K.Y.H.C. Executive Board Minutes

10/5/2026

I. Call to Order: 7:02 PM

a. Present- Sarah Williams, Corinne Zagorski, Amanda Tatro, 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. Gameplay has kicked off for 3 out of 4 of our Coyotes teams.
b. Bantams have played 5 out of six of their pre-season games, and the final game will be played at home on 10/18. They are currently 0-5 in their season.
c. Peewees have played 4 out of six of their pre-tiering games, and the final two will be played on the road. The next game is on 10/11 at Rocket Ice, and the final game is on 10/17 at Winnetka. They are currently 4-0 in their season.
d. CSDHL realigning meeting will take place on 10/19, and virtual scheduling will be held from 10/21-10/25. Teams will be sent their regular season game schedule as soon as they are finalized, and gameplay can begin as early as 10/30. Each team will play 20 games with the potential for playoffs in early Feb.
e. Squirts and Mites pre-tier games kicked off on 10/2. Both teams will have 6 pre-tier games. Squirts' first game was on 10/4, and current standings are 0-1. Mites' first game will take place on 10/11.
f. NWHL's next board meeting will be held on 10/13. Pre-tiering games will take place until 11/8, and regular season scheduling meeting will take place on 11/15, with games beginning 12/1. Managers will insert games into Crossbar that evening. Regular season game play will consist of 14 games.
g. KYHC Day is still in the works, and the coyote chair is waiting on regular season schedules to set a date.
h. All four Coyotes teams will be competing in the Glacier King tournament in Wisconsin Dells January 15th-18th. Managers will be sharing more details and hotel information with their teams in the coming weeks.
i. Pictures will be held on Oct 26th and 27th. Managers will send out reminders in the group chat about times and siblings' photos. Players are asked to please wear their Maroon Jerseys and Socks. No helmets and neckguards in the photos are optional.

j. We also want to wish Connor Bleyle from the bantams a speedy healing process! We are looking forward to seeing him back on the ice.

V. Irish/Midget Report

a. Illinois West season started on September 12/13th for Irish. Irish are currently 0-5 in league play.
b. The remaining games in October will all be away; the next home game will be November 1 at 3:30pm.
c. The first 7th/8th grade Skate with the Irish will be October 20th 7:30-8:30.
d. Last year some of the Irish team and parents attended a bed building event with the Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Lisa is in contact with the organization to set up a date for this year.
e. Irish have registered for the Red Mile Rumble tournament in Lexington, Kentucky, January 15-18. Soon as hotel information gets released, it will be shared with the families.
f. Reminder: pictures will be held Tuesday October 27th. Make sure to have your dark jersey and socks with you for pictures that night.
g. Illinois West has partnered with our local Illinois Bone and Joint Institute/OAK Orthopedics to help provide an athletic trainer at our Irish home games this season.

VI. IVC Updates

a. Rachel Click, Superintendent of Recreation, was in attendance. She thanked everyone at KYHC for helping to make the transion of leadership at KVPD smooth. She appreciated the patience and grace they received while collaborating with us. She enjoyed seeing the passion and watching our communities come together.
b. Rachel updated KYHC on the ongoing rink maintenance and updates:
    i. The park district is accepting bids to replace the roof at Ice Valley as well as dlother park district facilities.
    ii. The park district is still concerned with the functioning of the compressors and is looking into a new 3rd party company to assess and maintain the rink.
    iii. Condensation is still a concern. It has been observed in the KVPD closets again. The park district is offering us space in the proshop closet to safely store our items as they continue to work on this issue.
c. The park district has provided KYHC with a bulliten board near the vending machines for KYHC promotions. We may also post event fliers on the event board.
d. KYHC requested that the park district look into updating our water fountains.
e. KYHC also thanked Rachel, Angie Tousignant, Aaron Denton, and the park district staff for their cooperation and willingness to work with us on both marketing and hockey programming.

VII. Committee Updates

a. Fundraising Committee

i. Family Fundraising:
   1. The Hockey Fantasy sweepstakes has been sent to families and will conclude on November 19th. Please turn in sold tickets and payment, plus any unsold tickets to Kristi Porter by this date.
   2. Fannie May Fundraiser will launch October 29th and end on November 11th. More information will be sent out closer to the date.
   3. All family fundraisers will be concluded by December so that reinbursments can be added to family accounts.

ii. Club Fundraising:
   1. Our first Dine and Donate on 10/27 at Monicals in Bourbonnais and Kankakee. The flyer must to be presented in print or digitally at the time of purchase and if you are ordering over the phone you have to mention it before placing the order/paying. 20% of the pretax total will be donated back to the club.
   2. We are waiting for confirmations with Chipolte and Culvers for Dine and Donate days and are still trying to reach Burgers and Beer.
   3. The committee is working on lauching a holiday shop with special items. Any proceeds of this fundraiser will go to the teams for team spending.

iii. Ad Book:
   1. Ads are due by October 15th.

b. Marketing and Promotions Committee Report

i. We were not able to secure a spot for the Bourbonnais Scarecrow Contest at Perry Farm this year. But we will have a table representing KYHC at the Kankakee Park District's Campfire Gathering on 10/20 at 6:00-9:00PM at the KVPD Campground.

ii. Photocircle accounts have been shared with each team.

iii. Spiritwear orders have started to be filled. Teage will continue to pick-up any orders and deliver them to us at the rink.

iv. Social Media accounts are actively posting schedules and events related to both KYHC and events at Ice Valley. We thank the park district for reciprocating and sharing our media!

c. Highschool Partnership Committee Report

i. Keven Nordmeyer donated several sheets of the highschool logo stickers. Coaches will decide where they will be placed.

ii. Bishop McNamara had asked for photos of our players for the yearbook and promotional flyers. We were granted permission from Ron Jones to use a few of the photos he had taken.
iii. Reed-Custer was only willing to provide us with a school logo.
iv. Kankakee Highschool has also asked for photographs of our players.
v. This is a reminder to please ask Ron Jones for permission if you plan to use any photos that he shares for something other than personal use.

VIII. Unfinished Business

a. Several of our peewee and bantam players, as well as coaches, came out to Ice Valley on 10/3 to help out during Try Hockey for Free days. The turnout was great, and we want to thank everyone who was willing to come out to lend Ice Valley a hand! We received some great feedback from both Angie and the rink staff.
b. The Trophy case has been cleaned out. We have included all trophies from 2021-current, as well as some historical pieces. We are missing trophies from a few of the years. If you have any or know of someone that has been housing the team trophies, please reach out to a board member.

IX. New Business

a. The date for 8th Grade Night will be set this month and a budget will be shared. Any parent who would like to volunteer for this planning committee, please sign up on crossbar.

X. Public Comment

a. The owners of Candy and Cake attended and asked if we would like to participate in their pie fundraiser for Thanksgiving. They also shared with us ways we can partner with them in the future.
b. A request was made to offer helmet stickers as an add-on to registration for next year.
c. Kankakee Park District shared that they will be competing for a world record for the most santas on the ice on December 12th. They will share more details as the date approaches, but they request you save the date.

XI. Adjournment/Next meeting

a. Adjournment: 8:10 PM

b. Next Meeting: 6:30 pm on Wednesday, November 4th at Ice Valley