

West Elk Hockey Association

Regular Board Meeting by Zoom, March 18, 2026 at 7:00 AM

Attended by BOD: Bill Frame, J Wenum, Jen Willett, Chris Mochulsky, Tucker Brown, Scott Reamer

Guests: Amanda and Daren Glover, Kari Roberts

Quorum: Yes with 5 of 7 present      Missing Rob Bramwell, Gary Huresky (resigned)

Call to Order at 7:02 AM

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (2-25-2026): Motion to approve by Jen W., second by Tucker B. Approved

Rink Updates: Both CB and Gunnison outdoor/covered rinks are closed. Gunnison indoor rink closes at end of business on Sunday 3-22-26. Ice removal will begin Monday 3-23-26. Plans for Summer work include replacing the lobby flooring, condenser/tower work. Andy Eflin announced his retirement effective July 17, 2026.

Treasurer's Report: Covered by Bill-generally in good position financially. General info on tournaments and cost-WCHL games you host cover the costs of away games. GJ Ice costs will be increasing. Same with Aspen ice costs. Bill has typically budgeted 10% cost increase annually for ice costs and it has shown to cover increases over time.

For grants Town of CB has a spring cycle and has seen increasing grant applications. This has resulted in lessening WEHA's share of funds from \$4000 to \$2000.

OLD Business: Hockey Moms sent a check for \$7000 to WEHA. THANK YOU to Hockey Moms!! Pink in the Rink tournament proved very successful. SW Cup had 4 local players who are also referees of the 60 players. Games were covered but it is proving difficult to get games covered.

Gary Huresky resigned from the board effective 3-11-2026. Thank you to Gary for his time on the board and as vice-president.

Bill announced his resignation effective 3-31-2026 (letter dated 3-16-2026). He did advise he would commit to helping during the transition to a new Executive Director and he will cover some upcoming important tasks including schedule retreat in Vail on May 29, 2026 which includes EDs from the 9 hockey associations. He advised that everyone at the schedule retreat wants the same thing, to host more home games. He advised in his letter that he will help up until 8-1-2026. Bill also suggests looking at the ED to cover administration, social media, and grant writing. Then have 2 part time positions with one for youth hockey and the other for adult hockey.

Scott will work with Bill on updating the job description. It was suggested to talk with Amelia ? with West Elk Soccer Assoc. Chris M. advised that Vail is hiring a third FTE as a project manager. He will request a copy of their ED job description.

Disciplinary Committee consists of Scott, Rob and Chris with J in advisory capacity and Bill. A heads up to Jen that she will likely hear from Safesport (as WEHA rep). Kari has advised of 3 incidents involving the same players and they have been reported to CAHA and Safesport (CAHA at state level). Committee is set to meet at 3:00 pm on Friday, 3-20-26.

Next meeting 4-22-2026 at 7:00 am by Zoom.

Membership comments: Daren G. said that looking back at this year WEHA needs to look forward into the future and create goals to address growth/recruitment especially at the squirt level. Jen W. commented that WEHA needs to recruit more referees. There was brief discussion on additional incentives for referee and coach recruitment/retention. It was suggested there be exit interviews to help determine causes of departures and ways to get people to help in different capacities.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 am.