

**HINSDALE CENTRAL HOCKEY CLUB
BOARD MEETING
Willowbrook Ice Arena
June 12, 2024**

MINUTES

In Attendance:

James Brooks, Louise Crabb, Kenny Carlin, Don Draudt, Jim Hamman, Jay Scharkey, and Tina Weller

President's Update:

IL West: anticipating 13 home games (as opposed to 15).

AHAI meeting update: (1) neck guards mandatory; officials will be enforcing in fall, (2) rules on parent suspensions increased to 5 game suspension rather than 3; and (3) player fighting reduced to 1 game suspension from 3 (HCHC R&E will need to consider updating legacy policy).

Discussed locker room policy update; third parties occasionally asking to use. HCHC locker room is leased to the Club and not available to others. Will consider a P&P change to reflect.

Hockey Director Update:

Discussion regarding double rostering of players and considerations involved. P&Ps defer to Hockey Director on all rostering decisions. HD asked for board member's views and majority of members present voiced support for allowing players to double roster, so long as full payment/fees is made and players understand consequences of failing to show for practices and games.

Discussion of fall tournament v fall showcase. K. Carlin advised J. Swoyer does not intend to run the fall showcase in 2024. Members discussed and considered whether Club should host fall showcase. Discussed impact on budget. HCHS homecoming will create scheduling challenges. 9/7, 9/8 are possible dates.

Individual parent meetings will take place 8/15 at Community House. Conditioning dates will be 8/15 and 8/19. Tryouts will run 8/20 to 8/22.

Consideration of player commitment and whether, if player commitment is close to 48 skaters, whether a third team or development league is better option for overflow. Third team would play in North Central League; IL West will not permit registration of three teams. Make up of the split between V/JV is important factor in evaluating.

In favor of moving to rink's own video system. Will work for practices and home games.

“Brooks Tournament” planned for 8/19. Charity tournament. \$650/700 per team (\$100/player). 7 skaters max, format 3-on-3.

Tech/Organization:

Working on setting up MailChimp distribution list (and addresses), including alumni. K. Carlin will provide alumni data/master list. J. Hamman has data from registrants on Sports Engine, including historical.

Discussed alternate platform to support registration and calendar. Crossbar interested in making a pitch. Transactions processing fees and conversion costs (SE to CB) are core considerations.

Website update considerations. Possibly update coaches videos.

Treasury Update:

Reviewed balance sheet and P&L. Overview of budget for 2024/2025 season. Discussion regarding application for exemption from Illinois sales tax.

Registrar:

All board members and coaches need to update USA Hockey and background checks for fall.

Fundraising:

Parking spaces almost sold; 1 left. Double Good Popcorn as a fundraising possibility as is Il Mio night. Details to follow.

Recruiting:

Seven incoming 8th graders are potential recruits. Discussed likelihood of recruiting those seven players.

Discussion regarding joint recruiting efforts with LT/DuPage, including hosting game at end of season for 7th graders from both schools. More to follow.

Apparel:

Need final numbers for custom jerseys. Eight-week lead time.

Coaching gear ordered; awaiting delivery.

July Board Meeting:

7/29 at 6:30 at Willowbrook Ice Arena