

West Elk Hockey Association

Regular Board Meeting on April 22, 2026 at 7:00 AM by Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Bill Frame, J Wenum, Andy Eflin, Chris Mochulsky, Rob Bramwell, Scott Reamer, Jen Willet

Guests: Jon Schumacher, Priscila Palhava, Kari Roberts, Amanda and Daren Glover

Call to Order: 7:03 AM

Confirmation of Quorum: Yes with 5 of 7 Directors (Scott, J, Rob, Jenn, Chris)

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes for 3-18-2026 meeting. Moved for approval by Jen, second by J, approved with one correction to include Emily Ramsey as the WESA (West Elk Soccer Association) director.

Rink Updates: Andy Eflin of City of Gunnison. He has announced his retirement as rink manager for Jorgenson with his formal last day as either 7-17 or 7-10-2026. Andy advised they are still working on finishing up the closing for the rink including sharpening all rental skates, cleanup of outdoor rink debris for summer use. City is finishing up the job announcement for the position and it will be posted soon. Summer projects include work on the cooling/tower and floor mats for the lobby and indoor areas.

Executive Director Report: Bill advised WEHA received a \$6000 donation by a local family that wishes to be unnamed. League fees are due on 4-24 and WHA turned in a bill for \$23,780.44 for ice fees and ref costs. WEHA will owe \$7,500 ?? but anticipates that will be within the budgeted amount. He touched on expenditures and how Hockey Moms' funds have been directed. Daren G. interjected that Hockey Moms sent a detailed email on how HM funds were to be spent.

Priscila is interested in becoming a WEHA Board member and work as one of the reps for the north end of the valley. She feels WEHA is a low priority among other CO hockey clubs. She has experience with fund raising for a variety of organizations and causes and would be willing to help with efforts for WEHA. She would like to see more opportunities for WEHA players, coaches, refs for training and skill improvements. She especially would like to see more opportunities for HS and girls programs. She would help raise funds to improve coach, refs and player training.

Rob B. explained that he had offered his resignation from the board and as treasurer due to family circumstances. His father is facing a serious health issue and will be undergoing treatment on the front range. Rob will step away to help with his father's health and treatment

with the Board's approval. He has recruited an interested WEHA member and father of WEHA youth players, Jon Schumacher, a local attorney. Jon has expressed interest in being on the board and has helped coach U 8s and 10s.

Rob made a motion for Board to accept his resignation and nominated Jon S. to replace him as a Director for the remainder of his term (ends in June of 2027). Seconded by Scott. Rob advised he would be willing to meet with Scott, Jon and others interested in helping with the transition. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rob acknowledged this was out of sequence but he would provide the treasurer's report. He stated that WEHA's capital position is incredibly strong and that WEHA has exceeded budget expectations, largely due to Bill's attention to budget details and funds. Rob said that the City of Gunnison and Town of Crested Butte have expressed their desire for WEHA to be financially sound so they can continue with capital investments in their rinks.

Jen asked who is on the hiring committee and what the process will be for hiring a new Ex. Dir. Committee has been Bill, Scott, Rob. She has read through a variety of job descriptions and suggested it may be better to have the next ED be a non-hockey playing person so they can focus on budget, grants, administration and managing programs and coaches.

Rob explained that he has been on the board for 7 years and helped with hiring 4 EDs. One of the big challenges is that unfortunately there are not many applicants for the position.

Priscila stated she feels that the ED should be a hockey person. She has been in contact with a variety of hockey programs including new hockey training programs (there are many that have recently started in CO). She suggested posting announcements through some of these programs as there are lots of younger people interested in hockey and leading programs. She also suggested separate administrative staff and there is a lot of young talent available.

Jen asked about the timing of getting the ED or whatever title is used position announced. Scott answered they are hoping for next week to have the final position description and start getting word out.

Rob advised he has a meeting at 7:45 he needs to attend and there is a business item that needs to be handled regarding signature authority for WEHA with GBT (Gunnison Bank and Trust). He explained signatories are needed to review and sign checks for payments on behalf of WEHA. Checks over \$2500 require 2 signatures. Rob moved that Rob and Gary H. be removed from the GBT account and that Scott and Jon be added to the account as signatories. J seconded. Motion was approved.

Next meeting is set for May 20 at 7:00 AM

Priscila asked if she could be added to the board similar to how Jon was just added. Scott explained that Rob had previously sent a letter advising the board of his resignation and informing that he had talked with Jon S. and recommended him as a replacement. Scott recommended that Priscilla submit a letter expressing her desire to replace Gary on the board as the north valley representative. She asked if she could be added now. Scott advised she could be added at the May meeting with the suggested letter but she would be up for election in June as Gary's term was to end in June.

Then there was discussion of what positions will be up for election/reelection. Jon S. will take over Rob's south valley rep position and its term is done in June of 2027.

Jen if interested could run for the North Valley position as a 2-year term replacing Gary. Jen confirmed she is willing to continue on the board.

Priscila could then run for the 1-year term which is a WEHA wide position (vs. north or south).

J's position is up for election/re-election (2-year term) in June and when asked by Scott, he confirmed he is willing to stay on the board and would run for re-election in June.

Scott reiterated for Priscila to get a letter to the board expressing her interest in becoming a director. Nominations need to be to the board for elections by the May board meeting.

Member comments: Daren advised he has been checking with other programs on interest in a girls U8, U10 tournament over MLK weekend in 2027. There is interest and he would like to see WEHA pursue such a tournament. He has also been informing potential ED candidates that he knows of, about the upcoming WEHA ED job announcement.

Bill advised that the City of Gunnison requires the tournament schedule to be submitted by October 1 for the season. Ice slot availability tends to be the bigger issue. Bill supports more tournaments but cautioned that it is harder to get other teams to commit in advance than most people realize.

Priscila stated that because of her daughter's interest in hockey she has been in contact with a variety of programs that have traveling teams and they are playing tournaments all around the US and many programs are in need of youth players. She acknowledges there is expense for parents but there are lots of opportunities and she has connections.

Kari asked for clarification on notification timeframes for nominees for board positions. 30 days prior to the June meeting. May 20, the board meeting date will be this year's deadline. Kari requested notification be sent to all WEHA members.

J advised that Dave Clement had been on the zoom to inform the board of referee pay increases that will be coming for adult hockey for next season. Scott requested J send a note to Dave and come up with possible dates for a call between Dave, Scott, J and others who may be interested.

Amanda G. advised that Hockey Moms have a meeting on Tuesday 4-28 from 5-7 pm at Tullys in CB South.

Nest meeting is Wednesday May 20, 2026 at 7:00 AM by Zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 AM.