

K.Y.H.C. Executive Board Minutes

5/6/26

I. Call to Order: 6:37 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. Due to technical problems, we will update the financial report next month

IV. Coyote Report (Mite, Squirt, Pee wee, Bantam)

- a. Game play started for Squirt, Pee wees, and Bantams.
- b. Squirts are 4/2/0 with one game left in the regular season. Playoffs start May 14th-17th, and championships are the 29th-31st.
- c. Pee wees are 1/3/1 and only have one away game left in the regular season.
- d. Bantams are 0/3/0 and still have 3 games left in the regular season, one home and two away.
- e. NIHL confirmed that there will be no playoffs/championships. With the lack of playoffs, pee wees and bantams will be participating in UHT Chicago Dog classic tournament instead. The tournament dates are May 29th-31st, and schedules will be released by the 22nd.
- f. NWHL virtual meeting is May 12th

V. Coyote Midget Report

- a. 16u participated in the Windy City Spring Fling tournament April 24-26. They went 2-2 for the weekend, losing in the semi-finals to finish 3rd place for the weekend.
- b. 18u recently played in the Chicago Deep Dish Cup May 1-3. The team went 2-2 as well for the weekend but unfortunately were defeated in the final minutes of the Championship game to end in 2nd place.
- c. 16u is signed up for the Dragon's Lair tournament May 15-17 in the Chicagoland area. Possible game locations will be Darien Ice Arena, Rocket Ice in Bolingbrook, and Canlan-Romeoville. Schedule should be released by the end of this week.
- d. 18u is signed up for the Chicago Dog Tournament May 29-31 to finish the spring season. Possible game locations will be Blackhawks Ice Center, Rosemont Ice Arena, Canlan West Dundee and Addison Ice Arena.

VI. Irish Report

- a. The club has purchased a bulk amount of the green CCM shells to have on hand for any incoming Irish players. These will be added to the uniform package at registration and will be required for new Irish players to purchase. If any returning players need to purchase a new shell, please let me know so we can make sure we have enough ordered for new players to start the season due to the longer lead times and being special order pieces. Current order should be delivered at the beginning to middle of June.
- b. We have already received order information from Jerry's for the upcoming season for our jackets and player bags. Prices look to remain about the same for the season per item. Turnaround time on the jackets is 4 weeks; bags are about a 6–7-week turnaround time with a minimum order of 6. I am currently awaiting uniform information from Boathouse about their pricing and turnaround time.
- c. Tony Johnston has been awarded the Brendan Olszewski Memorial Scholarship for the 2025-2026 season. Thank you Tony for your application for this scholarship and we wish you the best in your future endeavors.

VII. IVC Report

- a. No updates at this time.

VIII. Committee Updates

a. Fundraising Committee Report

- i. **Volunteers Needed:** We are in need of volunteers to chair the Ad Book and Family Fundraising Committees. We currently have one volunteer committed to organizing two family fundraisers for the upcoming season. If these roles are not filled, this will be the extent of the fundraising opportunities offered for the 2026–2027 year.
- ii. **Family Fundraising:** There are two fundraisers planned for the 2026-2027 season.
 - 1. Kristi Porter is working on the laundry soap fundraiser, with the company Fundraising Buckets. They have a 150 unit minimum for the free shipping. Otherwise, shipping is \$125. It does look like they have a minimum of 25 units for their sale and the profit would be \$11 per unit sold. The profit margins increase with sales. This fundraiser will be launched during registration for Fall season.
 - 2. The Fantasy Hockey fundraiser will launch during the Fall season as well.
- iii. **Club Fundraising:** Leanne.... has volunteered to take on the role as Club Fundraising Chair. Thank you Leanne!

b. Marketing and Promotions Committee Report

- i. Marketing plans on having an “Open House” type event to try and reach out to prospective families on May 19th from 7-9PM.
- ii. The Summer Market update: Maneno is not accepting non sellers. Momence and Kankakee are still possibilities.
- iii. Spring spirit wear orders are in.
- iv. The committee is hopeful to have new options added and a spirit wear store open for fall registration.

c. Highschool Partnership Committee Report

- i. The goal of this committee is to ask the high schools to acknowledge their Irish players as a school sport. This can include but is not limited to:
 - 1. Include Irish players in a fall preview night or something similar if applicable
 - 2. Include Irish players in the yearbook
 - 3. Provide an athletic letter for the Irish player
 - 4. Distribute the Irish Schedule with their school sport schedules
- ii. Bishop McNamara has agreed to allow the Irish players into their yearbook.
- iii. The committee still needs jpegs from Clifton Central and Reed Custer for patches. We need these jpg files to order patches for our Irish player jerseys. If anyone has a contact at one of these schools and can assist us in obtaining the files, please let us know.
- iv. In the next few years, we have players moving up from Grant Park and Momence. Those schools will be added to the list next year. If you are interested in representing one of these schools, please reach out to volunteer@kankakeehockey.com.

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. Tier II designation update/clarification:
 - i. Central States League has not accepted NWHL because they are only accepting teams with Tier II designation. This does not mean that we are denied Tier II designation. It means we are not eligible for Central States unless we are approved for Tier II.
 - ii. We are still under consideration for Tier II designation. They have requested more information, which has been provided. We are hopeful that they will make a decision soon.
 - iii. Many clubs are under scrutiny for Tier II because of their proximity to other clubs. This is not the case for our club.

X. New Business

- a. A new set of mite goalie gear was donated to the club and will be added to our closet. We also received some used gear that we will offer to families.

XI. Public Comment

- a. Parent jerseys were requested. We will look into offering this during fall registration.

XII. Adjournment/Next meeting

- a. Adjournment: 7:42 PM
- b. Next Meeting: (executive session only) 6:30 PM, June 8th at Beef O'Brady's