



PREP High School Hockey Club, Inc.

Board Meeting

July 21, 2026 7:30 PM
Mount Prospect Ice Arena

OPEN SESSION

Meeting Start - Tony Anderson

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
 - **Directors Present:** Tony Anderson, Annie Manna, Jamie Esler, Russell Hoch, Daragh Fitzpatrick
- Agenda Review
- Prior Minutes Approval
 - Approved

0. Attendance & Approval

- **Directors Absent (Apologies):** Steve Nagy, Maureen Kauke, Shane Sexton, Melissa Lefevour
- **Guests:** Tracy Hoch
- **Quorum:**
- **Prior Minutes Approval:**
 - Motion to approve: ([Prep BDM 6-16-26](#))

1. Personnel

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2. Officer Reports

- President
 - League Updates (IHSL)League Updates
 - A meeting for presidents and head coaches is scheduled for August 10th

- Team Placements: Varsity will play in the Champions bracket, JV Black in JV Gold/Champions, and JV Gold in JV Silver.
 - League Fees: IHSL league fees are estimated at \$14,800 (\$6,200 for Varsity and \$4,300 per JV team), representing a \$2,000 increase over last year. Pucks are billed separately, estimated at approximately \$400.
 - Logo Discussions - Will discuss before end of meeting.
 - Social Media:
 - The board is currently working to regain control of social media accounts from Meta.
 - Mike Cacciabondo is providing guidance; the board discussed potential legal pressure but is focusing on a recovery plan to ensure socials are active for the fall season.
 - Tournament Discussions:
 - Registrations: All three teams are registered for the preseason tournament.
 - CCM World Invite: Varsity has been accepted for the first time.
 - Out-of-State Options: Potential tournaments in Nashville (October) or MLK weekend (January) were discussed.
 - Thanksgiving: The board aims to get JV Gold and JV Black into the Buffalo Grove (BG) tournament. Varsity may sit out Thanksgiving to ensure tournament counts remain equitable across the club and to avoid excessive costs.
 - Budget: The original tournament budget was \$20,000, but current costs for the first four events are nearing \$9,500, requiring a budget increase.
 - Scheduling
 - Varsity is scheduled & JV will start scheduling in a week or two.
 - Black and Gold Cup
 - This event is cancelled for the current year due to the heavy administrative load of the club transition. The board noted that the 10 free summer skates offered this year served as an alternative for player engagement.
 - Winter classic
 - Planning has begun for the first two weeks of January (targeting Jan 4th or 11th).
 - Rink reservations - scheduling (John Schwartz - mentioned last year) - we did it 1/6 last year.
 - Refs to schedule?
 - Whom schedules refs for us - leagues vs. extra games like winter classic
- Vice-President - Absent
 - Coach Contracts
 - Still awaiting a response from Dave Gora & Mike.
 - Assistant Coaches:

- Concerns were raised regarding the responsiveness of David Gora; an ultimatum was discussed to ensure a full coaching staff is in place.
 - Player Code of Conduct
 - Should be ready at time of the parent meeting.
 - Individualized Player Contract
 - Should be ready at the time of parent meeting.
- Treasurer
 - Financial Report
 - Audit Status: Moving forward.
 - Account Balances:
 - Credit Card
 - Resolved the shutting off issue.
 - Ice Costs:
 - The current ice budget is approximately \$162,000
 - Player Fees:
 - To avoid a deficit and account for rising ice and league costs, the board proposed setting skater fees between \$5,500 and \$5,700, with goalie fees around \$4,000.
 - Equipment Costs:
 - Jerseys are priced at approximately \$145 each (\$290 total). A new player uniform package (jerseys, socks, shell, bag, and jacket) is priced at approximately \$610.
- Registrar
 - Summer Skates:
 - Numbers seem average all summer.
 - **Fall planning** focuses on a strong **value proposition** to retain all current players.
 - Fall planning
 - Registration Numbers:
 - Current estimates show 48 to 54 players in the pipeline. The board noted that falling below 45 skaters would significantly impact the fee structure.
 - Double Rostering:
 - The board will permit double rostering, provided PREP remains the priority however, no fee discounts will be offered for double-rostered players.
- Secretary
 - Will confirm the meeting room for future board meetings for three months at a time.
 - Upcoming Parent Meeting
 - Booked for August 11 at 6:30 PM. (Thank You Jamie)

- Slides will be prepared to cover tryouts, registration (Should be opening August 3), and season expectations?

3. Committee Reports

- **Communications**

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- Content calendar
- Marketing
- Social Media
- Website
- Media

- **Strategy**

- Ice Contract:
 - Will be finalized soon.
- Do we have a dedicated skills coach?
 - Skills/goalie clinic every other week. (this is how other clubs handle
- Goalie Coaching:
 - Recruitment is ongoing, with candidates like Pat Pagoni and Zack Drain under consideration. The goal is to provide specialty coaching twice a month.
- Off-Ice Training:
 - The board is reviewing a proposal for off-ice sessions but found the initial quote high and will seek more affordable options.

- **Team Liaison**

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- **Rules & Ethics**

- Incident reports
 - No current reports at this time.
- Waiting for a date for further training with Safe Sport.

- **Fundraising**

- Corporate Sponsorships
 - The board is targeting \$4,000 in corporate sponsorships.
 - Corporate sponsorships will benefit the general club fund to help reduce overall player fees.
- Pizza fundraiser
 - Should raise approximately \$1000.
- Raise Praise" Fundraiser:
 - Awaiting results.

- Community Service:
 - Awaiting results.
- Status:
 - The current fundraiser has raised \$2,200 toward a \$10,000 goal, with only six families participating so far.
- **Store**
 - Merchandise:
 - New alternate logos (including a "PHC" design) will be developed for spirit wear to be sold in a new Mount Prospect marketplace storefront.
- **Uniforms**
 - Jersey Design:
 - The board selected a **cursive "prep" script logo for the new white jerseys.
 - Jersey style will feature black and gold shoulders with a lace-up collar.
 - Fittings:
 - Mock up picture of New Jersey will be ready for fittings.
- **Other**
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4. Hockey Operations

- **Roster:**
- **Tournaments:**
- **Exhibition Games:**
- **Player Recruitment:**
- **Player Development:**
- **Director Training:**

5. Follow-Ups & Action Items

- All players must pay for jerseys prior to orders being placed to avoid collection issues.

Meeting Close

- Next meeting - August 18, 2026
- Adjournment