

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

Date: Wednesday, July 15, 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 , Tina Espinoza, Kelly Bahr.
Online: Chris Johnson and Eric Treinen

3. Agenda Approval for July/Approve Resignation letter from Toni Boyd

- Stacey moved
- Manny seconded the motion

4. Additions / Corrections / Blanket Motions - None

5. Approval of June Meeting Minutes

- Manny moved
- Paul seconded the motion

6. Treasurer Report

- Current bank balance: \$\$61,171.31, we still have \$181.75 in expenses
 - Stacey motioned to approve
 - Manny seconded the motion

7. Secretary Report

- Still haven't received anything from Walmart for the grant.
- Jersey numbers
 - The general consensus is that numbers from players who have aged out can be reused.
 - An exception could be made for siblings who wish to take over a number.
 - Numbers for seniors who are still eligible to play again should be held.
 - The policy for players who left years ago can be decided on an individual basis, as opposed to a standard rule.
 - Will be sending out an order form sometime in August.

8. Registrar's Report

- Has begun building teams in SportsEngine.

9. Director of Operations Report

- Team declarations due by August 26.
- League fees will increase by \$100 per team.
- Referee costs increased by 24%, contributing to league operating losses.
- CAHA had its monthly meeting and is implementing stricter enforcement of rules and regulations. The summary from the meeting was:
 - Fall tiering was reduced from 8 games to 6 games.
 - Fall season runs September through October; regular season begins the first weekend of November and runs through February.
 - No overtime during league games.
 - Penalty lengths updated for 10U and 12U divisions.
 - Rosters lock on February 1.
 - Borrowing players between teams due to roster shortages will no longer be permitted.
 - A new 16U division is being added; SLVYHA will not field a team.
 - Team selections cannot occur until after Labor Day.
 - Players may no longer participate simultaneously on competitive/travel rosters and CHSAA rosters.
 - Discussion included exploring alternative leagues, although limited options exist because of the 18U division.
 - The Western Division now requires the Director of Operations position to be a paid position.
 - The Board will continue exploring league options.
- Discussion also included the possibility of establishing an independent CHSAA high school team in the future, though it is unlikely at this time.
 - Forming a local high school team must be a parent-led initiative, not an official action by the association's board.
 - The Alamosa School District Athletic Director has indicated the district is not interested in hosting a team, citing travel requirements exceeding four hours for games.
 - The travel issue is compounded by logistical constraints related to school bus drivers' time on the clock and CDL regulations.

10. Coaches Report

- Chris Johnson
 - Has been in contact with a former player's father to plan a signing party for him
 - The board approved to purchase the pizza for the party via email, July 17.
- Eric Treinen had nothing to report.

11. Director of Fundraising Report

- No report

12. Director of Marketing Report

- Open positions have been posted.
- New board member information has been updated on the website.
- Website improvements and restructuring are planned.
- The announcement regarding former players signing at the next level will be posted at a later date.

13. President's Report

- Annual hockey meeting highlights
 - Phone voting during the annual meeting was difficult due to audio quality.
 - Hockey participation continues to grow across Colorado.
 - USA Hockey continues emphasizing travel hockey.
 - No out-of-state players are permitted.
 - Only two Colorado associations are not currently using Crossbar.
 - Approximately 200 teams participated in the Centennial Cup.
 - Forty-eight high school teams participated this season.
 - The association now has two registrars.
- A webinar on Colorado Gives is available.
- Current funding opportunities through the Daniels Fund have closed; eligibility will be explored again next year.
- A quote for board insurance is being requested from CIA Leavitt.
- The association is still seeking an accountant and welcomes recommendations.

14. Discussion Items

a. Vote on Removal of Board Member- moved to 3a

b. Vote on Position Rubric

- Will vote by email. Will have current updates out by early in the week and the board will have until Wednesday by 5 to edit or discuss.

c. Vote on Handbook

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d. Discuss Positions/Advertise

Approval of Positions:

- Fundraising Chair: Andra Gay (approved by majority vote). Monica will notify her by email.
- 12U Head Coach: Eric Treinen (approved by majority vote).
- 12U Assistant Coach: Gilbert Apodaca (approved by majority).
- 12U Assistant Coach: Jon Atencio (approved by majority vote).
- 18U Head Coach: Chris Johnson (approved by majority vote).
- 18U Assistant Coach: Jon Atencio (approved by majority vote)
- Will continue to advertise for:
 - 14U Head Coach and Assistant Coach
 - Equipment Manager
 - Team Managers for all teams
 - Open Board Member position
 - Applications for all positions will be accepted through August 7, 2026. The Vice-president position will be filled after the vacant board seat is filled.

15. Old Business

- None

16. Comments by Members

- Paul was able to collect a set of hockey gear from a lady in South Fork and will donate it to the association. It should fit ages 7-9.

17. Executive Session-None

18. Adjournment

- Stacey motioned to adjourn.
- Paul seconded the motion
- Meeting adjourned at 7:11p.m.