

CCJHA Board of Directors March 2025 Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025

Joe Zerbst, President
Jon French, Former President
Ian Repp, Vice President

Keith Frick, Treasurer
JoLynn Pietila, Secretary

Call to order: 6:36 pm

Present: Joe Zerbst, JoLynn Pietila, Colleen Mayra, Amy Blake, Ryan Bennett, Jeff Peltier, Jeff Baril, Ryan Bonini and Rudy Gemignani

Absent: Keith Frick, Steve Mattson, Stacy Bussiere, Jon French, Ian Repp, Jason Swain and Jennifer Capello

Guests and Public Comments

Travis Hanson was present and stated that he would volunteer to be the 8U coordinator again next year but is proposing moving to a red, white and blue (or just white and blue) levels system for the 8U division. Other organizations are already doing this or are moving to this model.

Bryan Konkel

Ryan Galerneau

Calvin Larson commented on how often throughout the season for 10UB there was only one coach there for his child's team.

John Pietila was present and asked about/proposed the idea of having a puck pit at the DEE and/or the HoCo as well as something like a BenQ to purchase for all teams to use. (Example: using LiveBarn past videos to teach players at practices).

Josh LaTendresse commented on how pleased he was with both 8U and 10UAA seasons and coaches. Stated that we have a good opportunity up here with our selection of coaches to really develop players in the area.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes made by Colleen Mayra, seconded by Ryan Bennett; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Balances:

- Board Balance: \$158,442.25; QB: \$132,491.31
- Referee Balance: \$5,665.06; QB: Need to balance
- Markham/Kero Savings: \$5,055.26; QB: \$5,055.26

Bills Paid:

- SDC: \$4,751.25 for October, November and December ice rentals
- HoCo: \$12,031.25 for January Ice Rental
- Dee: \$22,150.00 for December and January Ice Rentals
- CHA: \$1,200.00 for the 8U+ Tournament
- Transferred \$8,000.00 to Referee Account
- Josh Browning: \$1,412.00 for GLSV tournament pass thru
- Jenn Capello: \$300.00 for Lakeside Auto tournament pass thru

Bills Outstanding:

- None

Donations / Payments:

- Keweenaw Community Foundation: \$1,000.00
- GLSV: \$1,412.00 for sponsored 8U tournament fees

To-Do:

- Evaluate registration costs for 2025-2026 season to provide to the next treasurer
- Balance Referee Fund: will need Amy's assistance with this
- Reach out to MTU for January and February invoices
- Have accountant reconcile accounts prior to April meeting
- Colleen will file for the Dave Wiitanen and Slim McLean Memorial Youth Hockey grant for funds to help offset costs for referees

Notes:

- None

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Colleen Mayra; Rudy Gemignani seconded; the motion carried.

Program Director Report

- In 10UB and 12UB, McDonald's and M&M Powersports played in Calumet on 3/11, with both teams losing
- 14UB is currently playing Calumet at the HoCo (3/12/25)
- 8U+ teams went to a tournament in Calumet on March 7-9, 2025; feedback sounded like that was a good choice
- End of season Hockey Saturday, March 6th:
 - Not enough board members volunteered and it ended up falling on the shoulders of a few.
 - The kids seemed to have fun and enjoyed the music and atmosphere

- The 2025 Jim Markham Memorial Hockey Champions were:
 - 6U - Sayen's Auto
 - 8U - Lakeside Auto
 - 10U - DB Tile
 - 12U - Upward Orthodontics
 - 14U - Tervo Agency
- There were issues throughout the year with Game Sheets; need to look into possibly having a tutorial or more education on how to use properly for next season (Jason has also addressed this from the referee's end at the ref's meeting)
- A survey will be sent out to coaches looking for feedback on the season and ways we can improve for next year
- Amy was mostly happy with Crossbar; there is not as much ability to customize, but it is easy to use and navigate
- Ideally, we will work towards having more on-ice clinic days for our referees before and during the season as on-ice training is no longer required to register
 - Amy will talk with Jason about it to organize
 - MAHA has opportunities to support financially if needed for this purpose

Coaching Director Report

- Jeff Baril will send out an email to coaches regarding reimbursements for the year and uniform return information

Equipment Manager Report

- Copper Shores Community Health Foundation grant for equipment: Joe and Ian are working on a proposal for us to submit for updating goalie equipment
- Rudy donated 2 sets of pads for 10U and 12U

Officials Report

- Nothing to report.

Registrar/Safe Sport Report

- More work is needed on the organizational calendar
- Ryan gave us numbers (not included in these numbers are those for the girl's team) for each year to aid in determining what is realistic and what isn't for next year in regards to A/AA teams:
 - 2011: 28
 - 2012: 33
 - 2013: 19
 - 2014: 35
 - 2015: 21
 - 2016: 34

Booster Club Report

- Concessions still have a lot of holes to fill/many still haven't completed or even started their hours. There is an opportunity this upcoming weekend with the Old Timer's Tournament to fulfill hours. Otherwise the hours will get billed at \$50/hour and will need to be paid before their skater can be on the ice again.
- The Awards night will be at the end of April.

Finance Committee Report

- Michigan Tech Athletics (Junior Huskies)/finance committee is waiting for one more quote to come in.

Tournament Director Report

- The November Gale Tournament will be held October 31st to November 2nd (2025)

- The majority, if not all, games will be held at the SDC
- Propose to apply soon for the application website
- There was discussion on expanding the tournament this year to either more 10UB teams or 10UA or 10UAA teams; this will be further discussed and decided upon in the next month so we can be early with spreading the information

Travel Committee Report

- The travel committee will need to meet within the next week to discuss the travel coach application details
- Jeff Peltier was named the travel committee chair with Rudy Gemignani offering to be a co-chair
- The travel coach application period will be open from April 1, 2025 to April 30, 2025, with the recommended coaches being approved by the May board meeting

Webmaster Report

- The travel committee will get wording for the travel coach application sent to Amy so she can post by April 1st. The application will be open from April 1st—April 30th.

Sportsmanship & Behavior

- Nothing to report.

Coaching Committee

- The position to head a coaching committee remains open.

Fundraising Committee

- A plan to tie in a raffle to next season's registration was discussed. The raffle could coincide nicely with the November Gale Tournament that we will host as well.
- The dunk tank at the Bridgefest was decided would not be worth the time and struggle to find volunteers to do.

Old Business

- MAHA Revisions to CCJHA Bylaws Revised Draft
 - The latest version was sent to MAHA with the affiliation agreement for 24/25; Al Wakham said they would be reviewed this winter by the MAHA bylaws committee.
- Organizational Calendar to ensure the flow of approvals and organization processes; need to include when travel coaches are chosen, when tryouts will happen, etc.
- NIHL - Decision will be made in the future on whether teams will be a part of this or not. Possibly leave up to coaches to decide for their team.

New Business

- Set Awards Night Date and Time (end of April)
- There was more discussion on the concept of moving 8U to a red, white and blue division system, or white and blue, where the skaters would be divided into a top half and bottom half and then teams will be made evenly in each half. This would also make it easier to go to tournaments in Wisconsin, where this model has been used for awhile now.
- An email was sent to the Board regarding split seasons for 16U and 18U. Ross Rinkinen has volunteered to coach a 16U team and James Maillette has volunteered to coach an 18U team.
 - The board needs to come up with wording for guidance on split season teams for the handbook.
- The next CCJHA BOD monthly meeting is scheduled for **April 9, 2025**

Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Colleen Mayra, seconded by Jeff Peltier. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Minutes submitted by J. Pietila, Secretary