

Northwest Arkansas Hockey Association (NWAHA)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: April 8, 2026

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Jones Center – Room 260

Presiding Officer: Summer Walls, President

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by President Summer Walls.

2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

- **Corry Porter (U8)**
- **Lacy Bright (Rec)**
- **Jenny Hawkins (U10)**
- **Judd Semingson (U14)**
- **Gloria Liu (Treasurer)**
- **Rebecca Roeder (Secretary/Ice Scheduler)**
- **Amanda Rumancik (Vice President)**
- **Summer Walls (President)**

Board Members Absent:

- Russ Schnitzer (U12)
- Holly Krievans (High School)

Others Present:

- Brett Zaloudek (Head of Coaches)
 - Dennis Kinkead (Fundraising)

 - Julie Weathers (Registrar) – absent
 - Greg Betzold (Player Development) – absent
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3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written.

- Moved by: Rebecca Roeder
 - Seconded by: Jenny Hawkins
 - Result: Motion carried unanimously
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4. Reports of Officers and Key Positions

President's Report (Summer Walls)

- Reported on softball fundraiser that was organized by Summer; proceeds pending. 12 volunteers attended.
- Presented proposal to establish a memorial scholarship for former player Alex S.

Motion: To approve the creation of a memorial scholarship (details to be determined).

- Moved by: Rebecca Roeder
- Seconded by: Jenny Hawkins

- **Result: Motion carried unanimously**

 - **(40) Volunteer hours still needed; upcoming opportunity on May 9 2:45 - 6:45, Rebecca to send out Sign Up Genius.**
 - **NWA Gives campaign closes April 9 - link sent via crossbar 4/8.**
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Vice President's Report (Amanda Rumancik)

- **Reported 5 Disciplinary Committee cases; 4 related to bullying/abuse.**
- **Recommended SafeSport training for all players. 2 options: 5-12, 13-17yr old**
- <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/talk-to-young-athletes-about-abuse/>
- <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/parent-and-guardian-handbook/>

Motion: To designate SafeSport training as highly recommended for the 2026–2027 season, with intent to make it mandatory in 2027–2028.

- **Moved by: Amanda Rumancik**
 - **Seconded by: Judd Semingson**
 - **Result: Motion carried unanimously**
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Treasurer's Report (Gloria Liu)

- **Reported \$6,260 in scholarships awarded.**
- **Logan Fund balance: \$12,960.**
- **NL event operating at a deficit., currently ½ way to balanced budget for this camp**
 - **Next Level Registration cutoff set for June.**

Secretary / Ice Scheduler Report (Rebecca Roeder)

- **Reported improvements in communication:**
 - **Launch of newsletter**
 - **Increased social media engagement**
 - **Website enhancements**
 - **Successful transition to Crossbar platform**
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Head of Coaches Report (Brett Zaloudek)

3v3 Program:

- **Presented program details (6 weekends June 6th–July 25th, no ice June 20/21 or July 4 / 5. Nathan Bull to run the program.**
 - **Motion: To set 3v3 registration fee at \$75 per player, with high school referees and goalies participating at no cost.**
 - **Moved by: Judd Semingson**
 - **Seconded by: Amanda Rumancik**
 - **Result: Motion carried unanimously**
 - **Clinics scheduled for May, including a girls-only clinic.**
 - **Head Coaching recommendations to be presented at next meeting.**
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Registrar's Report

- **20 summer registrations reported, many from Learn to Play**
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Player Development Report

- **14U checking clinics underway.**
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Fundraising Report (Dennis Kinhead)

- Discussed skate-a-thon concept and fundraising targets - details TBD
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5. Reports of Board Representatives

- U8: Skate-up policy discussion; no action taken; awaiting SAHA decision at their next board meeting. If approved, NWAHA would require changes to policy if we are going to align.
 - Rec: Discussion of future program direction; Brett: proposal forthcoming. Possible “Town Hall” for Rec families.
 - U10: Need board meetings on crossbar- issue identified; correction pending.
 - U14: No report.
 - High School: evaluations went well, 33 players attended
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6. Unfinished Business

Fundraising Plan

Motion: To implement mandatory wreath fundraising with a minimum net contribution of \$100 per family, or an option to opt out via direct payment of \$100.

- **Moved by: Judd Semingson**
 - **Seconded by: Amanda Rumancik**
 - **Result: Motion carried unanimously**
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End-of-Year Survey Action Plan (details below)

- **Board reviewed and discussed action items related to:**
 - **Communication improvements**
 - **Girls development**
 - **Player feedback**
 - **Behavior and SafeSport**

- **Coach training**
 - **Jersey timing logistics**
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7. New Business

- **Discussed creation of “Next Steps” postcards for Learn-to-Play participants.**
 - **Question on if we can do a call-in only number to listen to in-person board meetings. No formal vote - follow up to research rules.**
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8. Announcements

- **New board members announced:**
 - **High School: Nick Schroeder**
 - **10U: Jeremiah Foster**
 - **8U: Trevor Kuenz**
 - **President: Dennis Kinkead**
 - **Transition meeting to be scheduled by Summer; new terms begin July 1, 2026.**
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9. Open Comments

- **Noted interest in girls-only tournaments in St. Louis. Those interested need to reach out to Mike Hudson**
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10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair.

Non-board members in attendance:

Nathan Bull

Adam Axthlem

Stephen Lucero

Jeremiah Foster

Michael Hudson

Jerry Walls

Jude Walls

Blake Herrmann

Colleen Houston

Trevor Kuenz

Eddie Felber

Mrs. Felber

Allison Harms

Tyler

Action Plan: Based on End of Year Survey Results

1. Issue: Communication

Proposed Solutions

During registration, highlight the fact that the primary email used to register is the email address where you will receive official NWAHA communication.

Post “tips and tricks” on our website so that members understand when and where to look for information and can add NWAHA to their “Safe Sender” or “VIP” contact list.

Website: monthly board meeting minutes (posted once approved at the following board meeting), registration information, club documents, etc

Email: main source of important information

Social Media: highlights, team schedules, reminders, etc

Crossbar: team specific communication including chats and schedules

Team Communication

Once managers and coaches are set, we will reiterate that they are to outline clear expectations on communication at the 1st team meeting and then do their best to keep to those methods during the season. NWAHA recommends that Crossbar and email be the

primary communication methods with texts being a last resort.

2. Issue: Girls Development

Proposed Solutions

A girls only clinic has been proposed: Head of Coaches & Head of Player Development have

had this idea shared with them, will explore options as we have open ice time

Could also be a fundraiser if we invite non-NWAHA families to attend

3. Issue: Player Feedback

Post/Pre-season evaluations currently planned for the week of April 6th

4. Issue: Behavior (all DC cases have involved this topic)

Coaches / Managers to continue to cover the Code of Conduct during 1st team meeting (formalize this process)

Touchbases / refresher messages to be sent throughout the season

Safesport Training: we will share the link to age-appropriate Safesport training to all families as a “highly suggested” training; letting them know that the board has the intention to make this mandatory in future years.

5. Issue: Coach Training

HOC to include some highlights of the coaching training that is happening in his Coaches' Corner

6. Jerseys not arriving in time for declaration

Teams would need to be set by Aug 16th for jerseys to deliver just in time for regular season. Borrowed or practice jerseys will need to be utilized for declaration, if needed.