

Board Meeting March 12, 2025

Meachem Ice Rink

In attendance: Jessica Allman, Christina Hawelka, Craig Schwartu, Paul Casinelli, Jamie Moran, Kevin Burns, Becky Brightman, Mike Foley, Brad Brechler, Mike Wheeler, Marissa Maines, Tony Polhamus.

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm

Motion to approve February meeting minutes – Christina H. and Jamie M. all voted yes – (Motion carries)

Financials –

- Because of the CD account the balance seems like it is negative, but it is because it cannot reflect that the 150K was put into the CD account.
- 24/25 Team balances (left over) coaches will need to be decide what want done with them.
 - The balances can be moved forward but requires a board vote.
 - Anyone not on the new season roster should be given their portion of the funds.
- Ice costs are about the same. We are still paying for ice that we are not using.
 - Essentially we are not playing enough home games
 - Should we be setting a “Home Game” limit for house teams.
 - Advising that funds should be used for that before travel tournaments.

Motion to approve the financial report -Marissa M. and Craig S. – all voted yes (Motion carries)

Goalie Discount –

- Should we do a larger discount for goalie players?
 - Move it to half the cost of fees or
 - \$500 per goalie

Motion to make the goalie discount half the price of the registration fees for full time goalies from 10U and up. – Craig and Marissa M. ~ all voted yes / Christina H.(abstained) – (Motion carries)

Head Coaches Discounts –

- Suggestion to make a \$300 discount for the Head Coach of 10U and up teams.
 - 18 teams ~ \$5,400

- If we fundraise the expenses to pay for this extension.

Motion to give the 10U and up head coaches a \$300 discount and 8U head coaches \$150 discount – Brad B. and Christina H. – all voted yes – (motion carries)

Discipline Report –

- 16U girls game misconduct for fighting
- 12U house – game misconduct 4 penalties in a game
- 12U house – Marissa and Mike met with the team in regards to on going issues
- 16U independent – had Zyn pouches in the locker room.
 - Hearing held that the player will serve 5 game suspension.
- 19U girls – game misconduct for 4 penalties in a game.

Everything has been served, except for the 16U independent (1 more game).

Registrar –

- No update for this meeting.

Team updates –

- AHF season calendar has been included in the agenda notes -
 - Teams that show interest
 - 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U
- First showcase is in the August will only be tournament rosters
- AHF and NGHL logos are on all information
- 19U girls team would like to include some 2010 girls. They want to play on the team and play highschool. He wants to know if it is ok.
 - If it is just one age bracket then that is ok.

Continued 25/26 Coaches discussion –

- Close to locking in a 14U Girls Coach – Tier 1
 - – Roger Burchands suggested.
- Potential to have 2 16U girls teams

- Registrations for tryouts have started. The tryouts – anyone who makes the team the coach lets the President know – then Crossbar sends an offer letter.
 - When it is accepted then it requires 50% deposit.
- Crossbar organizes registration by birth year. There is a difference between Travel and House registration.
- Tryouts for 14U and above are selected and will be posted online.
- 16U NTB / Independent ~ AA (2009)

A (2010)

NTB (2011) – split season

25/26 House Coaches ~

- 10U – TBD
- 12U - Roet
- 14U - TBD
- 18U - Pete Thompson

16U – Zullo – Motion to name Zullo the 16U independent coach – Brad B. and Crag S. – all voted yes – (Motion carries) – not to announced until after the 16U travel tryouts.

New Jersey Vendor – Jog

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Motion to change jersey orders and apparel to JOG – Kevin B. and Brad B. – all voted yes (Motion carries)

Motion to make it mandatory for travel teams– White & Black with a shell. Give the teams the option of the Gold jersey for tournaments or other use – Kevin B. and Mike W. – all voted yes – (Motion carries)

- Make it mandatory that kids cannot wear game jerseys at practices. They need to wear practice jerseys. Something to think about next season.
 - Reversible black and white Valley jerseys ~ practice jersey

Board Positions –

- Applications being submitted until 3.21.25
- Almost all positions have been applied to.

Socks –

- Socks being submitted into Crossbar

John Ives –

- \$500 gift card was sent to him for a thank you (he did not charge Valley for his services).

Radja/Ives

- Try doing them on the same night in 2025/2026.

Crossbar/SportsEngine –

- We will keep both for a little bit. We will ensure that everything is running correctly in Crossbar and then we will cancel the SportsEngine site.

Wrap Season – Midget

- Separate team to roster Nov – Feb for those folks that don't make a highschool team.

Prices –

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Motion to keep the 25/26 fees the same as last year, with the association paying the credit card fees – Tony P. and Matt W. ~ 5 yes and 6 no (motion does not pass)

Motion to re-vote to keep the 25/26 fees at \$1150 with the association paying the service fees, parent pays the credit card fees – Brad B. and Tony P. ~ 10 yes and 1 no (motion carries)

Valley perception –

They don't like how Valley is being represented. It has been problematic that Valley is getting a negative reputation.

"It's not the Valley I have come into.":

Mandate the parent meetings and make it mandatory for people to attend.

There should be a mandate to the coaches, the parents and a full culture aspect.

Motion to end the meeting called at 9:25 pm -Becky B. and Paul C. – all voted yes (motion carries)

March 26, 2025 – Email Vote:

Motion to name Amanda Wheeler the head coach of the 14U girls team, with the team covering a capped (3K) amount of expenses for the 25/26 season, since she is volunteering her services without have a child on the team. – Jamie Moran and Christina H. –

All voted yes on naming Amanda Wheeler the coach. – Still need to vote on the spending cap at the next board meeting.