

**HINSDALE CENTRAL HOCKEY CLUB
BOARD MEETING
Willowbrook Ice Arena
April 3, 2024**

MINUTES

In Attendance:

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

Election of Officers, Director Positions, and Committee Members:

Don Draudt, President; Tina Weller, Treasurer; Jay Scharkey, Secretary.

Jim Hamman, Registrar/Registration/Logistical Lead; Brad Durkin, Fundraising; Jen Baskel, Club Events & Community Service; Julie Rzeppa, Player & Coach Apparel and Equipment; Louise Crabb, Website/Social Media/Recruitment; and Kenny Carlin, Illinois West Rep/Alumni Liaison/Security.

Coaches Committee: Don Draudt, Julie Rzeppa, and Kenny Carlin. Rules & Ethics Committee: Jay Scharkey, Jim Hamman, and Louise Crabb.

Review and Update of Club's Mission Statement

Discussion regarding possible update/refresh of Club's mission statement.

Coaching Contracts and Updates:

Mike Dwyer's contract (JV Head Coach) is fully executed; will be amended to include Goalie Coach responsibilities. James Brooks' contract (V Head Coach) is fully executed; will be amended to include Hockey Director responsibilities. Board members provided with revised and updated schedule outlining Hockey Director responsibilities. Assistant coaches working under LOIs. Formal contracts will be drafted now that salaries are finalized.

Spring Update/Showcase:

A total of 37 skaters enrolled for spring. The first practice of spring season was held on Tuesday, April 2. Reports from observers of practice with new coaching staff were positive.

Junior Varsity showcase scheduled for April 27-28; Varsity showcase scheduled for May 4-5.

Game Jerseys and Apparel:

Any new game jerseys for the fall season will need to be ordered by May. Plan is to use red custom jersey and black stock jersey (same as last year). A white jersey may be required by Illinois West as part of "light" and "dark" jersey requirement. Looking to avoid expense of white jersey.

Low level of interest expressed in custom game gloves. Kenny checking with additional resource/vendor to evaluate possibility of embroidering HCHC logo on gloves.

Discussion of new warm up gear kit for players. Will depend on dress code. There is a 6-week lead time for any order. Tina suggested that donor logos should contrast more with gear. Discussion regarding practice gear for new coaching staff and budget for same. Julie to further evaluate.

Summer 3:3 League

Club anticipates the cost to be approximately \$2050 per team/\$200 per player. Teams will consist of 10-11 players maximum. Registration needs to be finalized by the end of this month (April). Games will be played two nights per week. All games for the Club's teams will be played at Willowbrook.

May Board Meeting:

The next board meeting will be held on May 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Ice Arena.

Other Items:

Discussion regarding Pixellot subscription. Kenny noted Live Barn improvements. Will discuss with J. Brooks to evaluate need/preferences further.

Discussion of parent and player survey for 2023-2024 season. Jay will prepare a draft based on survey used for 2022-2023 season.

Jim reminded everyone of USA Hockey/SafeSport requirements and will confirm board members' compliance.