

K.Y.H.C. Executive Board Minutes

2/4/26

I. Call to Order: 6:30 PM

- Present-Sarah Williams, Corinne Zagorski, Amanda Tatro, Adam Koronkowski, Lisa Paschall, Aimee Koronkowski, Aaron Pitts

II. Proceeding meeting minutes

- Approved

III. Financial Report

- Approved

IV. Coyote Committee Report

- Coyote Teams records in league play:
 - Mite 2-8
 - Squirt 10-0
 - Pee wee 7-2-2
 - Bantam 9-0-1
- Regular season play will end on Feb 22nd and playoffs may start as soon as the 26th. Keep an eye on crossbar for the schedule. Managers will share any changes to the March practice schedule on crossbar as well.
- All four Coyote teams attended the MLK Tournament in Madison, WI. The Squirt and Pee wee teams both won 1st place in their divisions. Both the Mite and Bantam teams won their consolidation game and took 3rd place.
- Coyote day with the Wolves is scheduled for March 15th. An email has gone out to families with details for ticket purchase. This will be a fun night of camaraderie please consider joining us!
- 8th grade night is scheduled for February 21st at 7:00pm. Come cheer on our graduating 8th graders!
- Spring Registration is coming soon!

V. Irish Committee Report-

- Irish record: 20-11-0 in league play, 21-12-1 overall this season. Irish ended the Illinois West season in 5th place after losing in the quarter final series 1-2-0 against OPRF.

- The practice schedule has been adjusted for the remainder of the season leading up to the next tournament. For the month of February, practice will continue with Thursday nights at the normal times. We are looking to hopefully add practices Tuesday, March 3rd and Thursday, March 5th at the 8:30-10pm time slot, and Wednesday, March 11th from 7:30-9pm. Exact practice times for March will be communicated via crossbar once confirmed.
- The next Skate with the Irish is set tentatively for Tuesday March 10th from 6:45p-8:15pm. This is open to 7th, 8th, and current high school students. Be on the lookout for a sign -up.
- Senior Night, also known as “Tony Night,” was a great evening. We got to celebrate our Senior (Captain) and ended the night with a great win vs Minooka. We wish all the best to Tony in his future endeavors. We hope to see him and the Johnston’s at future events and games. Also, a huge thank you to all the parents that helped with decorating and setting up to make his night a great one.
- Illinois West All Star teams have been set. Forwards Dexter Nordmeyer and Brodie Most, as well as defenseman Tony Johnston have been nominated by the coaches to represent the Irish this year. The All-Star game will be played at Rosemont Ice Arena on Sunday March 8th at 4pm. Congrats guys!!
- Irish banquet will be held at the Kankakee Boat Club on Friday March 27th. A reminder has been sent to the parents regarding the banquet sign up in Crossbar if they are interested and available to help set up the day of.
- Spring Registration is coming soon!

VI. IVC Report

- The Little Blackhawks program is coming back to Ice Valley! Once details are finalized, we will be working with the rink to spread the word.

VII. Fundraising Committee Report

- Club Fundraising:
 - The final Dine and Donate for this season will be held at Taco Johns located at 484 S. Kennedy Drive, Bradley from 5-8 pm on Wednesday, February 18th. 50% of the entire purchase will be given back to the club.
- Family Fundraising:
 - The Butter Braid fundraiser representative was unresponsive, and the fundraiser has been pushed back. We are hoping to get this launched soon with a delivery date in late March. The funds earned will be applied to the spring season fees.
 - The club would like to launch a laundry soap fundraiser with next season’s fall registration. If you are interested in coordinating this over the spring/summer so that it is ready to launch when registration opens, please reach out to volunteer@kankakeehockey.com.
 - Kristi Porter has shared an idea for a Hockey Fantasy Sweepstakes fundraiser. This is a ticket sales fundraiser where each ticket has the potential to win prizes

each week for 15 weeks. The company takes care of the payouts to winners. She is willing to organize this or hand the information off to the chairperson. It would be best to launch this either in October or the beginning of November.

- Ad Book:
 - The ad book is complete and has been distributed to families.
 - The board would like to send a huge thank you to Jessica Huff for all her hard work! It turned out great!
 - We highly recommend that families deliver a copy of the ad book and a handwritten thank you note to each sponsor that purchased an ad from them. In the past this has been very appreciated by the sponsors.

VIII. Marketing and Promotions Committee Report

- The committee is working to partner with IVC to market both our club and Ice Valley's programming.
 - Local summer markets/parades/events: We will need families to attend these events. This is a fun way to earn some volunteer credits before the season starts! Keep your eyes open for future communications and signups.
 - Advertisements: flyers are being created to leave at small businesses, and the committee is looking into options and pricing for larger advertisements such as at the YMCA.
- The committee is interested in creating a theme night to take place during the fall season. This could include a service aspect where money or goods are collected to be donated to a cause. (for example: Pink Out wear money could be raised for breast cancer)
- The committee is planning to do a spotlight on each team and requests videos to be added to the Photocircle. Please take the videos in a vertical alignment. This is necessary for social media. They also plan to spotlight each of our graduating 8th graders as they near 8th grade night.
- We will be adding some fun spirit wear for the spring season! More details to come.

IX. Highschool Partnership Committee Report

- The committee is continuing to communicate with the area high schools and obtain jpegs of their logo for patches. The plan is currently to have patches ready for player jerseys in Fall 2026.

X. Unfinished Business

- The club has applied for Tier II designation. This will remain on the agenda as we update the club with developments.
- The board is accepting nominations and/or letters of interest for the following board positions that are expiring in March. We are particularly in need of someone willing to fill the Coyote Committee Chair position. Aimee Koronkowski, the current chair is willing to work with and mentor the new chairperson for the next year.
 - Secretary
 - Coyote Committee Chair
 - Registrar

Please send your nominations/letters of interest to Secretary@kankakeehockey.com

XI. New Business

- N/A

XII. Public Comment

- Questions regarding Tier II designation and what that will look like for our players were raised.
 - What levels will be considered for Tier II
 - Nothing is definitely set yet, but the way we are currently thinking about this is that Mite and Squirt would remain with NWHL with continued emphasis on development and preparing them for the next level. We see Tier II being a good next step for Peewee and Bantam levels but may depend on the make-up of the roster from season to season and what is determined best fit. Regardless, development and continuous improvement would be a focus at all levels.
 - Will there be try-outs?
 - It is not the club's intent to exclude any players. We will continue to be a club that focuses on development at all levels. All players will have a place to play so long as we haven't met roster maximums. If we have enough players at any level that will allow us to field multiple teams at that level, then we would likely have an NWHL team and a Tier II Central States Prospects team at that level. In this scenario, we would need to have an evaluation to determine which players will be on each of those teams.
 - What happens to Balanced Ice Time (BIT)?

- Balanced ice time isn't a requirement at Tier II, but that doesn't mean we as a club have to throw it out completely for our Tier II teams. We would likely see use of Power Play and Penalty kill lines but it would remain an expectation that all players get reasonable playing time.

- A concern regarding the relationship between KVPD and KCC was raised - a parent shared that KVPD and KCC are in a contract negotiation for KCC's continued use of the fitness center at Ice Valley and the negotiation isn't believed to be going well. This could impact the Irish's use of the gym for off-ice training. KYHC Board President committed to reaching out to the KVPD Board President to get more information on the situation and will report back.

XIII. Adjournment/Next meeting

- Adjournment: 7:34PM
- Next Meeting: 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 5th at Ice Valley