

CCJHA Board of Directors June 2024 Meeting

June 12, 2024, 6:30 pm

Call to Order

Present: Jon French, Ryan Bennett, Amy Blake, Kittie Loukus, Colleen Mayra (Zoom), Jeff Peltier, Tom Glass, Jenn Capello, Joe Zerbst, Steve Mattson

Absent: Jeff Van Karsen, Ian Repp, Keith Frick

Guests and Public Comments

- Brad Barnett from Visit Keweenaw - Mr. Barnett addressed the board and proposed a collaboration for a hockey tournament. The organization puts on events like Jibba Jabba, Dark Sky Fest, and Plaidurday. They would work with CCJHA to create a business model that would generate funds for the organization. There's also an exploratory committee option. Barnett added that Visit Keweenaw would be a potential tournament sponsor and help with logistics and marketing. Mr. Barnett passed out an information sheet (Appendix A).
- Jason Swain, USAH Official – Mr. Swain had been approached about the position of Referee in Chief and came to hear what the Board had to say about the position.
- JoLynn Pietila
- Ryan Bonini

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the May 2024 meeting minutes by Steve Mattson, Ryan Bennett, (second); motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Board Balance:

- \$66,354.42; QB: \$66,354.42
- Referee Balance: \$6,257.41; QB: \$3,071.95
- Markham/Kero Savings: \$2,554.15; QB: \$2,554.15

Bills Paid

- Dee Stadium (March Ice) = \$5,760.00
- SportsEngine: \$780.00

Coaching Reimbursements

\$2,530.00; 32 reimbursements to process

Donations

Received \$1,625.00 in payments for last year's concession stand

To-Do

- Deposit \$750 donation from the MI UP Veterans Hockey Club
- Call/Text all registrants with failed payments.
 - Currently 2 families past due
 - Total owed CCJHA =\$1,028.96
- Had good contact and payment agreements with all families. All families missed their agreed upon dates. The last contact stated they were going to make payment was on 5/23/2024.
- Contact accountant to perform reconciliations and filing for 2023 990.
- Reach out to sponsors who only committed to one year.

Colleen discussed the families who did not finish their Dibs hours and how we need to rework that process and hold the parents accountable. It should be the board/treasurer's duty, not the coaches; the head coach should not be the first line of attack. One item discussed was an agreement that parents would have to sign and acknowledge that payment or arrangements would need to be made by a certain date or their player would be removed from the ice.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report Colleen Mayra, Jenn Capello (support); motion carried.

Travel Committee

Travel Coach Application

- Possible Travel Coordinator Position/Letter. USA Hockey has a new online mandatory online coaching course "Foundations of Player Development". It's a course that coaches must take. As it's most of what was put in our Travel Coordinator coaching position letter, we will recondition the letter and reference the foundations of player development, along with the coaching introduction letter that coaches must read, initial/check as one of the prerequisites for their coaching application.
- 2023-2024 Travel Coaching application period closing June 15, 2024. Status on applications to date. Two for 14UAA, one for 12UAA. Amy will send another email and post a FB reminder.
- Travel Committee to review and set up in-person interviews after application period closes.

Finance Committee Report

Michigan Tech Athletics (Junior Huskies)

Nothing to report.

Equipment Manager Report

- All loaned CCJHA equipment has been returned. The best way to contact Tom: email or text.
- The HOCO is looking at converting that upstairs space to a second Oldtimers locker room. John Erickson has proposed moving everything from the upstairs room to the old girls locker room.

This would move the equipment room and Booster Club to that first floor girls locker room outside concession stand entrance. We are waiting to hear more from City of Hancock.

Booster Club Report

- Amber and Colleen issued reimbursement checks to coaches. Colleen noted that multiple coaches have asked about the other reimbursements from the Board.
- Colleen has a list of 16 outstanding dibs over \$6000 hours. These were billed through Sportsengine. All credit card payments will go directly to the Big Board account.
- Concession stands are cleaned up. BRICE Hockey Development asked if we'd open it up during their sessions. We will not do that because we don't have the capacity, manpower, food, etc. We are also waiting to hear from the Health Department for our reinstatement letter.
- We need to put more language on the website on what the requirements are for scholarships and for paying ice fees by the end of Dec. 31.

