

**HINSDALE CENTRAL HOCKEY CLUB**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Willowbrook Ice Arena**  
**May 9, 2024**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:**

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

**Hockey Director Intro and Update:**

Spring showcase update. Calls between clubs regarding head shots/concussions. Predatory head shots in future showcase games will warrant 5 min major and game misconduct (under IL West). Was good for coaches to get a look at all players with four games.

Thinking about once-a-week skates to maintain conditioning. Suggestion of survey for parents/players. HD would be interested in running his own conditioning camp, if interest would support it. Mixing younger eighth graders with varsity kids gives good exposure.

Looking to schedule fall ice. Working with WBIA to evaluate days and times. Plan is to use all of allocated ice (main and studio rinks) under Club's agreement with WBIA.

Fall conditioning and tryouts. Discussed possibility of additional tryout fee that would ultimately be credited to fees for fall season. Discussion of JV2 team if enough skaters. Adding games to schedule; revenue considerations. Coaching compensation also implicated.

Discussed pros/cons of Battle Camp.

Coaches got a good look at kids during showcase but spring team projections will not be the same as the fall teams. Tryouts will determine what team a skater makes in the fall. August 19-20 for conditioning and Aug 22, 26 and 28 for tryouts. Season starts 9/2. IL West wants to start playing games 9/15. No AAA can be rostered.

Town hall format for information sessions prior to tryouts. Then parent meetings on team basis after teams selected for tryouts. Targeting August 16 for Town Hall meeting.

Pixellot v. WBIA video. Live Barn less expensive than Pixellot. WBIA video would allow for video teaching on bench on near real-time basis. Will not renew Pixellot.

North Central crossover concept. Would work as a season-long tournament. Only play 6 NC teams. Will positively impact ranking to play good teams. Play six teams before December then set up 1 v. 4, 2 v. 3 brackets. Benet, Fenwick and other clubs to round out the non-conference games/budget.

### **Summer 3:3 Update:**

28 skaters/3 goalies. Three teams. Two games per week. One player will be communicator and will be responsible for communicating game times to teammates. Eleven 8th grade players are skating; remaining 21 a mix of V/JV players.

### **Club Survey:**

Revised and updated. Jay to send to Don for final review and distribution.

### **Technology – Organization:**

Updates to website. Coaches, HD, and Board information all updated. Discussed data base for Club documents (current and legacy).

### **Treasury/Budget Update:**

Tina update on P&L; report on banquet expense; report on battle camp and tournament expenses.

### **Fundraising:**

Brad gave sketch on potential fundraising events. More to come.

### **Game Gear Review:**

No IL West requirement for white jerseys. Red and black will be fine. Could repurpose old white sweaters, if need be.

Coaches gear: all would love to have HCHC gloves. T-shirts, coaches bag, Bauer pants with logo. Winter hat and snap hat. Coaches jackets logoed.

### **Other Items:**

HD seeking 8.75 hours of ice for conditioning and tryouts. Discussion of hours needed for tryouts to get fair look at all skaters.

Discussed issue of possible junior varsity overflow and development team (Swoyer).

Hanna Carlin will take over responsibility for socials, etc.

### **June Board Meeting:**

June 12 at 6:30 p.m.