

CCJHA Board of Directors September 2024 Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2024

Call to order: 630 pm

Present: Joe Zerbst, JoLynn Pietila, Ian Repp, Steve Mattson, Ryan Bennett, Colleen Mayra, Keith Frick, Amy Blake, Jenn Capello, Ryan Bonini, Jeff Peltier, Jeff Baril, Jason Swain, Jon French and Tom Glass

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

The Roque family name was spelled incorrectly. JoLynn will correct it in the August meeting minutes.

A motion was made to approve the August 2024 meeting minutes by Colleen Mayra, Keith Frick (second); motion carried.

Guests and Public Comments

Amber Bennett was in attendance to help answer any questions in regards to the Booster Club finances.

Ross Rinkinen was also present (will address his request in New Business).

Treasurer's Report

Balances:

- Board Balance: \$111,444.86; QB: \$110,296.86
- Referee Balance: \$5,939.77; QB: \$5,577.75
- Markham/Kero Savings: \$2,554.47; QB: \$2,554.47

Bills Paid:

- SDC: \$843.98 for Travel Tryouts

- SDC: \$875.00 for 14UAA and 19U Girls Practice
- Rukkila, Negro and Associates - \$50.00, Accounting Services
- AssignR: \$360.00 for Referee Scheduling SW
- State of MI: \$20.00 for Annual Report Fee

Bills Outstanding:

- None

Donations/Payments:

- None

To Do:

- 990 preparations
- Complete SEMCO Sponsorship Form (moving to a house team).
- Sponsors for the season were reached out to and the status is as follows:
We are just waiting on payment from M&M Powersports and the Mineshaft.

Sponsor	Age	Continuing Sponsorship (Y/N)	Invoiced (Y/N)	Payment Received
M&M Powersports	12U B	Y	Y	
AFM	14U B	Y	Y	Y
J. Peltier	10U AA	Y	Y	Y
Mineshaft Sportsplex	10U Girls	Y	Y	
Harters	19U Girls	Y	Y	Y

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Jeff Peltier, Ryan Bennett (second); motion carried.

Program Director Report

- As of the meeting, there are 131 skaters registered to play hockey for the 24/25 season. Practice will start on 9/16/24. An email will be drafted up to send to schools to announce/advertise registration. Currently, there are only two 18U skaters registered. The board is unsure if this will lead to having enough numbers to field a full team or not.
- The Schedulewerks software is helpful and working. Changes in the schedule will show up first on Sports Engine. Amy will try to update on the schedule.
- AssignR will be used for scheduling referees this year.
- The girls 19U team is playing this weekend in their first games. There are 4 girls from Negaunee, the rest are from the CCJHA. Discussion was had regarding setting up language for Co-op agreements if problems should arise.
- Regarding the process for tournaments: coaches need to let Amy know soon to get board approval for scheduling.
- The idea of having a parent consent for using skaters' names and/or pictures for announcements, ads, on the website, etc. was proposed. Potentially an opt-IN form instead of an opt-out one. It is too late to have some who have registered already to fill this out this year, but hopefully by next year, we will be able to have it available for all.
- Ideally a volunteer would be found for a Growth Coordinator position. Someone who could help recruit new kids, help with Try Hockey for Free (which is November 2, 2024 and February 22, 2025). Also, October is Girls Hockey Month and a coordinator could work with setting up an opportunity to recruit more girls into the sport. Anyone interested in this role can contact Joe Zerbst or any board member.

Coaching Director Report

- Division coordinators still need to be found for 6U, 8U, 12U and 14U. Bruce Heltunen has offered to be the coordinator for 10U again. There are some leads for the others but Jeff Baril will work on finalizing once we get into the season.
- A current list of the coaches was presented for board approval. They are as follows:
 - Carl Arko, Jeff Baril, Doug Bourdeau, Joshua Browning, Mike Beutler, Ryan Deforge, Katie Fredianelli, Jon French, Wyatt Geshel, Ryan Greenley, Travis Hanson, Matt Helminen, Bruce Heltunen, Mark Hendrickson, Spencer Jenkins, Dave Jukuri, Dan

Juopperi, Anders Kangas, Adam Kerry, Tyler Korpela, Madison Labyak, Craig L'Esperance, Andrew Lorenz, Joel Lyberg, James Maillette, Joseph Maillette, Zachary Maillette, Jamey Markham, Ryan Markham, Matt Mattila, Colleen Mayra, Lee Mayra, Jason Meneguzzo, AJ Mikus, Justin Miller, John Pietila, Phil Pietila, Kaleb Preiss, Phil Raffaelli, Ross Rinkinen, Ryan Saatio, Tim Viola and Joe Zerbst

A motion was made to approve this list by Amy Blake; seconded by Jon French. Motion carried.

