

## **NWHA – Board Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** 5/13/26

**Time:** 6:45pm

**Location:** Google Meet

**Presiding Officer:** Summer Walls

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### **1. Call to Order**

- **Summer** calls the meeting to order.

### **2. Roll Call / Establish Quorum: (Min 7 attendees needed)**

- U8 Board Rep – Corry Porter
  - Rec Board Rep - Lacy Bright
  - U10 Board Rep – Jenny Hawkins
  - U12 Board Rep – Russ Schnitzer
  - U14 Board Rep – Judd Semingson excused absent
  - HS Board Rep – Holly Krievans excused absent
  - Treasurer – Gloria Liu
  - Secretary / Ice Scheduler – Rebecca Roeder
  - Vice President – Amanda Rumancik
  - President – Summer Walls
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- Head of Coaches – Brett Zaloudek
  - Registrar - Julie Weathers
  - Player Development - Greg Betzold
  - Fundraising - Dennis Kinhead
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### **3. Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to dispense the reading of the minutes and approve as written and provided to the board. Rebecca / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Amanda / Approved unanimously

### **4. Reports from Officers and Key Positions**

#### **a. President – Summer**

- Summary of softball fundraiser \$1,964 made
- Volunteer hour update: 42/50 completed; Jones Center has said that they will waive the remainder
- Scholarship for Alex S- continuing to reach out to the family contact, no luck thus far, will follow up again

- Logan Aprea scholarship – Robin approved the scholarship proposal, would like to make the funds perpetual and would like to help plan an annual overnight skate or other event to continue to raise funds for that scholarship.
  - **Follow Up:** Summer to contact Robin for ice time options
  - **Follow Up:** Advertise and collect applicants for the Loan Aprea Scholarship
- Incoming/Outgoing board meeting/appointment setting scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - **Follow Up:** Rebecca to send out meeting planner

**b. Vice President – Amanda R**

- No updates

**c. Treasurer – Gloria**

April Expenses : **\$15,210.30**

- JC Ice fee: **\$11,300.00**
- Skill Training: **\$ 1,725.25**
  - ✓ Power skating: ..... \$1,570.75
  - ✓ Goalie training: ..... \$154.50
- MoHockey remaining Ref.fee: **\$ 132.38**
- MISC: **\$2,052.67**
  - ✓ LTP Postcard: ..... \$14.00
  - ✓ LTP Certificates: ..... \$18.00
  - ✓ RaiseRight Payment: ..... \$1,922.90
  - ✓ RaiseRight return penalty: ..... \$ 60.00
  - ✓ RaiseRight payment process fee: ..... \$ 37.77

- April Bank Account Balance as of 4/30/26: **\$108,517.41**

Revenue : **\$57,198.00**

- Next Level Camp: **\$42,773.00**
  - ✓ 42 Players: ..... \$42,000.00
  - ✓ 2 Partial Paid: ..... \$773.00
  - ✓ 6 Goalies: ..... \$0
- 3V3: **\$ 3,825.00**
  - ✓ 51 Players: ..... \$3,825.00
  - ✓ 9 Goalies: ..... \$0
- Summer Ice: **\$10,600.00**
  - ✓ 21 Players from LTP: ..... \$4,200.00
  - ✓ 17 Players full payment:..... \$6,400.00

Donation Received in April: **\$ 25,000.00**

\* Registration as of May 9, 26

- Raised Right: earned ~\$300 – have identified risk in having an account (if a card is declined for any reason while buying a gift card, NWAHA is responsible for paying for the gift card cost + fees). Had a potential risk of ~\$1,900 (was recovered), but does put us at risk. No motion to remove our participation.
- Fundraising efforts so far: \$1964 from softball, \$3825 from 3v3 = \$5,789 vs budgeted goal of \$8,500
- Next Level – need (6) more players to register in order to break even.
- Summer Ice – generated more members than budgeted

- Donation - \$25,000 received, expecting \$25,000 more – to be used for warm-ups, bags, etc per donor's request.

#### **d. Secretary / Ice Scheduler – Rebecca**

- Updates to primary user on Crossbar
  - Only primary user can make changes going forward, but can still add family members as we do today
- Ice time purchased in STL and starting hotel blocks
  - Rinks: McKendree (majority), Pacific, Wentzville - East Alton is out this year
    - Emails/calls out to all other rinks, but most are not scheduling until their home teams claim ice first and/or don't start booking until June.
  - **Travel Dates - attempting to block 2 ice times per team per weekend**
    - Sept 26/27
    - Nov 14/15
    - Dec 5th / 6th
    - Jan 9/10
    - Feb 6/7

#### **e. Head of Coaches – Brett Zaloudek**

- Mini-Clinic Proposal Pilot program May – Sept; re-evaluate at that time
  - Specialty clinics with an additional cost to players. NWAHA keeps % of income, but uses most of the \$ to pay the coach for their time and expertise. Open to NWAHA players only, limited spots for focused training.
    - Motion to approve proposal: Rebecca / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Russ Schnitzer / approved by unanimous vote
  - **Follow Up:** Re-Evaluate the mini-clinic program in September
- Inbound transfer players: Have received requests for out of town players to move to NWAHA.
  - NWAHA currently has no formal policy governing **inbound transfers** (players joining from outside organizations). To ensure fairness, transparency, and consistency, the Board must establish clear rules, expectations, and communication standards. This is in ADDITION TO EXTERNAL GOVERNING RULES FROM SAHA/MAHSHL/ETC
  - **Follow Up:** Julie to follow up with SAHA / MAHSL on rules regarding transfer players; Brett and Julie to provide proposed P&P wording for Board review by 5/20/26

