

K.Y.H.C. Executive Board Minutes

7/14/2026

I. Call to Order: 6:36 PM

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

II. Proceeding meeting minutes

- a. Approved

III. Financial Report

- a. Approved

IV. Coyote Report (Mite, Squirt, Peewee, Bantam)

- a. Registration is open and as of tonight we have 9 registered.
- b. This is a reminder that early bird pricing closes July 22nd.
- c. NWHL will be holding their meeting soon.
- d. Olivet has reached out to partner with the Coyote's to do a Coyote with Olivet Day.

V. Irish/Midget Report

- a. Registration is open. Early bird pricing closes July 22nd.
- b. Illinois West had the first meeting with the new president on June 24. They anticipate 16 varsity level teams and 15-18 JV teams. This will make regular season game totals between 24-26 games. They are implementing a tiering system. Tiers will be determined by the beginning of August and clubs will start scheduling toward the end of that month. The next Illinois West meeting has been set for July 29th via Zoom. █
- a. Illinois West has set fees for the season and will be going to a 2-payment plan with due dates of 10/1 and 12/1. █
- b. Mark will be continuing as our head coach. Once we have an idea of how many players register, we can determine the total number of coaches that will be needed to cover the Irish and Coyote Midget team. Thank you again to those that had applied for either position. █
- c. Coach Mark has shown interest in conducting a series of Saturday clinics in August before practices start. Exact details are in the works as Ice Valley is undergoing changes. We will announce dates and times once things are set. █
- d. Reminder to all Irish players that have a 2008 or 2009 birth date, SafeSport training is a requirement in order to play this year and has to be completed prior to the start of practice. The link to SafeSport training can be found on the KYHC website under player resources. █

VI. IVC Report

- a. Zach Mullady has stepped down from his position with KVPD. We appreciate working with him these last few years, as he has always been an advocate for youth hockey in the community. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.
- b. We have been provided contacts at KVPD to work with during their turnover. Sarah Williams has been in contact and has an upcoming meeting scheduled with the interim supervisors.
- c. The rink is currently undergoing their biannual maintenance. They have contracted a company to repair the necessary mechanics. We look forward to the reopening in August with a fresh sheet of ice.

VII. Committee Updates

a. Fundraising Committee Report

- i. Family Fundraising: Laundry soap is due to launch soon. M&P is already working on social posts. Delivery will be two weeks after the close of sales. The company will deliver to the rink and families will be asked to pick up their order from the delivery truck.
- ii. Club Fundraising: No updates
- iii. Ad Book: No updates

b. Marketing and Promotions Committee Report

- i. Kankakee Irish has a new Instagram page for this upcoming season. Unfortunately, we were unable to properly transition ownership of the previous page from previous administration. We hope to prevent this problem in the future, so the new page is attached to the Irish chair email. Please follow @Kankakee_irishhockey for all things Irish this upcoming season.
- ii. We still plan to participate in Manteno Oktoberfest Parade and possibly the Gladiola Fest in Mokena. We are attempting to secure a date to set up at the Kankakee Farmers Market.

c. Highschool Partnership Committee Report

- i. It was brought to our attention that as a combined high school team we are required by AHAI to have a subcommittee for the Irish team. This committee already performs the duties of such a subcommittee. One thing AHIA asks is that each school of our combined hockey team has one parent serving on this board that has a high school aged player from that school. We are in immediate need of a volunteer to represent the following schools: **Manteno, Clifton, and Reed Custer**. If you are interested in

representing one of these schools, please reach out to volunteer@kankakeehockey.com.

- ii. The committee plans to order HS logo patches next month. **We still need jpegs for Clifton Central and Reed Custer.**

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. A letter was sent on June 4th regarding the status of our Tier II application. We plan to communicate another update within the next few weeks.

IX. New Business

- a. We would like to do inventory once the rink re-opens in August. All coaches, please return your club issued puck bags. Or please reach out to Kari and/or Lisa to communicate how many pucks you have. Any pucks marked IVC will need to be returned to IVC inventory as ours should be labeled with KYHC.
- b. We will also be restocking our “Stop the Bleed” and first aid kits.

X. Public Comment

- a. A question was asked about what the board’s longer-term goals were with regard to the high school level. Would we pursue a varsity and JV team next year or would we still be fielding a midget and varsity team? The long-term goal for Irish is to field a varsity and JV team. As long as registration supports that, this is what the board will pursue.
- b. A question was also asked about whether the board would be communicating information about the travel commitments for CSDHL and the “Peoria Rule.” It was a great question and one that deserves a full answer. As the board has gained more information throughout this application process, new information is coming at us incrementally. We will be following up with a separate board update to address all of this with the membership soon.
- c. Concerns about the changes happening with the management of Ice Valley were brought up. A request was made asking the board to communicate to the membership who they can reach out to if they have concerns about the operations at the rink.
- d. Elliot Kraft mentioned that he is working on a grant for safety glass. He had been working with Zach Mullady prior to his resignation.
- e. A question was asked about whether or not the high school teams would continue to have access to the gym. Yes, that contract is in the process of being renewed. It will be complete as soon as we have practice ice slots confirmed with Ice Valley.
- f. Concerns were brought up over the high school patch placement on the jerseys and it was suggested that they be placed on the warm-up jacket or bag. It was also suggested that a sticker with the school logo could go on the helmet. The board will review the rules for patch placement and the suggestions given.

- g. Elliot Kraft informed the board that he has asked the Coyote coaches on multiple occasions to have players clean up the benches when they leave.

XI. Adjournment/Next meeting

- a. Adjournment: 7:51 PM
- b. Next Meeting: 6:30 pm on Monday, August 10th at Ice Valley