

# CCJHA Board of Directors January 2026 Meeting Minutes

## January 14, 2026

Joe Zerbst, President  
Jeff Peltier, Vice President

Dustin Armbruster, Treasurer  
JoLynn Pietila, Secretary

### **Call to order:** 6:30 pm

Present: Joe Zerbst, Jeff Peltier, JoLynn Pietila, Dustin Armbruster, Ryan Galerneau, Jeff Baril, Calvin Larson, Jennifer Capello, Ryan Bennett, Mark Hendrickson and Colleen Mayra (via phone)

Absent: Amy Blake, Rudy Gemignani, Stacy Bussiere, Ryan Bennett and Jason Swain

### **Guests and Public Comments**

- Greg Seppanen

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting was made by Dusty Armbruster, seconded by Jeff Baril; the motion carried. An oral VOTE was cast to approve last month's meeting minutes: all present voted YAY, zero nays, zero abstentions.

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Balances:**

Board Balance: \$210,325.25; QB: \$180,377.90

Referee Balance: \$20,749.31; QB: \$20,859.31

Markham/Kero Savings: \$5,057.79

**Bills Paid:**

- City of Houghton: \$14,735 (November Ice)
- City of Hancock: \$22,268.75 (November)
- City of Hancock: \$10,937.50 (December Ice)
- MTU: \$900 (14UAA v Eagle River on 12/20)
- Center Ice: \$3,900 (6U Jerseys)
- Center Ice: \$1560 (Lakeside, Hancock Fire 8U jerseys)
- Center Ice: \$625 (Ref Whistles—purchased using funds from the Slim McLean grant money)
- Crossbar Subscription Renewal: \$995
- Superior Icebreakers: \$418.38 (Ice and refs in Munising)
- AssignR: \$3,470
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**Bills Outstanding:**

- None

**Donations / Payments:**

- Giving Tuesday: \$7,269.52
- Keweenaw Community Foundation—Gundlach Q4 Giving: \$250

**To-Do:**

- Sayen's Auto sponsorship is still outstanding
- Team Reimbursements for tournaments: DB Tile (\$600), Erickson Feed & Seed (\$600) and Wildwood Coating (\$1,000)

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented (upon Dusty following up on the HoCo bill) was made by Jeff Peltier; Colleen Mayra 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

- Ice scheduling update: HS is playing more weekday games, so ice time may be limited in the next month or so. **Coaches (only)** may reach out to Amy to schedule ice time at other rinks (i.e. Meadowbrook in L'Anse) during busy weeks.
  
- CCJHA Playoffs:
  - 10U: McDonald's advanced
  - 12U: M&M advanced
  - 14U: TBD
  
- The next CCJHA goalie clinics with BR.ICE will be in February, date TBD
  
- Book check took place on January 4, 2026, at the DEE
  
- Ref Schedule:
  - Over 50 active referees on the payroll
  - There is no issue with finding refs for 12U and below, but older ages' games are harder to fill
  - Ref scheduler will not respond to emails from parents about kids not getting games
  - Baraga and Ontonagon are both looking for refs whenever they're able; gas mileage is reimbursed
  - 8U+ has 22 registered participants
    - 2 teams were created
    - Games are being planned
    - Do we plan for a possible end-of-the-year tournament?
  
- A scheduler will be needed for next season. A subcommittee will be formed to look into the details of the possibility of hiring this out.

## **Coaching Director Report**

- Nothing to report

## **Equipment Manager Report**

- Pucks continue to disappear; puck bags for coaches were ordered, and we are waiting for them to arrive

## **Officials Report**

- Only 4 signed up for the reffing clinic on 1/16, let all refs know ASAP to respond

## **Registrar/Safe Sport Report**

- A new registrar is needed for 2026-2027
- The annual awards plan needs to be established and communicated better to coaches to prevent the registrar from being bombarded at the last minute. Ryan created a Google Form to help with this.

## **Booster Club Report**

- Pictures were distributed. If any additional photos are wanted, contact Cutting Edge Photography
- The coffee fundraiser is finished, the profit total was not available at meeting time

## **Finance Committee Report**

- CCJHA was a part of Giving Tuesday through Copper Shores Community Health Foundation
  - 14 donors gifted \$7,269.52
  - We need to follow up with sending out thank yous to them—Calvin will help in creating a thank you for this

### **Tournament Director Report**

- Nothing to report

### **Travel Committee Report**

- Nothing to report

### **Webmaster Report**

- Nothing to report

### **Sportsmanship & Behavior**

- There were 3 incidents: 1 player misconduct, 1 coach misconduct and 1 player match penalty
- All are being handled, with MAHA dealing with the match penalty through their match committee

### **Coaching Committee**

- Nothing to report

### **Fundraising Committee**

- Still looking into possibilities for another fundraiser

- Jenn Capello is working on the raffle fundraiser
  - Artwork is needed for the ticket printing
  - Jenn will file for the license and send info to the printer
  - The drawing will take place on 3/5/26 and will be announced on Hockey Saturday

A motion to approve up to \$500 for the printing and licensure of the raffle tickets was made by Dusty Armbruster; seconded by Ryan Galerneau. The motion carried. An oral vote was cast to approve this expenditure: all present voted yay, zero nays, zero abstentions.

### **Old Business**

- Michigan Tech intended to host a Learn to Skate/Try Hockey For Free on December 6th, but this had to be cancelled due to staff unavailability. Will work with them to try to reschedule it later in the year.
- [RaiseRight.com](https://www.raise-right.com/) was raised as an idea for fundraising: this could be a possibility in the future, but not at this time
- 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.
  - The bylaws need to be reviewed and updated; the board will plan to meet before next month's meeting to discuss and make changes to them.

### **New Business**

- The board will review the current bylaws to discuss before next month's meeting
- New board members need to be recruited, as multiple seats will be opening up after this season

A motion was made to approve all reports as presented by Calvin Larson; seconded by Jeff Peltier. 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 **February 11, 2026** at 6:30 pm in the Dave Wiitanen room at the HoCo.

### **Adjournment**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Peltier, seconded by Dusty Armbruster. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by J. Pietila, Secretary