San Luis Valley Youth Hockey Association Monthly Board Meeting Minutes (prelim)

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: 128 Market Street, Alamosa, CO 81101

1. Call to Order
    - 6:01 pm

2. Roll Call

In-person: Monica Sanchez, Manny Martinez, Chris Gay, Stacey Eskew, Lindsey Atencio, Paul Lecours, Alison Artaechevarria, Chris Johnson, Justine Bonadies. Online: Toni Boyd

3. Agenda Approval for June
    - Stacey motion
    - Paul seconded the motion

4. Additions / Corrections / Blanket Motions - None

5. Approval of May Meeting Minutes
    - Paul motioned to approve
    - Lindsey seconded the motion

6. Treasurer Report
    - Current bank balance: $61,577.31
        - Stacey motion to approve
        - Manny seconded the motion

7. Secretary Report
    - July 8 meeting has been moved to Jul 15, 2026 due to scheduling conflicts.
    - Submitted the Walmart grant, still waiting to hear back

8. Registrar's Report-None

9. Director of Operations Report
    - Continue evaluating the feasibility of forming a 10U team after the budget is finalized.
    - Determine whether there is sufficient player interest.
    - Continue reviewing tournament opportunities via email.

- CRHL directors meeting is scheduled for June.
- CAHA has not yet posted meeting minutes and has rescheduled its June meeting.
- Manny requested information on a proposed 10U entry fee. Stacey suggested $1,600.
- Manny requested approval to move forward with tournament planning and associated expenses.
- Finalize tournament details.
- She will ask Dalton and Don will send an email to families with players born in 2016–2017 to gauge interest in a 10U team.
- Approximately three families have already expressed interest, but total numbers remain uncertain.

10. Coaches Report
    - Chris Johnson
        - Dryland training is planned to begin after school starts in early September.
        - All age division coaches are encouraged to participate to promote consistency across all age groups.

11. Director of Fundraising Report

- Will meet with Monica to review fundraising numbers.
- Registration has been completed for upcoming community parades.

12. Director of Marketing Report

- Updated marketing pamphlet was distributed to the board.
- After incorporating suggested revisions, the board approved printing copies.
    - The board approved to do 300 copies in color per text message vote on June 16.

13. President's Report

- Waiting for the Daniels Fund grant application to open.
- Continue pursuing additional grant opportunities.
- Increase community awareness and visibility of the association.
- Continue promoting the potential 10U team and gathering player interest.

14. Discussion Items

a. End of year survey

- Survey feedback was overwhelmingly positive: strong friendships, skill growth, and an appropriate number of games.
- Travel burden was a major concern: too many away games and limited home games, with extensive travel to the Front Range/Denver. The league (CRHL) does not guarantee home games.
    - It was noted for the association to understand that we need the league, they don't need us, which was discussed in the parent meeting. Traveling to them to have a guarantee of games is essential.
- Exploring games in Pueblo is constrained by a single rink and junior team priorities.

- Parents expressed interest in an earlier season start (late September/October). Ice availability is controlled by the city, often post-homecoming; building ice takes ~3 weeks. The board will investigate costs for earlier ice preparation to support tiering games (four may suffice vs. five played last year).

Practice Duration and Attendance

- Number of practices was viewed as "just right."
- Longer practices for 10U/12U are not ideal; USA Hockey favors shorter, high-intensity sessions.
- Friday morning practices had poor attendance.

Registration and Financial Considerations

- Registration fees were considered reasonable; travel costs remain challenging. Fundraising can offset expenses.
- Twenty-one players plan to play next year. There is a longer-term concern about many 18U players, but numbers are manageable.
- USA Hockey may change roster limits from 18 skaters to 20, affecting team composition.

Tournaments and Playoffs

- Parents rated playoffs as "extremely important," but coaches noted the single-elimination weekend format is suboptimal and back-to-back tournaments can hinder performance. Centennial Cup format was viewed as unusual and not well received.
- The board will consider surveying parents to prioritize or eliminate tournaments.

High School League

- A self-funded, parent-driven high school team was discussed; the association can support but not control it.
- Schools require sustainable numbers and ~80% roster stability over several years. This is the only reliable way to guarantee home games.
- Approach Athletic Directors in the fall; CHSAA decisions are made by March for the following year.
- A self-funded model may leverage school support for scheduling/officials; families cover travel-related costs. Title IX concerns were addressed via a coed team model.
- A parent committed could potentially be formed to start the process.

b. Vote on Bylaws

- Stacey motioned to approve
- Chris seconded the motion.

c. Discuss Positions/Advertise

- Letter of intent should be submitted to the secretary at the hockey email no later than 5:00pm on July 10, 2026.

- Open positions include:
    - Fundraising Chair
    - Equipment Manager
- Returning coaches need to submit a letter of intent and should include:
    - The age division(s) they wish to coach.
    - The coaching position(s) they are interested in.
    - Whether they are willing to assist with more than one age division.

15. Old Business

    a. SportsEngine/Crossbar
        - The board will wait for additional information regarding the proposed merger before making any decisions.

16. Comments by Members
    - None

17. Executive Session-None

18. Adjournment
    - Motion to adjourn made by Paul.
    - Seconded by Stacey.
    - Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.