

Marquette Junior Hockey Corporation Board of Directors  
Meeting Agenda  
May 5th 2026

Call to Order

Meeting attendance

**Present:** Pond, Nebel, Fure, Paquette, Shunk, Beecher, Lehto, Garrow, O'Dovero

- Absent: None

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**Additions/Deletions to Agenda-**

- Approval of Meeting Agenda:

Board Member Lehto requested that an action item regarding the AD travel teams be added to the agenda under New Business. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by Fure.

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 1st: Garrow, 2nd Shunk

**Public Comment** (limited to 3 minutes per speaker):

**Anna Glinn**

- Expressed concerns regarding the current state of the house program and team communication.
- Noted that the PeeWee had 19 players and 2 teams, which was hard due to illnesses and such, shortening the bench.
- Encouraged the board to prioritize strengthening and maintaining a healthy house program before expanding or focusing on AD programs.
- Reminded the board that decisions should be made with the best interests of the entire association and all participants in mind.

**Charlie Holsworth**

- Identified himself as the current 12U AA coach for the 2026–2027 season and former 12U AD coach for the 2025–2026 season.
- Expressed support for continuing A teams.
- Stated that A teams provide an additional travel hockey option for players seeking a more competitive experience.
- Shared his belief that it would be in the best interest of the association for the board to make a decision regarding team offerings prior to tryouts.

**Treasurer's Report:** Zamboni will be delivered in October. Concession had a very successful year.

**Director's Report:**

Banquets & Events

- Successfully organized and executed the end-of-season awards banquets.

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- Ordered and picked up individual plaques and updated all trophies for the current year.
- Coordinated and distributed organization t-shirts.
- Thank you to Adrian, Courtney, Doug, and Kim for their help with setting up and teardown, and to the high school varsity team for skating with the mites.

#### Season Wrap-Up

- Closed out and cleaned the concession stand.
- Distributed all coaching and referee reimbursements.
- Final ice bill has been issued; currently reconciling season ice usage before submission.

#### Grants & Administration

- Awarded Travel Marquette grants for all three 2026–2027 tournaments.
- Submitted the Kaufman Grant application. Should here back soon
- Ongoing updates to bank accounts, including transitioning board members and removing team managers.

#### Operations & Ongoing Work

- Continuing to collect concession opt-out payments.
- Collecting remaining jerseys and organizing the back room.
- Inventorying mite goalie bags.

#### Upcoming & Preparation

- Coaches' summer ice slots have been finalized and scheduled for travel coaches.
- Preparing for upcoming tryouts.
- Tryouts are scheduled for May 10—families are encouraged to register if they have not yet done so.

#### Committee Reports

- **Coaching:** Nebel, Garrow, Lehto – No report.
- **Fundraising/Concessions:** Beecher, Pond – No report.
- **Personnel:** Beecher, Pond, Garrow – No report.
- **Mites Division Director:** Walt Kyle– No report.

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- **10U Division Liaison:** Lehto – No report.
- **12U Division Liaison:** Beecher – No report.
- **14U Division Liaison:** Pond – No report.
- **Girls Hockey:** O'Dovero, Fure – No report.
- **Fundamentals Program:** Fure, O'Dovero, Paquette – No report.

- Old Business:
- New Business:

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker):

Joel Slade

- Emphasized the importance of maintaining strong house programs at all levels.
- Questioned the need for additional travel teams before ensuring house team rosters are adequately filled.

Ashley Mattson

- Shared positive experiences with a child participating in the AD program.
- Stated that the AD level provides an option between AA and house hockey and helps develop players within the community.

Brian Tynier

- Encouraged the association to provide opportunities that meet players at their individual skill and development levels.
- Noted that smaller roster sizes can provide players with additional ice time and development opportunities.

Natasha Collick

- Expressed concerns about coaching quality within the house program.
- Suggested that travel programs may draw experienced coaches away from house teams and recommended exploring incentives for coaches.

Kara Graci

- Highlighted the success of the Mite program in competitive events.
- Believed higher-level team opportunities benefit player development and provide additional opportunities for athletes.

Kim Dolphett

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- Requested clarification regarding the differences between an A team and an AD team.
- Expressed concerns about offering only an AD option.

Dave Janofski

- Discussed the player numbers needed to sustain successful house teams.
- Suggested establishing minimum roster requirements for teams.

