NIHA June Board Meeting

"The Mission of the Newark Ice Hockey Association is to teach the youth of central Ohio sportsmanship, fair play, respect for coaches, referees, players and fans through the sport of ice hockey, so that they can continue to be good citizens and enjoy the sport of ice hockey forever"

Date: June 16, 2026
Time: 6:30-7:43pm
Location: LGRIA Conference Room
Members Present: Brad, Summer, Ed, Barry, Andy, Rick
Non-Members Present: Kristen

1. **Call to Order-** 6:30 p.m. Call to Order (Brad)
2. **Rink items** – (Kristen)
   a. Website
      i. Kristen reported that the youth teams had disappeared from the NIHA website and wanted to ensure the Board was aware of the issue.
      ii. **Action Item:** Mike to review and correct the website as needed.
   b. Equipment Storage
      i. Items located on the far side of the rink still need to be sorted.
      ii. John will place items into storage totes temporarily to free up space.
      iii. **Action Item:** Tyler and Adam to organize and sort the stored equipment.
   c. Removable boards and Padding
      i. Removable boards remain in their current location and still need to be addressed.
      ii. Brad indicated there is a plan in place for the boards.
      iii. The red pads have been removed.
      iv. The black pads remain on the guest side of the rink.
      v. Additional black pads are available in the shed if needed. The rink uses these pads for non-hockey purposes and would like them retained.
   d. Summer Rink Schedule
      i. Kristen reviewed upcoming summer scheduling.
      ii. A Christian hockey camp is scheduled for the first week of July.
      iii. Several weekend closures are anticipated due to limited scheduling demands.
   e. Rink Renovation Project
      i. State funding for rink repairs is nearing approval.
      ii. The rink plans to proceed with renovations in 2027.
      iii. The rink will be closed from May 17, 2027, through late August 2027.

    iv. During the first weekend of April 2027, the rink will be unavailable to NIHA due to programming adjustments related to the upcoming closure.

3. **Approval of May Meeting Minutes**
    a. Rick motions, Summer seconds,
    b. Motion carried unanimously
4. **Treasurer report (Ed/Barry)**
    a. 2026–2027 Budget Discussion
        i. 14U House Team
            1. Current registration numbers do not support fielding a 14U House Team.
            2. Some players could potentially be absorbed into the 14U Travel Team.
            3. No decision was made regarding the future of the program.
            4. Brad will contact current House Team families to gauge interest for next season.
            5. **Action Item:** Board to determine the future of the 14U House Team.
        ii. 2027 Newark Invitational
            1. Summer reported that tournament companies have little interest in organizing the tournament.
            2. Summer indicated she is not in a position to manage the event herself.
            3. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of a High School Pond Hockey-style tournament and an 8U Jamboree.
            4. **Action Item:** Brad to consult with OSHL regarding the feasibility of a High School Pond Hockey tournament.
        iii. Removable Boards
            1. The proposed budget includes funding for new removable boards.
            2. The Board will attempt to sell the existing boards.
            3. The expectation is that lighter boards will be easier to use and therefore utilized more frequently.
        iv. Budget Surplus Discussion
            1. Following budget revisions, the organization projects approximately $40,000 in surplus revenue for the 2026–2027 season.
            2. Discussion focused on possible uses for the surplus funds.
            3. The Board expressed interest in purchasing or subsidizing a "Genz" third jersey option, at minimum for the Varsity Team and potentially for 14U Travel and older divisions.
            4. Additional discussion is needed regarding long-term allocation of surplus funds.
            5. **Action Item:** Board to develop a definitive plan for the projected budget surplus.
        v. Budget Approval

            1. Due to the absence of a quorum and several unresolved budget items, approval of the 2026–2027 budget was postponed until the July meeting.
      vi. Treasurer Transition
            1. Ed continues the transition of Treasurer responsibilities to Barry.
            2. All future expense requests should include Barry.
            3. Ed will transfer:
                  a. Check-writing authority
                  b. Debit card access
                  c. Online banking access
            4. **Action Item:** Ed and Barry to work with the bank to complete the transfer of financial access and responsibilities.
      vii. Approval of 25/26 fiscal year end treasurer's report
            1. Rick motions, Andy seconds
            2. Motion carried unanimously

5. **Scheduling Report (Summer)**
   a. Summer reviewed High School and Varsity practice schedules.
   b. Travel Team practices will begin the week of August 23 in preparation for the MCHL Seeding Tournament.
   c. Teams will take one week off and resume full-time practices following Labor Day.
   d. Fundamentals night discussion
      i. The Board discussed utilizing Fundamentals Night ice time for goalie-specific coaching.
      ii. General consensus supported the idea.
      iii. Additional discussion and planning are needed before implementation.
6. **Adjournment**
   a. Andy motions to adjourn at 7:46 p.m., Rick seconds
   b. Motion carried unanimously

Action Items

Responsible Party	Action Item
Mike	Review and correct the website issue involving missing youth teams.
Tyler & Adam	Sort and organize equipment stored on the far side of the rink.
Board	Determine whether the 14U House Team will continue for the 2026–2027 season.

Brad	Consult with OSHL regarding the feasibility of a High School Pond Hockey tournament.
Board	Develop a definitive plan for the projected budget surplus.
Ed & Barry	Complete the transfer of banking and financial account access.