

West Elk Hockey Association
Regular Meeting 7-22-2026 at 7:00 AM by ZOOM
Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Bill Frame, J Wenum, Scott Shondeck, Jen Willett, Jon Schumacher, John Solanik, Tucker Brown, Scott Reamer

Guests: Aimee Bielak, Kari Roberts, Jesse Drees, Amanda Glover at start of meeting, and Daren G. later in meeting.

Call to Order: 7:03 AM

Confirmation of Quorum: Yes with 6 of 7 Directors (missing Chris Mucholsky)

Approval of June Meeting Minutes: moved by Jen W., Second by Tucker B. Approved

Rink Updates: Gunnison-John Solanik, newly appointed Jorgenson Event Center Manager
The whole WEHA board is excited John got the position, his knowledge of WEHA and hockey will help with transition, along with historical knowledge of WEHA and the rink.

Sept. 28 (Monday) is the target date for opening for 2026.

Rink is currently “status quo” for this time of year, they are currently rebuilding the compressor, John’s direction is the “rink needs to be positioned to sell and move ice”.

Town of Crested Butte-Joey C. not present. Bill advised that HS and Bantams are using Big Mine for dry land practices.

Treasurer’s Report: Scott R. WEHA is in good position on budget, we are aiming for “break even” this year with the two newly filled positions. So things may be a little tight but we are good financially. As things settle and new staff are able to help with fund raising, things will improve beyond break even.

Bill’s plans on transition and to help out for a few weeks with new ED and DHO. Thank you to Bill for helping get us through all this!!

Start dates for Michael Lady and Joel Aslanian are still to be determined. Bill planned to cease working on 8-1 but will help as needed through 8-15. He feels 10-14 days of overlap will help.

Jen W. Need for a Budget Committee meeting, set registration fees and determine authorized signatories for WEHA with the bank. Recommended that Scott Reamer, Scott Shondeck, Jen Willett be added (Currently Jon Schumacher and Bill are on the list). Remove Bill based on his resignation.

Executive Director Report: Bill provided his update list and covered ice is booked in Grand Junction for 3 dates for youth skates. Fall HS has 3 dates. Had a youth hockey skate booked last weekend (7-18) and 5 skaters showed up. Ice cost was \$287. There is a conflict with Mountain Select on 7-25 and many of those interested are likely to skate for trhouts with

Mountain Select. Bill advised that people ask for summer skates but the participation rate and costs create a money loser for WEHA. Need to reevaluate this activity.

Old Business: Need to make changes to signers at the bank and include: Scott Reamer, Scott Shondeck, Jon Schumacher, Jen Willett and Michael Lady (as new ED).

New Business: Jen assembled an order for socks and jerseys

Member Comments: Daren Glover asked if the new ED and DHO have been announced. Board formally announced Joel Aslanian as new Director of Hockey Operations. Joel has been associated with WEHA for many years as a player, coach (recently with U19 girls and previously with a variety of the lower age bracket kids as his children moved through WEHA.

Michael Lady, originally from Pennsylvania, currently in Indonesia and having traveled quite a bit around the world is WEHA's Executive Director

Daren advised that he has talked with several coaches and wants to visit with ED and DHO on interested candidates including: Joe Coburn, Billy Watson and Shai Ovedic for Bantams or U19, Ashton Mabry (CB) and Tristen Spezze and Mike Eaton.

J recommended a push for recruiting for additional coaches and referees. Jen asked J to call her. And suggested broadcasting the ref and coach incentives in the adult registration signup process.

Next meeting set for Wednesday August 19, 2026 at 7:00 AM by Zoom.

Additional member comment that Hockey Mom's Lasagna dinner will be the weekend prior to Thanksgiving, Sunday Nov. 22, 2026.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 AM.