

West Elk Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting-regular meeting at 5B's BBQ

Wednesday December 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

**Call to Order:** 7:02 AM

**Confirmation of Quorum:** Yes with 6 of 7 members in attendance. Ex. Dir Bill Frame, Gary Huresky, J Wenum, Tucker Brown, Chris Mucholsky, Jenn Willett, Rob Bramwell

Members attending: Daren and Amanda Glover, Aime Bielak, Kari Roberts, Rebecca Weil, Holly Raycraft

**Approval of November 2025 meeting minutes:** Moved by Jenn, Second by Tucker, approved by voice vote, unanimous.

**Rink Updates:** Andy Eflin (Gunnison) reported the new Zamboni has arrived. Pacman Pond has 5" of ice, they have added 160,000 gallons of water to build up ice and smooth surface. Need 11" of ice before using Zamboni on pond. It has signs warning of "danger thin ice" but it is safe. Covered rink ice making started 12-2 and is 6" deep on the outer areas and 3" deep in the middle (higher portions). Staff will continue building up covered rink as weather allows. Hoping to open Friday night with GBL first games (12-19). May need to close/chain/lock the outdoor ice during warm days (with next 7-10 days forecast for temps in the 40-50's).

**Treasurer's Report:** Rob said Budget looks good. Capital is likely the best it has ever been. Shortages in some categories are due to timing issues including sponsors in particular will be paying prior to end of calendar year. Bill advised Community Foundation of Gunnison Valley suggest noting town and city "donations" of ice related costs to help with non-profit status. WEHA 2 \$2500 grants, 1 from town of CB and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Women's National Hockey Group. Town of CB is analyzing WEHA's fall grant request. Builder's First (formerly Alpine Lumber) and GVH (GunnValley Health) had personnel changes and Sponsor ad payments are still due and anticipated to be received by 12-31.

**Executive Director's Report:** Bill reported that Skate for PE is booked for 2 classes (3 weeks) in CB in February and 5 classes in Gunnison starting 1-12-26 with 5 days a week from 9-12 in the morning.

**Old Business:** See agenda for topics and details (included separately). Of note-WEHA will host 2 league and 4 exhibition games in Gunnison 1-17 & 18-26 for girls U19. Senior night will be 1-17-26 at 7 PM. These will be the Gunnison girls only home games due to combining with Grand Junction (due to low numbers for both teams).

**New Business:** Updates on current adult registrations for winter league. CB 148 vs 176 (2025), Gunnison 123 cs. 150 (2025). Adult winter clinic instructed by Joey Otsuka on 12-30-25 with 21 registered so far with 30 slots available. RMHS doing clinic for youth 12-29 and 30.

**Member Comments:** Daren Glover voiced concern about the MLK weekend tournament and ice slots/# of games 10U B. Committed to 4 teams and 8 games. Possible to do more if 12U girls from Salida attend. Bill concerned that Salida has not completed their USA Hockey registrations for players, coaches and others. Daren advised there could be 60 participants including girls and B level boys. Andy E. advised the city will work with WEHA to do what they can for the 1-17/18 weekend. Daren asked for ideas from the Board on how to handle the 10U B teams, currently there are 30 players split between 2 teams. Skill levels ( Many first year players) create issues with trying the simple approach of trying to move some from B to A. A players are more experienced and have much stronger skills and understanding of play. On the Travel B team there are 4 full lines, 10 defense all willing to travel and play. Too many players per USA Hockey roster limits. A team has 12 skaters and 1 goalie with no swing players. Discussion on options for adjusting numbers per teams. Also discussion on possibly adding games on Feb. 7 and 8 and possibly some “friendly” games to allow 10U B some more play time.

Kari Roberts said that Amanda G./Hockey Moms gave team managers a bog of emergency energy foods and covered the cost of banners for the 2 girl senior players. Also the girls alumni game is 12-29-25 at 7:45 pm in Gunnison (indoor). She had a question of coaches compensation. Non parent coaches are paid \$500/month, Parent coaches are paid less (about  $\frac{1}{2}$ ).

**Next Meeting:** January 21, 2026 via Zoom at 7:00 AM

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:54 PM.

Snacks and some meats provided for those attending. Some board members had already purchased their own meals. Good attendance and participation at the meeting.