

NWAHA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 12, 2026 Board Meeting

Location: Virtual meeting

Presiding Officer: President, Dennis Kinhead

Secretary: Rebecca Roeder

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Kinhead. Roll call was conducted.

Members present: Vice President Amanda; Secretary Rebecca Roeder; Assistant Treasurer Christian Keener; AU Board Representative Trevor Kuenz; Rec Board Representative Lacy; 12U Representative Russ Schnitzer; 14U Representative Judd Semington; High School Representative Nick Schroeder; Registrar Julie Weathers; Head of Coaches Brett; Head of Player Development Greg; Head of Off-Ice Development Jeremy; Head of Fundraising Jerry Walls; and Summer Swag.

Excused absence: Gloria Liu

2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the July 2026 NWAHA board meeting were presented for approval. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously. **Motion:** Russ 2nd: Judd, passed unanimously.

3. Reports and Discussion Items

Educational Freedom Account and Player Evaluation Language

Amanda provided an update regarding the Educational Freedom Account and related rules affecting tryout language. After discussion, the board agreed that terminology should shift from “tryout” to “player evaluation” where appropriate, based on legal guidance. Amanda will review and update applicable policies and materials to reflect the revised language.

Registration and Player Evaluation Process

Amanda raised a parent's concerns with the current registration process, particularly that players register for travel teams prior to final placement. Julie Weathers supported creating a separate player evaluation registration process to reduce confusion and improve logistics. The board discussed timing, monthly payments, and the potential benefit of setting an August registration deadline for evaluations. This year, only (4) players out of the (10) changes were due to registration changes based on team placement. Decision by the board to leave the sign

up dates the same, but also allow players to register for tryouts only prior to registering for the organization if they so choose. **Motion:** Jeremiah **2nd:** Rebecca, passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report and Financial Updates

Christian Keener provided a brief treasurer's update and noted the transition with Gloria. Christian emphasized the importance of securing USA Hockey numbers for insurance purposes.

Secretary / Ice Scheduler

Rebecca Roeder provided updates regarding goalie camp and team photo scheduling (Nov 2nd/3rd).

The board also discussed the new game sheet program requiring iPads and potential options for obtaining the needed equipment. Decision to evaluate and discuss at the upcoming managers meeting.

Coaching and Development Updates

Brett provided an update on coaching and player development, including the success of player evaluations and the need for consistent terminology. Brett noted Sam Haynes' transition to the Firemen's Academy and the need to identify a new on-ice goalie coach, Matty Stanger. The board discussed the upcoming checking clinic for bantam players and the possibility of opening some programming to other organizations while maintaining a developmental approach to assessments and placements. Question to allow outside players for future clinics, charging them to off-set the ice time cost.

Girls Hockey Program Development

Mike Hudson presented a proposal to develop a girls' hockey program, including recruitment of female coaches, mentorship opportunities, spring and summer tournament participation, and potential collaboration with other organizations. The board expressed support for the concept while noting the need for careful planning and compliance with USA Hockey rules. Next steps, evaluate scheduling opportunities for possible clinics.

Fundraising and Sponsorship Updates

Jerry Walls reported on recent fundraising activity, including a successful Jelly Roll concert (made \$3,626) and the introduction of a new fundraising platform. The board discussed replacing the Evergreen fundraiser with the E Team Sponsor platform. Jerry also proposed a red-white scrimmage event to raise funds and engage the community.

Motion Rebecca: To approve use of the new fundraising platform and proceed with the red-white scrimmage event. **2nd:** **Jeremian Disposition:** Approved.

Swag Store and Merchandise Updates

Summer reported on the success of the new swag store and discussed the possibility of a player design competition. Blake Hermann suggested allowing each age group to submit logos.

Summer also provided updates on the travel jersey store, including custom socks and shell pants. The board discussed jersey sizing accuracy and the potential use of sample jerseys. Travel jersey store to open Aug 17th.

4. Board Representative Reports

Age-Level and Program Updates

Rec: upcoming friendlies in the plan, and possibly have a sponsor. Discussed how to earmark donations for a specific team.

8U: Trevor Kuenz recognized the importance of focusing on younger players and thanked the coaches for meaningful practices and effective assessments.

10U: Jeremiah reported strong participation at 10U practices, while also noting tournament registration challenges due to player availability.

12U: Russ Schnitzer reported enthusiasm within the 12U program and noted upcoming friendlies and a Tulsa tournament in early October.

14U: Judd Semingson reported on the 14U program and emphasized the importance of the upcoming checking clinic and third-party training opportunities.

HS: Nick Schroeder reported that high school player evaluations were completed and that team groupings and expectations meetings were being finalized.

5. Unfinished Business

The President asked whether there was any unfinished business. No unfinished business was brought before the board.

6. New Business

The President opened the floor for new business, announcements, and open comments. Discussion included the first day of school and general communications for the association.

7. Executive Session

Motion: Rebecca Roeder moved to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Judd Semingson. **Disposition:** Approved.

Social Media Manager - Mackenzie Kidd (approved)

DC - new: Corry Porter; other members returning: 10U; Melissa Koenig, 12U: Heather Crowder, 14U: Devin Mulvania, HS: Tim Roeder, Rec: Sheena Shirley (approved)

Matty: Goalie Coach (approved)

8. Adjournment

Action Items

- ☒ ~~Review all existing policies and bylaws containing the term "tryout" and draft revised language (such as player evaluation or selection session) for board review, ensuring alignment with the attorney's guidance on Educational Freedom Account usage.~~
- ☒ ~~Publish the finalized sponsorship letter on the NWAHA website once it has been approved and the 501(c)(3) language is added.~~
- ☒ ~~Launch the travel jersey store on Monday the 17th and close it on the 28th, coordinating with Summer to ensure custom socks, game socks, shell pants, and travel jerseys are ordered within two weeks of closing and shipped in time for early-season play.~~