

CHEYENNE CAPITALS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2025 MINUTES

DATE: 3/5/25 TIME: 6:08p MEETING LOCATION: Cheyenne Ice and Events Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Attendees include President J HESSER, Vice President D MANDEL, Treasurer K KECHTER, Secretary J GRONSKI, Registrar T SCHLAGEL, Scheduler K WASHENFELDER, Scheduler A NADEAU, Coach-in-Chief K PARKS, Fundraising Chair, S CLARK, Discipline Chair B MOORE, SafeSport Liaison J COVER, Equipment Manager C VAUGHAN
- b. QUORUM ESTABLISHED

III. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTION

- a. Teri Prince, Bo Prince

IV. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- a. DECEMBER 4 2024 BOARD MEETING— approved, no edits (Motion: K PARKS; 2nd B MOORE; passed unanimously)

V. OPEN ISSUES (OLD BUSINESS)

- a. 2024-2025 Budget—tabled
- b. Confidentiality Policy—tabled
- c. Discipline Guide—tabled
- d. Non-Parent Agreement—pending finance committee approval
- e. Photography Agreement—tabled
- f. Dates of Elections/Annual Meeting
 - a. J HESSER suggested Wed, May 7 for the annual meeting and to share election results. We will need to coordinate a location. J GRONSKI volunteered to reserve the library. Both the President and Treasurer are required to provide an update at this meeting.
 - i. The notice of the annual meeting will need to go out no later than April 4.
 - b. J HESSER proposed opening nominations/expression of interest for board positions around March 5. Those who are nominated would have until March 24 to allow ballots to be put together
 - c. J HESSER, J GRONSKI and T SCHLAGEL will send out electronic ballots for bylaw changes as soon as possible. Electronic voting will close a few days prior to the March 18 bylaw change meeting.
 - i. J GRONSKI asked for clarification if we need to have results tabulated the evening of the meeting. K PARKS shared that most people will vote electronically in advance. B MOORE confirmed members that have departed in the past 2 seasons are still eligible to vote.
- g. April Board Meeting Date
 - a. J GRONSKI motioned to move the April meeting to March 26 given the conflict with LCSD#1 Spring Break; 2nd K WASHENFELDER; passed unanimously.

- b. J HESSER highlighted that he may need someone else to run the meeting due to a potential conflict. He will coordinate the move with the rink.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CFD Parade Float
 - a. J HESSER shared that a member asked to coordinate a CFD parade float. K PARKS agreed that it's a great idea, but will need a dedicated person to coordinate. All were informally in agreement. C HAMMOCK will facilitate and will target younger kids. We need to coordinate a pickup and a trailer.

VII. REPORTS

- a. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Alumni Night and Girls Hockey event
 - i. J HESSER shared that at 5:45p between the Girls Hockey event and the Alumni game on Wed. March 12, we will host a signing ceremony for Emily Bresnahan/New England University.
 - b. WAHL rule changes
 - i. J HESSER reminded the board that any proposed rule changes need to be him very soon so he can present them at the June meeting.
 - 1. Several board members suggested a rule limiting how many total WAHL games a player can play per season.
- b. TREASURER'S REPORT
 - a. K KECHTER shared that full financials are not ready. Preliminary numbers show we made \$4,604.98 from the Mites Jamboree, after our ice and shirt expenses.
 - b. The Sense Arena contract is signed and paid for.
 - i. K PARKS outlined that to register new players, you need an email, their position and which hand they shoot with.
 - ii. We need someone new to coordinate. K WASHENFELDER volunteered, but will need help during the heavy scheduling months. J GRONSKI will serve as back up.
 - iii. We committed to an email at the end of the season to remind parents.
 - c. K KECHTER reports that Steve Strunk is confirmed for a contact clinic on March 10 from 7-9p. Birth years 2011 and 2012 will meet from 7-8p, birth years 2009 and 2010 will meet from 8-9p. Steve would like coaches to attend and help. Shawn is confirmed.
- c. SECRETARY'S REPORT
 - a. J GRONSKI shared that there is an issue with the High School letters. Instead of the \$12 she was initially quoted by Boosters, the letters are now going to be \$18 each. She also asked if anyone has a digital or hard copy of the former certificates so she can make the ones for this year. J HESSER will look in the file, but doesn't believe there is one. K KECHTER will send a picture of the one from last year.
 - b. J GRONSKI is working to establish a master membership list to make sure ballots, etc. are going to the right people.
- d. SCHEDULER'S REPORT

- a. Schedules are done.
 - i. J HESSER shared that Jeff wants to talk about the fall ice schedule soon. J HESSER will facilitate the conversation and will ask for the ice to be installed earlier.
- e. COACH-IN-CHIEF REPORT
 - a. K PARKS joked that this was the year we took 2nd place in everything.
- f. EQUIPMENT MANAGER REPORT
 - a. C VAUGHAN is meeting with folks next week to return gear
- g. DISCIPLINE CHAIR REPORT
 - a. B MOORE shared that the committee will need to schedule a meeting to discuss a player who drew a penalty at state that will carry over to next year.
- h. FUNDRAISING CHAIR REPORT
 - a. S CLARK is still collecting tickets and money and will have a better sense of how much we made next week. She will need volunteers to help count money on Monday night during the checking clinic.
 - b. J HESSER asked what we do for sponsors—a plaque? He would like to invite them to Alumni Night for a recognition.
 - i. J GRONSKI shared that she has lapel pins we could distribute. C VAUGHAN suggested presenting a puck.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS/THINGS ON THE HORIZON

- a. Next meeting March 18 at 6pm for bylaw changes.
- b. Mites Jamboree
 - a. J HESSER and C VAUGHAN shared that the event was very successful with 13 non-Capitals teams and 5 Capitals teams. Would like to consider moving to Veterans Day weekend in November to increase participation and not have at the end of the season conflicting with other jamborees.
- c. Managers incentive
 - a. J HESSER suggested offering an incentive to 2024-2025 managers to show our appreciation for their hard work. Members asked about an annual \$750 expense versus providing one coat per coach. Some suggested a discount code for next season's registration. After some back and forth, he motioned that we provide each 2024-2025 manager with a \$75 gift card to their choice of the Walck Shop or Stich and Print to be used for Capitals merchandise, 2nd K PARKS; passed unanimously.

IX. MEMBER COMMENT

- a. A discouraged High School team shared his frustration with another losing season. He has gone 0-20 for the past 4 years. He believes with the right support and coaching this could change and he would like to see the board advocate for players.
- b. A squirt parent shared a request that each team have their own individual head coach. While it wasn't intentional, the failure to have a head coach for the Squirt Red team was problematic. Perhaps this would be a situation where kids try out for a team and the parent helps coach whatever team they make rather than moving kids to match coaching. This needs more oversight.

X. ADJOURNED 7:18p