#### **f. Registrar - Julie**

- 31 players registered for the 26-27 season
- "EARLY" discount code expires June 1st

#### **g. Player Development - Greg Betzold**

- "Road to Tryouts" clinic proposal \$75 cost to families
  - (5) Sundays, Focused training, 40 max, split into 2 age groups
  - Requirement: 1 yr of travel experience or 2 years of rec
- Motion to approve: Rebecca / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Amanda / Approved unanimously

**Follow Up:** Advertise Try-Out Clinic on Social Media and include in newsletter

#### **H. Head of Fundraising - Dennis K**

New idea: email blast fundraiser details

Discussion re: additional fundraising ideas

**Follow up:** Committee is meeting to discuss focus, Dennis to provide the board an update next month

### **5. Reports of Board Representatives**

#### **a. U8 – Corry Porter**

- 8U Play-up due to SAHA change in rules (below)
- Consensus that the NWAHA policy needs to remain strict with the player being in the top 5 of the top team.
- Consensus that the timing to practice with the upper team would start only after tryout evaluations
- **Follow up:** Amanda and Julie to provide proposed 8U play-up wording for P&P updated – to be to the board to review by 5/20/26

#### **b. Rec - Lacy Bright**

- Springfield, MO has a tournament planned for June 20<sup>th</sup>. Lacy to recruit 10U-12U Rec players and fill with travel players as needed.

#### **c. U10 – Jenny Hawkins**

- No report

#### **d. U12 – Russ Schnitzer**

- St Louis tournament this weekend

#### **e. U14 – Judd Semingson – excused absence**

- No report

#### **f. High School – Holly Krievans – excused absence**

- No Report

### **6. Unfinished Business**

## 7. New Business

- Concession fundraising - should we count this towards the mandatory fundraising requirement due to the time commitment? (6-8 hours spent per session + training)
  - No motion to amend the mandatory fundraising parameters set at the April meeting (mandatory fundraising is for wreaths only)
- New Swag store - Coach Herrmann is proposing using a new swag store this year: <https://www.squadlocker.com/>
  - NWAHA earns 10% from each sale
  - Can do a variety of swag and warm-ups
  - **Follow Up:** Blake to send new swag site login information to Summer in order to get it set up

## 8. Announcements

### 9. Open Comments - NWAHA Members

- Request for a committee focused on Girls Development

## 10. Adjournment

## 11. Exec Session

### Non-Board attendees:

Adam Axthlem  
Amanda Fisher  
Eddie Felber  
Jeremiah Foster  
Michael Hudson  
Nathan Bull  
Robin Watkins  
Stephen Lucero  
Blake Herrmann

## Follow-Up Checklist

- Summer to contact Robin for ice time options for scholarship skate fundraiser
- Advertise and collect applicants for the Loan Aprea Scholarship
- Rebecca to send out meeting planner for the incoming/outgoing board meeting June 3rd
- Re-Evaluate the mini-clinic program in September
- Julie to follow up with SAHA / MAHSL on rules regarding transfer players; Brett and Julie to provide proposed P&P wording for Board review by 5/20/26
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**Reference:**

**New SAHA Age Group & Play-Up Policy**

This policy establishes consistent and developmentally appropriate guidelines for player movement between age divisions across SAHA member organizations. The goal is to support long-term athlete development, maintain competitive balance, ensure safety, and provide clarity for families and organizations.

**Play-Up Rules by Age Group**

**8U → 10U - Maximum:** Each organization may allow up to two (2) players to play up

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be in the final birth year of that age group.
- Must be a returning player from the same organization from the previous season.
- Must be rostered on the organization's highest-level 10U team.

*Rationale:* Very few 8U players should move into full-ice hockey before they reach the appropriate age. Research and ADM principles clearly show that 8U players develop best in age-appropriate, small-area environments designed for long-term athlete development. However, unique situations do occur where a final year 8U player may be developmentally ready for the 10U level. In these rare cases, the player's advancement can both support their individual growth and improve competitive balance within the 8U division, while also allowing them to safely and competitively participate at 10U.

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**10U → 12U - Maximum:** Each organization may allow up to two (2) players to play up.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be in the final birth year of that age group.
- Must be a returning player from the same organization from the previous season.
- Must be rostered on the organization's highest-level 12U team.

*Rationale:* SAHA aims to maintain a strong and developmentally appropriate 10U division. Broad play-up allowances would dilute team depth and overall competition. However, some players clearly demonstrate readiness for 12U gameplay, pace, and decision-making. Allowing up to two exceptional players to move up balances opportunity with team and division integrity.

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**12U → 14U - Play-ups NOT permitted**

*Rationale:* The introduction of body checking at 14U represents a significant safety and developmental threshold. Regardless of physical maturity, bringing 12U-aged players into checking hockey creates unnecessary risk and offers no developmental advantage. For the

safety of all participants and consistency across organizations, no play-ups from 12U to 14U are allowed.

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**14U → 16U - Maximum:** Each organization may allow up to two (2) players to play up.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be in the final birth year of that age group.
- Must be a returning player from the same organization from the previous season
- Must be rostered on the organization's highest-level 16U team.

*Rationale:* At this stage, differences in physical maturity, emotional readiness, and cognitive processing are highly individual. Some final year 14U players are fully prepared for 16U hockey and benefit from the increased challenge. A two-player limit protects roster integrity and prevents undermining the 14U division while supporting players who are genuinely ready for higher competition.

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**16U → 18U - No restrictions**

*Rationale:* At the upper levels of youth hockey, movement between 16U and 18U should be driven by developmental needs, roster makeup, and competition level. Organizations may place players freely based on what is appropriate for their pathway, without limitation.