Officials Report

We are still trying to identify a new RIC.

Coaching Director report

Wiitanen-McLean Girls summer hockey seminar

- Nothing new to report from last month's update. Jon is still working on a date with Dr. Colleen Linehan (former Harvard captain) and Lindsey Fry (2016 gold medalist).
- There was a discussion on investigating if Abby Roque would be available for any dates in August if we could not lock in a date with Linehan and Fry. HOCO ice comes out on Aug 15, but Joel Issacson reports he will have ice then at Michigan Tech.

Registrar/Safe Sport Report

Ryan Bennet reported that he can currently check if you have questions about your SafeSport expiration. Board members were reminded to watch out for the SafeSport is expiring email.

The Board set a deadline for directors to complete their volunteer registration by July 1. A few board members have registered with CCJHA.

Program Director Report

Nothing to report, but there was a discussion on travel teams and when the dates for tryouts will be set, as other teams in District 8 are starting to schedule games. The coach applications should be reviewed/ interviews set by next meeting.

Web Administrator Update

Schedulewerks Software

We're still waiting on payment on the Schedulewerks license. A motion was made to purchase a Schedulewerks license for \$470 by Jenn Capello, Ian Repp (support), motion carried. Amy will contact Melissa Wills, who will send another invoice.

Thatcher Markham Memorial 5K

Amy reminded the Board that the Thatcher Markham race is on June 14. The Markhams are incredibly generous to the CCJHA. Please volunteer or participate if you are able.

Girls State Tournament Bid for 2025

Amy is still looking into whether the CCJHA should/can put in a bid for the 2025 Tier III Girls State Tournament. While this would be a positive thing for the association and for girls hockey in the Copper Country, more information is needed on whether our area could host the number of potential divisions with only two, possibly three, sheets of ice. There's also a question of whether there are enough hotel rooms available, due to uncertainty surrounding the Huskies hockey schedule at that time of year. Amy will talk to Al to get more details, but this may be better pursued another year.

Old Business

MAHA Revisions to CCJHA Bylaws Revised Draft

Still need to sit down and do this. The bylaws need to be finished so that the new president of CCJHA can be set up for a successful term. A meeting needs to be set for discussion. Keith has started working on language regarding partial season refunds and co-ops. Ian mentioned that there is already language that was discussed at the last District meeting. He will find out what that is so that it can be included or referenced in the bylaws.

Possible puck/ball shooting areas at the Dee and HOCO for dry land

Dee Stadium is working on this. Houghton County is still discussing.

New Business

Discussion/explanation of Board Member duties and responsibilities

We had a discussion with guests about the duties and responsibilities of the positions that are open.

Request for 18U survey

Matt Freeman has asked that a survey for interest in midget/JV team be sent out. Matt has said he would be willing to coach and has at least two other assistant coaches in mind.

Presidential candidate

Joe Zerbst was nominated by Jon French and voted in as president. The vote: 10 yes, 1 no.

Secretary candidate

JoLynn Pietila was nominated by Jon French and voted in as secretary: The vote: 11 yes, 0 no.

Vacant Director position

Ryan Bonini was nominated by [a board member] and voted in as director. The vote: 11 yes, 0 no.

Referee In Chief (RIC)

Jason Swain and the board talked about what the CCJHA Board is looking for in an RIC. Items mentioned were:

- Keep the coaches and parents under control to make more enjoyable for kids and players. Someone who will facilitate growth in our referees.
- Maintain constant communication with CCJHA referees. Ideally, the RIC would send out a monthly email to connect with referees, share tips, and let the young (and older) referees that they have support.
- Discussed progression of events when issues arise:
 - If coach has issue with referee, the progression is: Coach > Coaching Director > RIC > Referee
 - If referee has issue with coach, the progression is: Referee > RIC > Coaching Director > Coach

Coaching Director

Jeff Baril and Phil Pietila have expressed interest.

Program Director

No one currently.

Adjournment

A motion as made to adjourn by Jeff Peltier, Ryan Bennett (support); motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm. Next CCJHA BOD meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2024.