



April 2026 Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 26, 2026

7:00 PM

ZOOM Conference

Call Length: 1 hr, 2 min

Roll Call: Ashburn Edge and Montgomery not present

March minutes approved

March special meeting minutes approved (*on fee increase to \$500 & out of cycle Richmond addition*)

COMMISSIONER UPDATE / Tom Crosson

- Would like a list of early declarations...non-committal just an early view
- Final declarations will be due Friday, June 19
- Tom toured some rinks during tryouts....at older ages some Clubs don't have enough players, please share if you have players you cut who could go to other programs in need...reply to the email thread on this.
- 16U AA – if we get 20 teams declaring AA again, we'll have to revisit this issue; whether or not to have National & American divisions again
- Last meeting, Bud Buonato issued guidance on Affiliate Waivers that came down from USAH; with rosters being posted, make sure you attend to this if you have any players from outside the Affiliate
- Too early for 1T rosters, have to wait until July; can do tournament rosters without doing it in the 1T portal
- Need some help:
 - 1) need a **CBHL Board of Appeals** nominee (3 people; Bud Buonato was 1 but he has to step down due to his current PVAHA position and we need someone to take that spot);
 - 2) Needs an **Operations officer** to replace Katy Kaufman...an experienced Team Manager would be good (minutes, manage TM's, manage website) – it is a low stipend position;
 - 3) also need a **Playoff Crew** to help Tom pull off the whole playoff event
- No 10U Levelling Event this year

REPORTS

TREASURER / Stacy Hart

- Outstanding invoices from 10U Levelling from NOVA, Piedmont & STJ (\$1200)
- Still 2 outstanding fines for SoMD (\$250 coach fine) and JBB

SHOA / Chris Dietz

- SHOA will support the Girls Levelling Festival
- Have a number of summer leagues, so are evaluating refs during these games

- Still looking for 14-16-18U potential refs to do the off-season classes, and they will be replacing the Level 1 clinic that no longer exists in USAH; may do one in August at NOVA

SCHEDULING / Mike Lyons

- Not in attendance, but nothing going on in scheduling now

GIRLS HOCKEY / Pat Wildman

- Girls is having 10U & 12U Levelling events
- League needs to fit the teams for girls, rather than the teams fitting into pre-established divisions; Girls need the flexibility to arrange things to be competitive
- Reach out to Pat if you need girls to fill out your teams and he'll try to help connect you to other Clubs
- Will have discussions on the Jamborees; 8U & 10U twice a month in VA & MD
- Dual Roster challenges – will be sending out potential updates to this.
- Player-Parent education events

DISCIPLINE / Bill Schmidt

- Things are quiet; monitoring High School games; those Rule 411 majors count; penalties don't reset until August 1
- Bill keeping a list of carry-overs into next season

COMPETITION / David Fishman

- Nothing to report

8U / Tom LaTona

- Not on call
- Will start looking at ice slots for Jamboree

TEAM MANAGER LEAD / Katy Kaufmann

- Not on call
- Some Clubs are in their election cycles, so will need to update your contact forms
- Too soon to set up the Team Manager contact spreadsheet

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

3 elections to take care of:

1. **Treasurer** (Stacy Hart) – no nominations, Stacy does another 2 yr term
2. **Vice Commissioner Discipline** – Bill Schmidt re-nominated himself; no other nominees; Bill has been doing it about 12 years
3. **Vice Commissioner for Girls Hockey** – no nominations; Pat Wildman returns

Rule Changes:

Last few seasons we've done a few, so don't have much action this year.

Only a Housekeeping re-write for clarification of existing Section 12 on Playoffs; #5 the Playing Rules section on period lengths

- 10-12-14U and Girls non-NTB below AA is 15 minutes; Tom's change is to take out the age levels and just call it 15 minutes for non-NTB Youth and Girls teams.
- The 16 minute for 14U AA Youth & Girls AA/Gold NTB teams stays as written
- 17 minutes for 16U & 18U NTB Youth and 16U and 19U Girls; clarifying 17 min for NTB teams only, not the lower teams at 16 & 18U
- No changes here, just clarifying the language so there's no misunderstanding

Our By-Laws has an Appendix that lists the approved Clubs. Need to add Richmond Hockey Club and the Ashburn Edge. Tom will make those additions. No other changes.

Playoff dates for 2026-27 (as of meeting time)

- We are deconflicted with EJ, AHF and AGHF
- Still 4 weekends of playoffs
- No locations yet
- Jan 30-31 all Girls
- Feb 6-7 14-16-18U AA – doing this earlier so States can be done earlier, so people can plan travel after States; this was from Brad, who also wants States first, then CBHL playoffs; Tom moved this level up as a middle ground; we don't know that the Affiliate would even move up the States (***this date may be moved due to resistance from some Clubs about it being too early***)
- Feb 19-20 10AA, 12AA and rest of 16U & 18U lowers/non-NTB
- Feb 27-28 10U-12U-14U lower teams

Moving up the playoffs for 16-18U to Feb 6-7 ends the season for all the losing teams by a month....Gary Pouliot, Carrie Drake, Fishman, JG all noted this is a concern

- Tom said he'll review the playoff schedule and announce any changes

Potomac looking for some levelling games at UA/LA level for 10U-12U-14U.

July 20 is next CBHL call.