Connecticut RiverHawks Hockey Club

October Meeting of the Board of Directors

10/6/26 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 October 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM via Google Meet pursuant to notice duly given.

Board Member Attendees:

Chad Siegel – President
Danette Rollo – Vice President
Joe Sims – Master Scheduler
Jill Nakano – Secretary
Toby Giangrande – CHC Representative
Erica Siegel – Registrar
Rob Loh – Treasurer
Amanda Wells

PROCEEDINGS:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.
- The September meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Erica, seconded by Toby.

PRESIDENT UPDATE:

- Chad reported that the new organizational social media policy will be announced this month.

VICE PRESIDENT UPDATE:

- Danette thanked everyone who helped with RiverHawks Day.
- Pee Wee A Blue is having difficulty fielding a full roster due to player departures and double-rostered players. Rob will lead recruitment efforts.

- The Board also discussed the Gold team's roster and competitiveness, including potential player movement between Pee Wee A teams, subject to approved roster and eligibility requirements.
- Recruitment through the Connecticut hockey forum and potential reduced tuition or scholarships were discussed as options.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT:

- The Board discussed Blue Line Sports delays involving pants, gloves, and warm-ups, sweatshirt color errors, and poor communication regarding outstanding orders.
- The preference remains to support the Shelton-based vendor, but alternative vendors and other solutions are being explored.
- Chad will speak with Chris at Blue Line about service issues. Danette and Erica will research alternative vendors, pricing, and turnaround times. Continuing with Blue Line for jerseys was discussed.
- The Board discussed requesting previously manufactured personalized sweatshirts for families while replacements are pending. Follow-up is needed regarding their availability.

REGISTRAR UPDATE:

- Erica reported minimal roster changes and continued setup of weekly skills sessions.
- Coaches will be reminded to complete required in-person training on time.

SAFESPORT UPDATE:

- Erica will follow up with parent volunteers and the volunteer assisting with compliance tracking.
- A list showing USA Hockey registration numbers, SafeSport training, and background screening status will be distributed.
- Providing a USA Hockey number alone does not satisfy all volunteer compliance requirements.

TREASURER UPDATE:

- Rob reported strong collections, with very few outstanding payment issues.
- Recent September tournament charges related to the Danbury tournament were processed through Crossbar. Tournament fees are charged around the time of each event.
- Managers should notify Rob when a player is not participating so billing adjustments can be made.

- Team accounts will be reviewed and updated over the next several weeks, with follow-up as needed.

MASTER SCHEDULER AND REFEREE UPDATE:

- Joe reported that some games have had only one official. Referees declining assignments continue to create coverage challenges.
- Joe has raised the concern with the referee assigner and requested particular attention to Bantam games due to checking.
- Joe will provide Toby with examples or an Arbiter Sports report identifying games with missing officials. Toby will raise the coverage issue with CHC.
- Skills session attendance has been light, particularly among Mite and Squirt players. Friday games, tournaments, and family schedules may affect participation.
- The Board discussed trying registration for both available skills sessions for Mite and Squirt players over the next several weeks and evaluating attendance. Skills ice is allocated through the end of November.

HOCKEY DIRECTOR UPDATE:

- No report was presented.

SECRETARY AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

- Jill reported continued growth in social media engagement and thanked families and teams for photo submissions.
- Pink the Rink will take place October 17–18 for breast cancer awareness. Plans include rink decorations, encouraging pink attire, distributing pink stick tape, and asking managers to invite opponents to participate.
- Pink the Rink will launch in Hawk Talk this week, followed by social media promotion leading up to the event.
- Additional proposed initiatives, pending approvals, include Movember on October 31–November 1, a Thanksgiving food drive on November 21–22, and Holiday with the Hawks with Toys for Tots from November 28–December 11.
- Board members offered help with decorations and other event preparations.

CHC UPDATE:

- Toby reviewed roster and score sheet requirements. Coaches should sign score sheets before games to certify the accuracy of the listed roster.

- Player movement must follow approved USA Hockey roster procedures and applicable eligibility rules. Toby noted the nine-game limit discussed by CHC for moving a player back to a lower-level team.
- Toby reported that an ejected player must be presumed suspended for the next game until eligibility is confirmed with the disciplinary board. Playing an ineligible player may result in a forfeit.
- Toby will draft an ejection and suspension notice for Jill to publish in Hawk Talk.
- Coaching certifications must be completed by December 31.
- CHC emphasized appropriate social media conduct and enforcement following a recent incident.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

- No report was presented.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- No additional business was raised.

NEXT MEETING:

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2026.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.