

# **CCJHA Board of Directors October 2025 Meeting Minutes**

## **October 8, 2025**

Joe Zerbst, President  
Jeff Peltier, Vice President

Dustin Armbruster, Treasurer  
JoLynn Pietila, Secretary

### **Call to order:** 6:33 pm

Present: Joe Zerbst, JoLynn Pietila, Dustin Armbruster, Calvin Larson, Amy Blake, Jeff Peltier, Jeff Baril, Jennifer Capello, Ryan Galerneau, Rudy Gemignani, Stacy Bussiere

Absent: Jason Swain, Colleen Mayra, Ryan Bennett and Mark Hendrickson

Stacy Bussiere was presented with the Volunteer of the Year plaque from last year's hockey season for a job well done. Thank you for all of your work, Stacy!

### **Guests and Public Comments**

- Joel Lyberg was present to see if there could be smaller groups of 8U skaters on the ice at a time with the addition of an ice time on a weekend possibly (there will be after the draft).
- Janel Wenglikowski and Natalie Anderson were present to understand how the 10UA tryout worked with two 8U skaters getting pulled up to play on the 10UA team, when there were 10U skaters that got cut (it was proposed by the division coordinator and coaches and brought to the board to vote on. The vote was not unanimous, but it did get approved at the August board meeting). In addition, the topic of there being a lack of goalies at the 10U division for house teams was also brought up. (This is where we hope our partnership with BR.ICE for goalie training can encourage development and outreach for the position. It also ideally wouldn't be a set position yet at that age division).
- Brady and Kelly Olson were present, but chose to speak later in the meeting when their topic was addressed on the agenda.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes was made by Dusty Armbruster, seconded by Rudy Gemignani; the motion carried.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Balances:**

Board Balance: \$273,719.48; QB: \$249,680.48

Referee Balance: \$2,354.31

Markham/Kero Savings: \$5,057.15

### **Bills Paid:**

- Rukkila-Negro: \$353.89
- BR.ICE Goalie Camp: \$1,136.85
- MTU Ice: \$1,266.67
- AssignR: \$199.00
- MTU SDC ice through March 17, 2026: \$18,593 (Pending approval of the board to pre-pay the season)
  - Jeff Peltier will talk to MTU regarding this. Ideally we would just be billed monthly

### **Bills Outstanding:**

- A check for the Ice Hockey Systems for \$700 got returned in the mail; sent it out again and hope it won't get sent back this time

### **Donations / Payments:**

- UWM Warrior: \$1,594.40 (a former spring hockey program that some CCJHA skaters were a part of is no longer in business, so they split up the money that was left to the associations that were involved in the past)
- Scott and Betty MacInnes: \$1,000 for goalie equipment (Thank you!)

**To-Do:**

- Colleen will take care of a booster club account link

**Notes:**

Amy would like to start accepting receipts for coaching and volunteer reimbursements earlier than we have done in the past in the hopes that it will make it easier on everyone.

\$1,000 goes back to the travel teams from the sponsor for tournament fees, while \$600 goes back to house teams for tournament fees. Coaches may submit requests for these reimbursements to the treasurer (Dusty Armbruster) and cc the president (Joe Zerbst).

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Jeff Peltier; Jenn Capello seconded; the motion carried.

An oral VOTE was cast to accept the treasurer's report: all present voted Yay, zero nays or abstentions

**Program Director Report**

- The date for the draft for house teams is 10/12/25
- Ice scheduling update: coaches need to share tournament dates ASAP (ideally we aren't going to tournaments where we end up just playing against our own teams)
- There will be a checking/competitive contact clinic for 14U skaters (house and travel) on Sunday, 10/19/25. Two sessions will be held at the HoCo (1:30-2:45 and 3:00-4:15).
- The next CCJHA goalie clinics with BR.ICE will be on October 26th and November 23rd
- The Earn Your Stripes North Event that was supposed to be held on September 20th, was cancelled due to ice damage at the HoCo. This is disappointing and ideally we can find a way to reschedule, but there is nothing scheduled yet.

- There is an upcoming district meeting for MAHA on 10/15/25; Amy Blake and Ryan Galerneau will attend.
- There will be ice available in L'Anse for additional practices or games starting in mid-October. It is cheaper and can be scheduled through Amy.

### **Coaching Director Report**

- The following coaches need to be approved for the 2025-2026 season:
  - Jason Carne, Mike Hermann, Travis Huotari, Bill Kuru, Chris McIntyre and Alwood Williams III

An oral VOTE was made to approve all coaches listed for the 2025-2026 season: all present voted YAY, zero nays, zero abstentions.

### **Equipment Manager Report**

- The generous donation of \$1,000 will be used to order goalie equipment and bags to replace old stock
- Rudy would like to propose moving the equipment room to the DEE from the HoCo due to too many people entering the room and work being done
- Rudy would also like to propose a better way for him to purchase new equipment. An easier process to purchase what is needed; possibly a debit card.
  - This will be looked into with Superior National Bank and have money be allocated into an equipment fund when needed

A motion to approve the allocation of \$7500 to be used to purchase goalie equipment was made by Dusty Armbruster; seconded by Amy Blake. The motion carried.

An oral VOTE was cast to approve \$7500 to be allocated to purchasing new equipment: All present voted in favor; zero nays, zero abstentions.

