Jackson Youth Hockey — Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 14, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Gavin's Office

Jillian Moorhead, Kilee Amborski, Elliot Van Orsdel, Gavin Fine, Lizzie Heineken, Steve Stec, Will Harrop, Chris Donza, Chris Mccoulough, Nikki Gill

Mission Statement: *Jackson Youth Hockey provides meaningful opportunities for children to experience hockey while developing skating and hockey skills and instilling sportsmanship, leadership, and teamwork.*

1. Public Comment

No public comments were recorded.

2. Call to Order — Gavin Fine

Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Pending at the time of this meeting (TBD).

3. Staff Reports

Director of Operations — Kilee Amborski

- Registration stands flat to LY; the final count is projected to be roughly flat.
- Three returning players rejoined the girls' team;
- The schedule is posted on the website by team and will move to the Crossbar app once teams are assigned.
- Jerseys and sponsor logos are being printed; varsity jerseys carry the updated logo.
- Donor thank-you notes are in progress, and senior banner photos are being taken early so banners hang all season.
- A new rink scheduling system is being set up to show ice availability in real time.
- Home tournaments still need teams at Varsity, Bantam
- A recruitment flyer campaign through the elementary schools was proposed for K–2 families, in general and girls versions.

Hockey Skills Director — Elliot Van Orsdel

- All coach contracts are signed, with three coaches per team through high school and girls programs.
- A mandatory Scott Smith coaching development session is set for October 7 at 5:30 PM for all coaches at Squirt level and above.
- A financial incentive encourages coaches to complete USA Hockey certification before the season.
- The single-week tryout format should lower evaluator costs; evaluators will sign agreements before participating.

- Coaching assignments will not be announced before tryouts, and no one should imply teams are set.

4. Committee Reports

Fund Development — Jillian Moorhead

- The board thanked Jillian and family for organizing the September fundraising events, which raised about $65,000.
- Fundraising is about $155,000 year to date, excluding team fundraisers.
- New $5,000 sponsors: Carl M. Johnson Foundation, SG Capital and Black Tie Ski Rental, with Tanager Bank pending.
- Old Bill's outreach is complete and the club is on track to meet the match; auction buyers will receive follow-up before the campaign closes.
- Proposed: an annual season kickoff event tied to Old Bill's, and board and sponsor gifts earmarked for scholarships.
- Board members will present the financial gap at team parent meetings.

Finance / Treasurer — Chris McCullough, Steve Stec

- Net income swung from a $77,000 loss last year to a $74,000 gain this year.
- Balances stand at $100,000 in checking and $225,000 in savings.
- Accounting has moved to QuickBooks Online; a new accountant will begin reconciliations.
- A registration shortfall of up to $15,000 is possible; establishing an endowment is a goal this year.
- Scholarship discounts will be tracked as a separate line item.

Coach & Player Development — Chris Donza

- High school boys varsity has 24 skaters for 18 game spots; the board considered head coach Doyle's fixed-roster model with designated practice players.
- Practice players train fully, play two in-house scrimmages, receive a fee reduction to be set, and will be called personally by the coach.

> **Motion:** The board voted to adopt the practice player model for the high school boys varsity program this season, with a review next year. — Passed.

- Following an incident at a three-on-three tournament, for which a SafeSport report has been filed, the board reviewed the Peewee coaching assignment.

> **Motion:** The board agreed to name the Peewee assistant coach as head coach and move head coach to assistant coach. — Approved.

Discipline Committee — Will Harrop

- After unconfirmed reports of substance use at captain's practices, the board agreed those practices start the season for disciplinary purposes.
- The revised code of conduct will add tiered strikes, removal for confirmed substance violations, and an acknowledgment form.

> **Motion:** The board adopted a zero-tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol in club facilities, with the season beginning at captain's practices. The revised code goes to the board, then coaches, before tryouts. — Approved.

5. Executive Committee

- Retreat follow-up: the fee increase, grant submission, sponsorships, and coach recruiting are complete.
- Guest players: outside players may fill tournament spots only after registered members are placed.
- Logo agreement: the two-year agreement now governs use of the logo; new uses need approval. CMI declined to sign.

Next Meeting

October 13, 2026 (tentative).

Action Items

Action Item	Owner
Notify high school families of the practice player model and set the fee reduction.	Chris Donza
Circulate the revised code of conduct to the board, then coaches, before tryouts.	Will Harrop
Follow up with auction buyers before Old Bill's closes.	Jillian
Distribute elementary school recruitment flyers.	Kilee
Add a scholarship line item and report totals to the board.	Chris McCullough
Hold coaching announcements until after tryouts.	Elliot
Plan an annual kickoff event tied to Old Bill's.	Jillian