

**Board Meeting-
Tuesday, August 5, 2025
SIA party room - 6:00pm**



Attendance - Nicole Hauser, Blane Bertalmio, Tony Dinnocenzo,
Darcy Folliard, Jen Madden, Christine VanDyke

Absent - Randi Burg, Katie Clark
Minutes taken by: Elisabeth Schreiber

Agenda/New Business

Finances overview [Blane]: no new updates.

Outfitting [Rhonda]:

- Beach towels are in. We will have about 14 extra after the early bird registrations.
 - Mites have theirs already. During fall focus: squirts, peewees, girls (Nicole) will be passed out.
- Confirming details for the onsite press for BBQ and Rostering Day. Once I confirm pricing and times I will create a social media post for each. \$5 for shipping directly to homes.
 - I need the dates for the 2026 Clover Cup (12/13-14,2026). This company can provide services for that
- First jersey fitting went well with a few comments.
 - Girls are not happy with the warm up bottoms - they don't think they are flattering.
 - We need to keep explaining the MITE jersey process to folks. I want to make sure everyone is aware of what they need.
 - Jerry's recommends not switching the kids from CDHL patches to Prospects patches unless there is major pushback from the league. If we do need to do this it will be on the players to change those out. \$8.25 per patch/jersey.
 - Decide to hand patches to parents. Parents will have to put patches on themselves.
 - Jerry's suggests going to one uniform from MITE to MIDGET. He said we are one of only a few teams to still use two names.
- Once we get through Rostering Day, I will start to create a pop up shop for the fall with non customizable St. Jude Winter Wear. This will be a fundraiser and will have delivery before the holidays.
- Mite jersey process is not working well. Challenging with number changes at squirts.
- Duplicate numbers are an issue.

Ice Updates [Jen]:

- OL ice will not be ready for the start of the season. We will need to reach out to MP, HF or Willowbrook to secure ice as we have teams that are scheduled to practice at OL.
- CSDHL prospects: initial declaration (6 games) 9/5 (9/12-10/21), regular season 10/22 grids will come out.
- Nov 7-9 or MLK would be ideal for tournaments as we don't have ice.

Fundraising/Golf Outing [Chris / Darcy]:

- Raffle tickets were purchased. Any extras should be returned for use at the Season kick-off event.
- 14 paid foursome, 16 total foursomes, 8 hole sponsors.
- 5 baskets, maybe a couple of more.
- Best ball
- 8 am volunteers—Swy, Tony, Darcy, Chris, Tommy
- Darcy: pulling cash for foursomes

Managers [Chrissy]:

- Still looking for 2 girls team managers. Two people have expressed interest in managing co-ed teams for the fall.
- Will be a super fast turnaround from tryouts to scheduling for CDSHL. If rosters to Chrissy/Elisabeth & emails could be sent to families by 8/29, this would assist with identifying managers before scheduling starts on 9/5.

Volunteers [Elisabeth]: No updates

Social Media [Katie]: August newsletter went out. Working on 'hype' video.

Pre-Hockey (LTS / LTP) updates [Tony]:

- We received and have been utilizing the Mite Shooter tutors.... Thank you and they are working great!!!!
- Last week concluded our Summer Pre-Hockey session. Nicole and Jen have worked to get the Fall session 1 posted on the website and is now live!! First class will be the first weekend in September.
 - Can we please advertise that the Fall Pre-Hockey Registration is now live? Katie?
- We will be holding the Mite / ADM drop in skates on every Thursday of August starting this Thursday 8/7 from 5:35 to 6:35pm.
- Try Hockey For Free will be on Wednesday 8/6 at 7:20 directly after the Mite Fall focus session... the more help available for this event the better.
 - Any idea the number of kids signed up at this point? Jen to work with Tony on this.
 - Jen to send password info to Tony
- Mite Fall focus kicked off last night.. 55 mites are registered and the rink was rocking!! The program is going well and lots of excitement for the season to begin!
- For the Season kickoff, will we be having a coaches / Alumni game?
 - Tommy is reaching out to coaches regarding alumni/coaches game.
 - Needs to be 21 and over. No high school boys.

