



September 2025 Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 15th, 2025
7:00 PM
ZOOM Conference

OPERATIONS /Katy Kaufmann

1. Call to Order – 7:03pm
2. Roll Call – Absent: Jr Black Bears, Montgomery, and Richmond
3. August 2025 Meeting minutes were approved

COMMISSIONER UPDATE / Tom Crosson

- Special guest with us tonight – Welcome new PVAHA President, Brad Buonato
- Introduction and updates from Brad
 - Working on considering initiatives with Special Olympics to generate interest and grow hockey
 - Today was deadline for payment for all National Bound teams
 - Will be reaching out to the one remaining club that hasn't submitted their division payment
 - Will also be sending out confirmation emails to the clubs that have already submitted their applications and payments
 - Clubs – reminder to make sure the managers of National Bound teams understand the credential requirements needed for February/March
 - Club leaders please remind coaches and players about the zero-tolerance policy. We will not accept abuse in behavior and/or actions.
 - Also clubs please ensure that you have locker room monitors in place to help prevent problems as well.
 - New USA dashboard for coaches – please have all your coaches check their compliance and status including expiration dates prior to the Dec 31st deadline.
 - Club registrars can run reports to check on coaches' compliance and see who expires at end of the year
 - Hockey Directors should establish a relationship with John Rader to help ensure coaches are in compliance
 - Will be scheduling meetings with club leaders over the next few months to discuss club needs and affiliate support
 - This time can be 1:1 time or group time

- My contact information will be put in chat for anyone to reach out with questions or concerns
 - Thank you!
- No other new Commissioner updates at this time

REPORTS

TREASURER / Stacy Hart

- Be on the lookout for team fee invoices after clarifying final declarations
- Other than that, no new updates at this time

PVAHA / Change in Leadership – Bud Buonato New President

- See Buds introduction and report in Commissioner section
- Recap
 - Paul Duquette and Beth Lentz – Registrars
 - Had a recent meeting with club registrars to discuss updates
 - Registrars can run reports to know what coaches are noncompliant with credentials
 - Coming January, the 'red line' process will be autogenerated by national office
 - Hockey directors – reach out to John Raider to make sure coaches are staying compliant
 - Make sure coaches are logging into the new USA hockey dashboards to get acquainted with new system.
 - Justin Chung – New Safesport director introduced and reinforced need to protect the safety of the players and discussed why the strong need for locker room monitors.

SHOA / Bud Sterling/Chris Dietz

- Currently in the annual scramble for getting refs for games and implementation of new rules, etc.
- Working on setting up an in-service with officials to review the definition/meaning of the Gamesheet codes
- Development skates are going well for officials and are being well attended with 22-35 attendees with mentors
 - Appreciate those clubs that have donated ice for development skates for refs
- There will be more robust evaluations of refs this upcoming season
 - Possibly putting refs on development plan if needed
- Initiative to now pair newer officials with senior officials for mentoring
- Reminder on first half prepayment for refs. Will be sending out estimates based on the master schedule. Will be due by mid-October.

SCHEDULING / Mike Lyons (Absent – Tom Crosson Reported)

- Scheduling done
- Reminder on behalf of Mike – please let Mike know asap on any schedule changes

GIRLS HOCKEY / Pat Wildman

- Recent THFF was a success – 16 clubs participated with over 500 girls (with additional 100 girls on wt list)
- In the process of scheduling Jamborees
 - 2 scheduled (October 11th and November 8th) – more details to follow
- Please let me know if any club wants to host ice
 - PVAHA/CBHL with help cover the ice costs
- Thank you to the Caps/Carrie Walker

DISCIPLINE / Bill Schmidt

- One big concern/issue right now related to USA Hockey
 - System not allowing refs to access the new USA Hockey numbers for players – currently giving old numbers with players last season team
 - This is causing problems with game reports and suspensions
- Currently with 4 match penalties, 1 coach suspension, 1 parent ejected at 12U Girls level, and 30 majors so far this season (only two weeks in)
- Get words out to clubs that behavior will cost them games

COMPETITION: David Fishman

- T1 update – Missing T1's from several clubs – please send them to me asap
 - Ashburn Edge, Baltimore, Bowie, Chevy Chase, Howard, Jr Black Bears, Montgomery, Richmond, SoMD, and Tri-City
 - Need to send actual PDF documents or links to the T1's, not just the USA Hockey ID numbers
- Will confirm with Tom ineligible teams based on initial declarations and let those teams know their ineligible status

8U / Tom LaTona

- In process of working on Jamboree schedule
 - availability from last clubs needed by today
- Preseason Jamboree is this Saturday, September 20th at Ion
 - Reminder coaches need skates, as there will be no refs
- Postseason Jamboree – trying for February
 - So not to conflict with CBHL Playoffs
 - In talks with Ion to host
- Upper A teams should coordinate their own game schedule among themselves to potentially play each other 3x
- Schedule on website

TEAM MANAGER LEAD / Katy Kaufmann

- Reminder to club leads to get team manager contact spreadsheet circulated out to all team managers
 - This allows team managers to connect with other team managers to discuss games/questions etc
- Gamesheet changes – stats will only be updated if it will have a direct impact on the outcome of the game
- Working on club contact list on website
 - Website is new and it's a work in progress, please be patient
- Reminder of importance of setting game type in Gamesheet correctly
 - ie: regular season game, exhibition game
 - This will help with impact of standings
- Reminder of penalty lengths
- Game Fact Sheet is up on website that highlight important points

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA / Tom Crosson

- Still working on getting transition done to new website – loading documents and linking things is a learning process
 - Please cont to be patient

WASHINGTON CAPITALS / No Representative Present

OLD BUSINESS

- Playoff planning still in process and going well

NEW BUSINESS

- Was opened to floor for concerns/questions about meeting discussions or things from meeting – None heard.
- Update with official closure of Fort Dupont
 - This will affect several teams
 - Ice Dogs will move their homebase to Mt Vernon and Tucker
- Next meeting: November 17th at 7:00pm – There will be no October meeting

Meeting Adjourned 7:55pm