

K.Y.H.C. Executive Board Minutes

3/4/26

I. Call to Order: 6:30 PM

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

II. Proceeding meeting minutes

- a. Approved

III. Financial Report

- a. Approved

IV. Coyote Committee Report

- a. Regular season ended with-
Mites- 3-10-1
Squirts- 13-1-0
Peewee- 9-3-2
Bantam- 13-0-1
- b. The regular season playoff games took place last weekend-
Mites- 1-2
Squirts- 1-1-1
Squirts will play in the championship game- 3/7
@ Rosemont WEST 12:00pm
Peewee- 1-2
Bantam- 3-0
Bantams will play in the championship game- 3/6
@ Rosemont EAST 9:00pm
- c. **Congrats** to all of our teams on their hard work and great seasons! We saw a lot of growth and improvement this year, way to go! Good luck at championships this weekend squirts and bantams!
- d. Congrats to the Bantams in taking 1st in their division for the In the Money Tournament in Louisville, KY over MLK weekend.
- e. Spring registration- mites will be doing an in-house development based program this spring and we're hoping to include 3v3 games as part of that program! Registration is still open! Squirts will be playing in NWHSL and currently have 11 full time skaters and 2 goalies registered. Peewees will be playing in NIHL and currently have 8 full time skaters, 1 part time skater and 1 goalie registered. Bantams will also be playing in NIHL and currently have 10 full time skaters and 1 goalie registered. Registration is still open for these levels, please register asap to make sure we have jerseys in time for games.

- f. Next week is parent vs. kid games for Squirts (Wednesday 6:15-7:15) and Peewees (Monday 5:30-6:30)! Tuesday is Skate with the Irish for all 7th, 8th grade and high schoolers! Make sure to sign up, posts in crossbar and on social media to find registration link. There is no cost for skate with the Irish night. Mites are having a parent vs. kid skate March 22 at 3:15-4:15
- g. The end of year award banquet is coming up at the Elks, April 10 @ 6:00pm

V. Irish Committee Report

- a. Illinois West All Star game is set for this Sunday March 8th at Rosemont Ice Arena. Tony Johnston, Dexter Nordmeyer and Brodie Most will represent the Irish on the JV Blue team at 4pm.
- b. Irish will head to Kalamazoo, Michigan March 13-15 for the Green Ice Classic tournament to finish their season. Please don't forget to get payment to Crystal if you haven't already.
- c. Skate with the Irish is scheduled for 3/10 from 6:45-8:15pm and we are still accepting sign-ups. If you know any players that might be interested, please continue to share, even outside of our current club members.
- d. Irish banquet will be held at the Kankakee Boat Club on Friday March 27th 6:30pm-9:30pm. A reminder has been sent to the parents regarding the banquet sign up in Crossbar to help set up the day of.
- e. While we are not fielding an Irish high school team for spring, Coyotes have opened registration for a midget team for our high school age players.
 - i. We currently have 24 skaters and 2 goalies (with a possible 3rd available as a backup) and should be able to field 2 teams.
 - ii. Evaluations will be held March 26th 6:45-7:45pm and our Irish head coach Mark Calahan will be coaching. Additional coaches will be determined after evaluations are done and rosters are set.
 - iii. The Irish Chair will be assisting the Coyotes Chair to oversee the midget teams for the spring season.

VI. Annual Election of Board Members

- a. The Annual elections were held. All three candidates ran unopposed. Amanda Tatro will stay on as the Registrar and Corinne Zagorski will continue as the Secretary. Kari Jamicich is our new Coyote Chair.
- b. We want to thank Aimee Koronkowski for her service in the Coyote Chair the last two years. She has done a wonderful job!

VII. IVC Report

- a. Little Blackhawks program is open for registration. Please share this information with friends and family. Any child that has not previously played for a team may register.

VIII. Fundraising Committee Report

- a. Club Fundraising:
 - i. Taco Johns dine and donate raised \$57.04 to go toward the general fund. The check is in the mail.
- b. Family Fundraising:
 - i. The rep from Butter Braids has continued to not be responsive. Since there are other organizations running this same fundraiser during this window of time, we will table this for now. We can revisit this fundraiser as a possibility for the fall season.
 - ii. We are still looking for someone to organize a laundry soap fundraiser to launch with 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. Aaron Pitts offered to run this fundraiser if there are no other volunteers.

IX. Marketing and Promotions Committee Report

- a. Social Media posts will continue through the spring season.
- b. With Farmers/Summer Markets coming, please keep an eye on local markets and when their registrations are opening. Assuming availability of the committee, the committee would like to attend some community events this spring/summer. We will be looking for volunteers to attend these events once we are registered.
- c. The committee is hoping to work with IVC to advertise the learn to skate, hockey academy, and Little Blackhawks programs in an effort to grow our club's enrollment also. They are discussing ways to get this information into schools or local social media groups.

X. Highschool Partnership Committee Report

- a. The committee is continuing to communicate with the area high schools and obtain jpegs of their logo for patches. The committee still needs jpegs for Clifton Central, Kankakee, and Reed Custer. The plan is currently to have patches ready for player jerseys in Fall 2026.

XI. Unfinished Business

- a. The club has applied for Tier II designation. There are no updates at this point. This will remain on the agenda as we update the club with developments.
- b. Chicago Wolves game is coming up March 15! Make sure to buy your tickets! Managers will send information about anthem and intermission participation in

crossbar. Please let your manager know if your player will be attending so we can include them!

- c. Coach evaluations and feedback surveys will be going out soon via email, PLEASE fill those out! They are quick surveys and the information you provide us with is valuable!

XII. New Business

- a. Mom's night out is 4/3 6:00-8:00pm, RSVP to Rachel Fruehling, fill out the Google form for hockey mom shirts
- b. Committee positions – As we have reached the end of the volunteer year, we are looking to fill volunteer positions for this term. The descriptions for volunteer positions are being updated, and an interest inventory will go out soon. Please indicate if you are interested in serving in any of these roles. We would like to get our committees organized prior to the start of fall season. This way we can get our fundraisers, events, and ad book information out around registration time.

XIII. Public Comment

- a. n/a

XIV. Adjournment/Next meeting

- a. Adjournment: 7:12 PM
- b. Next Meeting: 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 2nd at Ice Valley