CSDHL

- Prospects applications have been received and are being worked on. **The deadline to submit is August 23, 2025.**
- Nicole will be attending a CSDHL meeting on August 9, 2025. Season information will be shared, along with patches and helmet sticker distribution for all Prospects teams.
- Official team lists will be published on 9/1.
 - 9/5 grids released. Schedules due back by 9/11.
- Declaration Games: 6 games played 9/19/25 – 10/19/25
- Second grid released 10/22. Due back 10/28.
- Season Games: 20 games played 11/1/25 – 1/24/26
- Tommy to decide about the third Peewee team (CSDHL vs NWHL) by **AUG 23rd.**

NWHL

- No new updates from the league. The next meeting is August 19th - more updates will be shared at this meeting.
- Possibly will only have 1 team (Squirt) in the league pending tryouts. The third Peewee team might be placed in the blue level of CSDHL.

Midwest Superior Girls Hockey League (NIHL) / Girls Teams

- 14U and 19U teams were placed in the National bracket. 16U was bumped to the American division.
- 14U and 19U games have been scheduled. 16U scheduling is Sept 4-7th.
- Registration links have been sent out to all girls teams.
- Tommy registered Tournaments: CCM Detroit (all three teams), CCM Chicago (all three teams), CCM Denver (14u/19u, 16u pending)

CUHL [Meg]

- 4 teams registered on the CUHL site. We can request a refund for teams if we do not have 4 after tryouts.
- Payment was sent via check.
- 8/15 AAU memberships to be created/registered by Meg. Must have rosters and then will be able to get AAU for the players/coaches.
- 9/3-6 grids will open. Meg will forward to Jen for scheduling.

Registrar [Randi]

- The registrar meeting was held on Wed. July 30th. All clubs must have a Board Roster for their association before any team rosters will be approved.
 - **This means that everyone on the advisory/exec board must submit a USA # to Nicole asap. Everyone must complete Safesport and background screenings as well.**
 - Coaches that are level 4's that need to renew, must have continuing education credits through USA Hockey. Need to have a coaches meeting. Must have current CEPs to start coaching. Nicole to email coaches.
 - Coaches have received their first reminders about coaching credentials for the season. Nicole will be following up with them frequently to ensure everyone is in compliance.

Back to Rink:

12:30-1:30pm open skate->>>no sticks no pucks

1:40pm-2:50pm alumni game

3:00pm-4:20pm open skate ->>>no sticks no pucks

CUHL refs event after Back to the Rink event

1pm-3pm outfitting printing

Rhonda will ask Fairplay or Aunt Mille's for buns, cheese, ketchup/mustard, napkins, individual foil sheets, chips, Gatorade.

Nicole & Blane to bring boats.

Anything else, we'll have to buy. (Blane/Chrissy)

Candy lady sells for fundraisers.

Need older (high school kids): for ice monitors. Hauser, Schreiber.

Need volunteers for raffle tickets and raffle tickets. Nicole/other board member

Need volunteers for serving food.

Board Members to volunteer. Chrissy to reach out to some managers.

Miscellaneous

- A second iPad was purchased and will be housed at OL in one of the lockers outside the concession stand area. The lock combo will be shared with team managers once the season starts. Managers will be responsible for ensuring the iPad is locked up after every game. A charger will be in the bag with the iPad - charge during the game since there is a plug in the box at OL.
- Rostering day is Sunday September 7, 2025 10am-5pm. All hands on deck - we will need everyone to help out this day.
 - Rhonda having the printers come all day for outfitting
 - Blane: finances

- Meg: Raffle Tickets
 - Outfitting: socks, used mites, old swag, shells, practice jerseys
- St. Jude Blackhawks night Sunday, November 23, 2025. Future Stars and Intermission experience. Future Stars (2 Mite or Squirt skaters); Intermission relay race (14 skaters); Fundraising link will be up by 9/1. Requested to have 100 level ticket vouchers sent for kick-off raffle [2 sets of 5 tickets].
Opening night high five tunnel - fist bump the Blackhawks as they are introduced (20 players) . People would have to buy their tickets to be chosen.
 - Managers to avoid scheduling games on this date.
 - 14 skaters will need to be chosen for the relay race. Working on determining what ages. How to pick them?
- Double Good popcorn fundraiser (?) The suggestion is to run this first week of November. Advertise future stars for top 2 sellers.