

**HINSDALE CENTRAL HOCKEY CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
Willowbrook Ice Arena  
November 21, 2024**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:**

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

**Hockey Director Update:**

Working on shaking up lines to generate more out of team. Focused on forecheck and team is buying in but need more effort. Will continue to push players beyond comfort levels.

Team is going to be without several players and, given the heavy October schedule, inclined to cancel November tournament. Seems many players would simply prefer to rest up and recharge.

Mid-season reviews underway. Trying to impart work ethic. If players want more ice time, need to learn systems and continue to skate hard every shift.

Discussion with board members who questioned adequacy of playing time and buy in of players on the team and concerns about players who are starting to look and feel checked out at this point in the season. Heavy schedule may be a contributing factor.

**President's Update:**

Board Recruitment 2025-2026. Need to make a push, word of mouth, to get members interested in serving. Focused on getting year 1 and junior varsity parents engaged. Will have three seats opening up.

**Registrar Update:**

Recruiting skate sign up link should be active.

**Secretary Update:**

Discussed timing of transition; Jay reported that Tina prefers to wait until SportsEngine subscription is close to expiring to avoid paying for both. Will get confirmation as to when last subscription payment was made. Jay in favor of migrating now, given the efficiencies of the new platform, including with scheduling and rosters. Jay will follow up with Tina and Jim on term of SE agreement.

**Social Media/Recruitment:**

Louise gave brief update on recruitment skate swag and photos/banners for use at skates.

**Club Events:**

Jen gave report on holiday party; planning December 12 at Neat Kitchen in Westmont. Discussion of Senior Night and whether January 12 or 19 is best. Also discussed Carter Unell night, as the Unell family may have conflict for senior night. Also looking at March 13, 2025 for end of season banquet. Details to follow.

**Alumni Development:**

Kenny looking to schedule an alumni skate on December 26, 2025. Will update if change to schedule.

**Apparel Update:**

Julie updated on HC Cross Over promotion.

**Next Board Meeting Dates**

January 8, 2025 6:30 p.m. Willowbrook Ice Arena