## **Officials Report**

- Nothing to report

## **Registrar/Safe Sport Report**

- Every team needs a Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager and Locker Room monitors, with all of them fully credentialed
- A new registrar is needed for 2026-2027
- There has been a portal issue with SafeSport. Advise coaches to contact member services to check on their status.
- The annual awards plan needs to be established and communicated better to coaches to prevent the registrar from being bombarded at the last minute.
- An update for the 2025-2026 season's registration numbers:
  - 6U: 28
  - 8U: 53
  - 10U: 34 (3 teams)
  - 12U: 33 (3 teams)
  - 14U: 23 (2 teams, but waiting to see if there will be losses to high school)
  - Numbers are close to what they were from last year
  - It was requested that we close registration for 8U, 10U and 12U

## **Booster Club Report**

- Nothing to report

## **Finance Committee Report**

- There was discussion about special circumstances and registration costs. Due to injuries, etc.
  - Per the CCJHA Handbook, “Injury or illness that results in the player being unable to play for the remainder of the season. Refunds will be pro-rated based on ice time utilized.”
  - Refunds will be made at the discretion of the board and won’t be made if only a handful of ice times are missed.
  
- A local player (13 year old/14U) is rostered and playing outside of the area (there is not a girls team locally to join in their age division), but wants to get on the ice with the CCJHA possibly once a week so that she doesn’t have to drive to Munising during the week.
  - Kelly and Brady Olson spoke regarding their daughter, Izzy, about finding a time/team that she would be able to possibly skate with through the CCJHA
  - After discussion, the board decided that she could be a student coach for the 12U girls team if she goes through the steps with the coaching coordinator. The board would like to wait until next month’s meeting to make an official recommendation/approval, pending house team 14U drafts and coach approval.
  
- CCJHA Scholarships: The scholarship committee is recommending approval for 5 applicants; with the generous donation of \$2500 from an anonymous donor, the fund is able to reimburse all applicants’ full registration fees, minus \$50. A 6th applicant will be approved for full registration fee coverage minus \$50, pending their completed registration. The total for the 6 skaters amounts to \$4,256.25.

A motion to approve the recommendation from the scholarship committee was made by Ryan Galerneau; seconded by Calvin Larson. The motion carried.

An oral VOTE was cast to approve the scholarship committee recommendations for the allocation of the money to the recipients: all present voted yay, zero nays, zero abstentions.

- Travel jerseys have been ordered and should arrive at the beginning of November

- 6U mock-ups are being built: 60 jerseys are being requested to be purchased (totaling \$4,134)–
  - A motion was made to approve the purchase of jerseys for 6U by Calvin Larson; seconded by Rudy Gemignani. The motion carried.
  - an oral VOTE was cast to approve the purchase of jerseys for 6U: all present voted yay, zero nays and zero abstentions
  
- The number of 8U teams will be based on registration numbers
  - Hancock Fire and Lakeside are in need of new jerseys
  
- MTU needs helpers to usher over Thanksgiving Break and in February–these appear to be getting filled by the 10UA, 10UAA, 12UAA, 14UA and 14UAA teams. If more opportunities arise, the 19U girls team would be interested.
  
- Helmet logos–the board voted and agreed upon one of the scripts that Calvin came up with. These will be worn by at least the travel teams as of right now.

### **Tournament Director Report**

- Possibly will look into setting up a fundraiser in the spring using ice at MTU (they plan to get ice back in at the SDC around May 11th)

### **Travel Committee Report**

- Nothing to report

### **Webmaster Report**

- Nothing to report.

## **Sportsmanship & Behavior**

- There was an incident, but after a meeting with all involved, it has been handled.

## **Coaching Committee**

- Nothing to report

## **Fundraising Committee**

- Jenn Capello is organizing a raffle fundraiser for the CCJHA.
  - After discussion, it was decided to print 400 tickets at \$50/ticket
  - It is an opportunity to raise \$10,000
  - This will possibly be a team requirement vs. an individual requirement
  - Drawing at the CCJHA Board meeting on 2/11/26 at 6:30 pm

## **Old Business**

- Michigan Tech is willing to host a Learn to Skate/Try Hockey For Free: we could hold this possibly on December 6th after 12PM
- MAHA Revisions to CCJHA Bylaws Revised Draft
  - The latest version was sent to MAHA with the affiliation agreement for 24/25; Al Wakeham said they would be reviewed by the MAHA bylaws committee.

## **New Business**

- Amy Blake worked to create an updated Handbook for the association. It is more user-friendly for the website and includes the revisions we have made to it at recent meetings.



- A motion to accept the new Handbook was made by Ryan Galerneau; seconded by Jenn Capello. The motion carried.
- An oral VOTE was cast to approve the revisions to the Handbook: all present voted yay, zero nays and zero abstentions.

A motion was made to approve all reports as presented by Ryan Galerneau; seconded by Rudy Gemignani. The motion carried.

An oral VOTE was cast to approve all reports as presented: all present voted yay, zero nays, zero abstentions

- The next CCJHA BOD monthly meeting is scheduled for **November 12, 2025** at 6:30 pm in the Dave Wiitanen room at the HoCo.

### **Adjournment**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Jenn Capello, seconded by Jeff Peltier. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Minutes submitted by J. Pietila, Secretary