

West Elk Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting-Regular Meeting by Zoom

Thursday 2-5-2026 at 7:00 Am

Attended by: Bill Frame, J Wenum, Rob Bramwell, Bary Huresky, Jenn Willett, Tucker Brown
Guests: Amanda and Daren Glover

Call to Order at 7:03 AM Quorum: Yes with 6 of 7 present

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Moved by Jenn W., second by Tucker B., approved by voice

Rink Updates: Neither rink manager was present. Big issues of concern are very mild temperatures this winter, esp. daytime temps leading to soft ice and some puddling on the outdoor rink.

Executive Director Report: BOD needs to decide on whether or not to go away from USA Hockey registration requirement for adult leagues. Bill had sent emails and notes from several members regarding this issue (costs, benefits, issues of concern). Savings would be for individual members on the registration fee and additional but secondary insurance. Potentially could be savings of \$50-55 per adult member. See Ex. Dir. Report (included) for more details.

Gary H. asked what other programs in CO use. Bill advised that Grand Junction has USA Hockey for youth but all other programs (adult) are city run and have city insurance and program fees. WEHA is unique in that it is one of the few if not only locally run association and is not part of a city or other community/governmental entity.

Question on the contract between City of Gunnison and WEHA and language that requires USAH for all WEHA programs. Would the city be willing to change the contract language? Bill has series of emails with the discussion forwarded to BOD. Answer is no. Chris M., there may be other ways to address the issue. J W. expressed concern about not requiring USAH certification could impact youth program and games by reducing the number of officials willing and certified to work youth games. BOD to review the emails and revisit issue.

Bill extended thank you to Jenn W. for her help with jerseys and socks for youth programs. Jenn inventoried, ordered and distributed jerseys and socks. Salida enrolled their players, coaches and managers through WEHA. Grants received include: \$2500 from Avs Alumni and \$3050 from Women's Sports Foundation. PWHL tickets donated by Walthers family. 20 Tickets used by 17 hockey moms and girls and 3 hockey dads for attending the game in Denver. Word back was it was a great event, very high energy.

Treasurer's Report: Rob advised WEHA has strong revenue stream (common for winter league sign up timeframe) and financials are looking "really strong". Bill advised he had moved money

from the operating to money market account. \$100,000 moved. Rob was going to suggest moving a similar amount so it has been completed.

Daren G. asked how WEHA the money to move \$100K to an interest-bearing account but cannot fund help for Bill. Rob stated he felt it better to wait until the end of the season and then work on hiring additional help. Help for Bill has been identified as a need. Daren suggested hiring someone sooner rather than waiting.

Old & New Business: Bill stated that the Gunnison Skate for PE went well with just over 100 first grade students participating from 5 classes for 3 sessions of lessons and on ice practice. Bill said he had decent help from J, Sarah, parents, teachers, and some rink staff (Jacob) and Moto but it is a major time commitment. He did have 2 Gunnison kids sign up for U8 hockey. Discussion on help needed for the 2 skate for PE programs (Gunnison and CB). CB is more manageable with only 2 classes (6 days total rather than 15 days). Bill had set aside \$1500 for help from WCU and others but had no takers. See Agenda (to be included) for more details.

Safe Sport Coordinator-Gary H. asked about the status of the Safe Sport coordinator for WEHA. CAHA has recommended that the coordinator NOT be the director due to potential conflict of interest issues. Jenn W. asked about what the role involved and after hearing the response agreed to be the WEHA coordinator.

Bill stated that playoffs for youth hockey are Feb. 20-23rd. WEHA is not hosting any of the playoff games.

Hockey Moms-Rob, Jenn and Tucker have had talks with Hockey Mom's and are in the process of defining the relationship between WEHA and Hockey Mom's. They plan to develop a formal, written agreement. Community Foundation has a developed format and documents that can be used. Jenn can provide the MOA to the board. MOA keeps Hockey Mom's under WEHA (due to its non-profit status/501-c-3). Hockey Mom's is not a formal non-profit. The agreement would require 3 signatories to ensure accountability. Chris M. offered to look at the MOA. He is familiar with the Snow Sports model and advised that Community Foundation has advised this model is a common model.

Hockey Moms is donating \$10,000 and an additional \$2500 from a private family donation to WEHA. Jenn will send the MOA out and will highlight the critical parts. Chris M. will review and revise if needed. It was acknowledged that Margeau and Amanda have put in lots of work on this and "it is all positive". The board expressed their appreciation to Amanda and Hockey Moms for all their efforts and support.

Member comments: none received.

Next meeting moved from 2-18 to 2-25-26 due to CB's spring break. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 AM.