- 12U numbers are low right now, but this is probably due to the 12U travel tryouts not being complete. There were 24 players trying out for that team, so there should be higher numbers after that team is selected.
- A need for a plan for team managers and locker room monitors was discussed. All who do either of these jobs need to be registered as a volunteer with SafeSport, USA Hockey, the CCJHA and background checked. The board will reimburse for the background check.
- Cell phones are not permitted in the locker rooms.
- Ryan Bennett will check with the MAHA rep to see what the exact verbiage is regarding locker room monitors. Especially in regards to 6U and 8U expectations with players and parents.
- A request by Travis Hanson to move his son, Calle, up to 8U was made. A motion was made to approve this move by Steve Mattson; seconded by Jenn Capello. Motion carried.
- An update to the Wiitanen-McLean girls summer hockey plan: the plan fell through with Lindsay Frye, but Jon French is working on using the money from the McLean fund to have a couple of skates for girls in October with Colleen Linehan and others. It would be free to all girls and we would try to see if we should extend the invite to girls in Calumet as well. JoLynn will work on making a flyer on Canva to advertise it and send out once more details are set.

Equipment Manager Report

New keys were made for the door and Tom will continue to sort through the gear. The topic of having some sort of consequence to not returning your jersey after the season was discussed. Possibly a fine?

Officials Report

Jason has only heard back from 3 people so far regarding who is interested in being a referee for this season. Please reach out to anyone you may know who would like to become a ref or to ref again.

Amy would like to send out to previous refs a form to see who will do it again instead of just adding them as it costs money per person to add them to AssignR. Keith said he would have the information of who got paid to ref last year to help with that.

Refs need to start the process of registering by October 31, 2024. A current card needs to be sent to Amy Blake.

Since there is no on-ice training required this year, Dan Juopperi is hoping to be able to get some of the referees from Division 1 college hockey (that may be up reffing a MTU game) to come on the ice to help with a clinic. He needs to check with their schedules.

- A motion to approve ice time (up to 2 hours) for referee training was made by Colleen Mayra; seconded by Ryan Bonini. Motion carried.

We can use AssignR this year for paying refs. They will all need a bank account tied to it for direct deposit.

Registrar/Safe Sport Report

Registration numbers were discussed again. As of now, the numbers are lower than last year's.

Four board members will have their SafeSport expire during the year. They were made aware of it.

The process of accepting new players to the area was discussed, including a potential 14U skater with a Wisconsin address who has previously played in Keweenaw Bay. The board would need to approve this out of district situation but will first clarify with Al Wakeham about it at the district level.

Booster Club Report

Dave Hakamaki will take the 24/25 season's photos early in the season on the ice. They will be either the first or second week of November.

The concession stand will be set up the weekend of September 14th.

Fundraising this year will be another coffee bean sale and blankets. We have been unable to find anyone willing or able to make the quantity of wreaths for the price that we've sold them for in the past.

Finance Committee Report

Jeff Peltier discussed the ongoing plans with Michigan Tech Athletics regarding a partnership/Junior Huskies program. It would be a projected 9 year plan with the option of mutually helping each other out. CCJHA would be able to possibly get a tournament at the SDC/ice time along with jerseys in the future and in return, the association would offer help with ushering/parking, 50/50 sales, etc. in any and all of the Huskies' different sporting events. Help is especially needed during their breaks when MTU students are gone. It is now in the hands of the authorities at MTU for approval.

Travel Committee Report

Two of the three travel teams have been chosen. The last 12U tryout skate is on Thursday, September 12th.

Tournament Director Report

Stacy discussed her ideas for hosting a CCJHA tournament for the 10U teams. With Michigan Tech's schedule, it looks like the first weekend of November is open. With a goal of having 8 teams come, and charging \$850/team, the net profit estimate would be \$1590. With a goal of 8 teams at \$1300/team, the estimated net profit would be \$5190. These are prices of some other tournaments that our teams have gone to. A tournament would take a lot of work. Sponsors need to be recruited, team baskets made, business donations sought, scoring and clock volunteers, etc. Our goal would be to start small this year and hope to grow it in future years as a regular fundraiser. The tournament would be pool play and would need an estimated 13 hours of ice time. Jenn Capello has offered to help with organizing it too. A MAHA-USA hockey sanction needs to be applied for.

Webmaster Report

Nothing to report.

Old Business

MAHA Revisions to CCJHA Bylaws Revised Draft: Latest version was sent to MAHA for approval with affiliation agreement for 24/25. They are being reviewed now.

Nothing to report on possible puck/ball shooting areas at the Dee for dryland.

The Learn to Skate program will not happen due to insurance and liability issues.

JoLynn has updated the handbook with the amendments that were approved by the Board. She will make sure they are correct and posted.

New Business

Ross Rinkinen was in attendance requesting approval for a CCJHA tournament team. This team only plans to go to two tournaments; one in Minneapolis and one in Petoskey/Sault Ste. Marie. They are not sponsored, do not need jerseys and all are skaters that do not play either CCJHA house or travel hockey. There was some confusion as to why board approval was needed and some clarification needs to happen for the future. An organizational calendar that the board hopes to work on this year should help with making clear what the deadlines and approval process is.

Joe is requesting that there be committee chairs to help with communication and organization. Colleen volunteered to be the chair for the Sportsmanship & Behavior committee. Ryan Bonini has agreed to chair the Fundraising committee (Keith Frick offered to help with his ideas). One is still needed for a Coaching committee.

Next CCJHA BOD monthly meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2024.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Colleen Mayra; Jeff Peltier (second); motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.