

Minutes from the May 10, 2025 Annual Members' Meeting of the Peachtree City Hockey Association

Board members in attendance:

Chip Yarri

Glenn Gorsky

John Haycock

Cliff Jackson

Mike Xydias

Andrew Gebhardt

Chip called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

- A member raised the issues of unity and transparency in what seemed to be an attempt to start a discussion about Scott Gardner.
- Chip addressed the matter and indicated he would get with the Board to see what the appropriate steps should be
- Chip then discussed the attempts to improve the rink and introduced Jim Forestal to discuss the May 8 PTC City Council meeting.
- Mr. Forestal gave an update on the May 8 Council meeting addressing the topics discussed and who spoke.
- Mr. Forestal discussed the upcoming May 15, 2025 PTC City Council meeting, discussed who would be speaking in favor of the improvements to the rink, including the potential to enclose the rink and add HVAC to the facility allowing it be a usable 12 month facility, and the benefits this improvement would bring to the City.
- Mr. Forestal reminded everyone of when the May 15 meeting starts and the steps you have to take if you want to speak.
- Mr. Forestal encouraged everyone to come out and participate.
- A mother discussed having her daughter show up on May 15 dresses in her goalie gear to give the Council an idea of what some of the players have to wear in the heat.

- Mr. Forestal encouraged the Board and its members to try to have someone at every monthly meeting coming up to keep this matter in the minds of the council.
- A general discussion was held on the benefits to both PHA and the City if the rink were enclosed.
- Additional general discussion was held with concerns of the City locking the facility if it were to be enclosed.
- Further discussion about having a past PHA female player address the Council
- Mr. Forestal added additional information concerning the six recreation projects the City is looking at and talked about the next steps for the rink if it is approved for the renovation, including what that renovation may entail.
- Additional general discussion concerning the various uses for the rink.
- Chip addressed the new operating platform PHA is moving to (Crossbar) and asked for any questions.
- Chip addressed travel hockey (both MARHL, including high school and middle school teams and tournament teams)
- Tournament teams the weekend of June 2-4 included an 8U PTC team and a 12U PTC team. PTC also had players playing for other travel teams in the 14U, 16U, and 18U divisions of the ECHO tournament.
- Andrew Gebhardt further discussed the several travel opportunities around Atlanta for parents wishing to find more competitive hockey for their kids.
- A brief discussion was held about tournament teams in PTC, what is needed to in order to make our players more competitive, and how we should publicize the success of our high school and middle school teams
- Glenn Gorsky addressed PHA financials, including a nice pie chart of where registration fees are spent. Glenn discussed concessions, jerseys, AAU fees, and other expenses and earnings related to running the league.

- Glenn indicated the association has an approximate one-year operating expense buffer.
- A general discussion was held about scholarships and other means to help offset the costs associated with roller hockey for new players and players with specific financial concerns.
- Swap shops (used equipment, etc.) were discussed.
- A general discussion was had about the increased costs for families who live outside of PTC. It was noted that the fees for families outside of PTC are set by the City and PHA has no control over how much the City charges for user fees.
- Glenn presented on the finding from the Survey, with a focus on communication, playing time, skills clinics, visibility of board members at the rink, and making the overall hockey experience more enjoyable.
- It was noted that refereeing was better in the Spring
- Earlier registration and a more streamlined registration process was discussed.
- Chip addressed the proposed amendment to the PHA By-laws that addresses an offset in registration expenses and user fees for members of the PHA board. A voice vote was held and the amended by-law passed without any objection.
- A brief discussion was held about possible changing the supplier for jerseys to Black Biscuit at some point in the future, with sample Black Biscuit jerseys being provided for anyone to review.
- There was an open discussion about several items, including increasing visibility of the program through various sources, including the 4th of July parade and a return to the topic of donated equipment and how to manage it.
- Note the new board members for the coming year's open board positions were approved as all new board members ran unopposed.
- Chip adjourned the meeting.
- A group of parents stuck around after the meeting to discuss the matter involving Scott Gardner with the Board.
- The Board took the Gardner matter under advisement.

