



Connecticut RiverHawks Hockey Club August Meeting of the Board of Directors

8/3/26 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Connecticut RiverHawks Hockey Club (the “Association” or “CT RiverHawks”) was held on August 3, 2026, at 7:00 PM via Google Meet pursuant to notice duly given.

Board Member Attendees:

Mike Serricchio – President

Danette Rollo – Vice President

Rob Loh – Treasurer

Erica Siegel – Registrar

Joe Sims – Master Scheduler

Jill Nakano – Secretary, Communications & Social Media

Other Attendees:

Brendan Kaptina – Hockey Director

Justin Halmose – Pee Wee A Blue Head Coach Chad Siegel

Jennifer Milano

Mark Garafolo

Ally Montrose

Dan Talanic

Guest Speaker: Ty Mills – New York Islanders

PROCEEDINGS:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. President Mike Serricchio confirmed a quorum and welcomed Board members, coaches, volunteers, and families. He noted the meeting would be kept to approximately one hour due to guest presenters and attendees joining from vacation.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

- Mike announced his intention to step down as President after four years of service.
- Nominations for President are officially open through the September Board Meeting.
- Chad Siegel was introduced as Mike's recommended successor, with a formal election to be held at the September meeting.
- Mike will remain involved as Chair of the Disciplinary Committee, a Board advisor, and a mentor to incoming leadership.
- Mike welcomed Brendan Kaptina as Hockey Director and Tyler Wragg as Board Advisor.

CHAD SIEGEL INTRODUCTION:

- Chad shared that he has been with RiverHawks for 7–8 years and currently has two children in the organization.
- He has assistant coaching experience and expressed excitement about potentially serving as President while working closely with current leadership.

BOARD & COACH INTRODUCTIONS:

Board members, coaches, managers, schedulers, and attending families introduced themselves and their roles within the organization.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:

RiverHawks Day planning continues for August 30. Updates include:

- Vendors confirmed and pizza truck secured.
- Volunteer sign-ups are underway and donation requests continue.
- Current needs include additional volunteers, one popup tent, and additional coolers.
- A parent volunteered two popup tents and three coolers.

Fundraising and event updates:

- Zack's Frozen Yogurt fundraiser was successful; final proceeds will be delivered to the Treasurer.
- Open Skate Night is scheduled for August 21 for the first 100 registrants and will benefit RiverHawks.

TREASURER UPDATE:

- Registration collections remain on track.
- Payment plans continue for families requesting assistance.

- Coaches will receive tax paperwork shortly.
- Teams registering for outside tournaments should notify the Treasurer so fees can be allocated appropriately.
- Rob expressed interest in recruiting someone to learn the Treasurer role for future succession planning.

REGISTRAR UPDATE:

- CHC team setup is complete and game scheduling may begin.
- USA Hockey rostering is underway.
- Players must submit USA Hockey numbers.
- Volunteers must complete Background Check and SafeSport requirements.
- Coaches must also complete the Age Module and CEP requirements.
- Erica reiterated that assistance with the Registrar role is welcomed for future succession planning.

MASTER SCHEDULER UPDATE:

- Game schedules are nearly finalized.
- Practice schedules through Thanksgiving should be released within a few days.
- Teams will have consistent practice days whenever possible, with practice times rotating fairly among teams.
- Referee scheduling is in progress.
- Brendan Kaptina offered to cover practices when coaches are unavailable.

SECRETARY / COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

- Four editions of Hawk Talk have now been published.
- Weekly Thursday publication will begin once the season starts.
- Instagram has generated over 3,000 views and Facebook over 2,000 views, with continued follower growth on both platforms.
- Positive family participation continues through Hawks on the Fly submissions, Hawks Hype playlist suggestions, and family-generated content.
- August communications will focus on RiverHawks Day, the season kickoff, Hawks on the Fly, and continued social media engagement.
- Families were encouraged to tag RiverHawks on social media and submit photos and stories for publication.

HOCKEY DIRECTOR REPORT:

Brendan shared his vision and priorities for the upcoming season, including:

- Building organizational culture and strengthening RiverHawks pride.
- Supporting coaches and sharing best practices.
- Increasing player development opportunities.
- Spending time with every team throughout the season.

GUEST PRESENTATION – TY MILLS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS:

- Ty introduced partnership opportunities with the New York Islanders, including:
- UBS Arena ice experiences and arena tours.
- Team outings.
- Mite Jamboree, tentatively scheduled for October 4.
- Future scrimmage opportunities at UBS Arena.

Ty invited teams to contact him regarding customized experiences.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT:

Leadership encouraged parents to become more involved in the organization. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Board succession planning
- Committee support
- Fundraising
- Event support
- Equipment organization
- Communications
- Special projects

Board members emphasized that volunteers are welcomed even if they do not wish to serve on the Board.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Discussion included practice schedule timing, volunteer opportunities, organizational transparency, public comment procedures, and upcoming season logistics.

KEY DECISIONS:

- Open nominations for President through September.
- Hold a formal presidential election at the September Board Meeting.
- Continue succession planning for key Board positions.
- Continue encouraging volunteer involvement.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.