Tessa Dagenais

- Felt the Mite program could provide more challenging opportunities for advanced players.
- Shared concerns that some players had progressed beyond half-ice competition.

Andrew Sander

- Expressed concerns regarding the scheduling of tryouts on Mother's Day weekend.
- Noted that smaller team sizes can provide players with increased ice time.

Amy Cook

- Requested that the board make a decision regarding team structure before tryouts.
- Stated that current projected participation numbers appear sufficient to support decision-making.

Jesse Tibbets

- Requested a clearer definition of competitiveness within the program.
- Supported roster caps to increase ice time and development opportunities for players.

Jen Grey

- Expressed concern that the house program is not receiving adequate consideration during discussions.
- Noted uncertainty about future planning without confirmed participation numbers and coaching assignments.

Jen Kinney

- Raised concerns about sponsorship and fundraising demands associated with additional teams.
- Also cited concerns regarding available ice time and resource allocation.

Lauren

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- Suggested determining travel team structures after participation numbers are finalized at tryouts.

Carrie Shulz

- Encouraged the association to focus on its own program rather than comparisons with neighboring organizations.
- Noted that final program numbers cannot be accurately determined until travel team placement is complete.

Kyle Walk (Email)

- Discussed competitive program structures used by larger hockey organizations.
- Expressed support for the A team model and shared examples of how other organizations structure player development and competitive opportunities.

Faith Liberty

- Highlighted the success and growth of the Mite program.
- Noted that participation numbers fluctuate over time and emphasized the strength of the current player pipeline.

Evan Lucas (Email)

- Advocated for continued emphasis on long-term player development beginning at the youngest levels.
- Discussed the growth of the Mite program and the importance of maintaining strong participation numbers to foster competition and development.
- Expressed support for the A/AD model as a way to provide opportunities for a broader range of players and strengthen overall program development.

Jimmy Jackson

- Emphasized the social aspects of youth hockey and the importance of allowing teammates and friends to continue playing together.
- Supported supplemental development opportunities and requested clarity regarding future AD programming.

Shane Dagenais

- Asked about opportunities for additional player development through summer skating programs. Who can stop him from having them?
- Board Responses:

Board Responses

Garrow

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- Stated that the current process is backwards, with spring tryouts occurring before summer development opportunities.
- Supported summer skating opportunities and noted that tournaments and hotels can be secured without finalized team rosters.
- Expressed support for moving tryouts later in future seasons.

Paquette

- Discussed the need to incentivize and develop coaches within the organization.
- Expressed support for the AD program and noted that coaching development remains a responsibility of the board.

Lehto

- Thanked attendees for participating and sharing their perspectives.
- Emphasized the importance of member trust, transparency, and making decisions based on current information.

Fure

- Stressed the importance of meeting players at their developmental level and providing appropriate challenges.
- Noted that neighboring organizations are utilizing similar team structures.
- Described the AD program as a developmental step toward AA hockey.
- Thanked attendees for their feedback and referenced points raised in Evan Lucas's email.

Pond

- Expressed support for A/AD teams.
- Referenced the success of the Red, White, and Blue model at the Mite level.
- Noted that player and goalie numbers must be considered when determining team offerings.

Beecher

- Expressed support for A/AD teams if participation and goalie numbers support them.
- Discussed concerns previously raised by families regarding House program experiences and emphasized the need for balance throughout the organization.
- Requested that the board vote separately on each age level rather than conducting a single vote covering all levels.
- Highlighted concerns regarding goalie participation numbers and player movement between neighboring associations.
- Noted that final participation numbers often cannot be fully determined until the season begins.

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Nebel

- Expressed support for AD teams if participation numbers support their formation.

Shunk

- Expressed support for AD teams.
- Suggested utilizing a more fluid roster model similar to the Red, White, and Blue structure used at the Mite level.

O'Dovero

- Thanked attendees for their participation and feedback.
- Expressed concerns regarding House program numbers and the need to ensure access to quality coaching and ice time.

Motion

A motion was made to vote on the AD program.

The motion was amended by Fure and seconded by Lehto to read:

"The Board will vote to approve AD teams at each individual age level."

Vote Results

- 10U AD Team: Approved unanimously.
- 12U AD Team: Approved unanimously.
- 14U AD Team: Not approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Garrow and seconded by Paquette.

Motion carried.

In attendance: