host a showcase at Willowbrook in the fall. Looking at available ice and logistics.

Jack Crabb selected for IL West All Star Game at Fifth Third.

President's Update:

Discussed playoff posture as well as updates from AHAI and IL West. Board recruitment process for 2025-2026 board. Applications need to be in by February 28 so that votes can be cast and completed near the End of Season banquet mid March. Will need to usher in new board and select roles for 2025-2026.

Need to schedule all club meeting to discuss and announce spring season and the new board of directors. Also need to complete end of season survey to complete and send out. Considering a HCHC camp for middle school recruits.

Registrar Update:

Working on back-end logic for Crossbar registration and fee collection.

Secretary Update:

Jay not able to make the meeting but provided Board with update on Crossbar. Will have a working site in the next week. Crossbar aware that we are working to register on the new site for spring season.

Also provided update for the board on the R&E decisions as a result of the various suspensions from the December 15 game between Varisty and LT. Per the Club's policy on R&E decisions, the

Committee worked hard to issue recommendations for the full board and, once approved by the Board, R&E notified the players involved of the Board's decision.

Fund Raising:

Brad provided update on Superbowl squares. More need to be sold. We are behind schedule and have minimal participation.

Club Events:

Jen updated on events. Carter Unell night will be January 12; Senior night will take place on January 19. Seniors will take the ice by numbers. Wayne Messmer will sing the National Anthem. Food and drink will be available for the players and parents.

End of Season banquet will be held on March 13 at BCC starting 6:00 p.m. Evites will be circulated shortly.

Treasury Update:

Budget looks good; on track for next season.

Apparel Update:

Julie advised that she is looking for swag for the banquet. Will have further updates.

Next Board Meeting Dates

February 10, 2025 6:30 p.m. Willowbrook Ice Arena