

CHEYENNE CAPITALS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MAY 2025 MINUTES

DATE: 5/7/25 TIME: 6:00p MEETING LOCATION: Laramie County Library Sage Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Attendees include President J HESSER, Treasurer K KECHTER, Secretary J GRONSKI, Registrar T SCHLAGEL, Scheduler K WASHENFELDER, Discipline Chair B MOORE, Equipment Manager C VAUGHAN
- b. QUORUM ESTABLISHED

III. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTION

- a. Attendees include J POPOVICH (virtual), A TIGHE, C HAMMACK, J PARISH, RACHEL (unknown)

IV. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- a. MARCH 26, 2025— approved, no edits (Motion: B MOORE; 2nd C VAUGHAN; passed unanimously)

V. OPEN ISSUES (OLD BUSINESS)

- a. Confidentiality Policy—tabled
- b. Discipline Guide—tabled
- c. Photography Agreement—tabled
- d. CFD Parade Float
 - a. C HAMMACK shared that our application was rejected for a lack of connection to WY or Cheyenne history. We are welcome to reapply before the end of June (date unconfirmed).
 - i. J GRONSKI suggested that we could redirect that effort to the Christmas Parade as that's more local attendees. Additionally, if what we want is for people to know we're in Cheyenne, we could do water on the corners with our logo.
 - ii. C VAUGHAN asked what we would need to provide to participate? C HAMMACK reports the requirements will be limited—synthetic ice, trailer and a banner
 - iii. B MOORE thought we might look at what is allowed this year then object if there are other, similar floats. She thought perhaps they were cracking down on what floats will be allowed.
 - b. We ultimately decided to let it be this year and reevaluate after CFD 2025.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2025-2026 Registration Timeline and Fees
 - a. J HESSER would like to see the registration earlier—by the beginning of June, ideally, but no later than Super Day (June 21). The registration will be clear that we need the 2025-2026 USA Hockey number. We anticipate an increase in the USA Hockey registration due to the increase in the affiliate fee to WAHA. J HESSER asked when

the board would like to set the date for late registration and what the fee will be (it was \$50 last year)?

- b. After questions about how this would impact payment plans (it would allow us to offer additional split payments according to T SCHLAGEL) when WAHA declarations will be due (they were due 9/15 last year) and the way other associations are addressing this around the state (many require registration by 8/1 with registration runs from 6/1-8/1), we decided:
 - i. Registration will run from 6/1/25 to 8/1/25, with a \$200 late fee after 8/1/25. We will include a note that registration may close after 8/2 based on registration numbers, with a waitlist available at that point. There will be no late fee or deadline for Mites registration—this will continue with our standard rolling registration. This was moved by J GRONSKI, 2nd by C VAUGHAN and passed unanimously.
 - ii. J PARISH points out that the increase from \$50 to \$200 for the late fee feels steep. Many members pointed out our desire to better know our team compositions to avoid an issue like we had with the Bantams this year.
 - iii. Additionally, J HESSER mentioned he is working to get extended ice time in coordination with Laramie. This could allow our teams to get back on ice a bit earlier than normal. Laramie hopes to have ice in by 8/1, but could be as late as 9/1.
 - iv. T SCHLAGEL confirmed we will allow payment plans to be split based on when members register, with payments to be collected in June, July, August, September, October and completed for all members by November.
- c. J HESSER shared that we expect a small increase in ice fees from the City—it could accumulate to a couple of thousand dollars over the course of the season.
 - i. J GRONSKI asked if there is value in a small increase to accommodate the increase rather than a big jump should it climb again next season.
 - ii. T SCHLAGEL shared fees from last year, C HAMMACK shared fees from Casper for comparison.

	CCYHA 24-25	Casper 24-25 All teams get 2 practices/week
U8	\$350	\$375
U10	\$660	\$600 +200
U12	\$760	\$650 +350
U14	\$920	\$675 +475
GIRLS	\$920	\$700 +400
HIGH SCHOOL	\$1070	\$700 +650

- i. C HAMMACK pointed out that we are more affordable with more ice time than most teams around the state. If we increase our fundraising or enforce the buy out we could decrease fees. J HESSER stated that he is not familiar with the background on how these fees were established other than they take into consideration ref costs, longer games/additional zams for older players.

- ii. J HESSER shared that we may want to tell the City we want the ice in our blackout times rather than giving it back to them. This could allow us to do Capitals Stick and Pucks. He also questioned what might happen if we increase fees and impressively fundraise next year in a way that looks like “income”? That could upset some members.
- iii. K WASHENFELDER moved we increase fees by \$20 per player except mites. J GRONSKI suggested we amend that as outlined below. 2nd by B MOORE. Passed unanimously.

	Increase amount	New Fees
U8	No increase	\$350
U10	+\$20	\$680
U12	+\$20	\$760
U14	+\$30	\$950
GIRLS	+\$30	\$950
HIGH SCHOOL	+\$30	\$1100

VII. REPORTS

- a. **TREASURER’S REPORT**
 - a. K KECHTER shared the annual profit and loss sheet and balance.
 - b. She will also share the information for the banners to advertise registration. The City has to approve the banner and we will need to order a new one this year. B MOORE volunteered to take over this task with A TIGHE designing the new banner. We are responsible for hanging it up and taking it down. Historically we’ve had it in 3 locations for 2 weeks at each spot (Lions, Cahill and Brimmer Parks).
- b. **EQUIPMENT MANAGER REPORT**
 - a. C VAUGHAN is looking to set a date for volunteers and board members to help organize the shed and icer room. She will need help determining what we need to hold onto and what can be trashed. Keep an eye out for a date in the near future.
 - b. J HESSER asked if our jerseys will be impacted by tariffs? C VAUGHAN reports she will check into it. She is also exploring ways to order final year Mite jerseys in the spring so they’ll have them for the first part of their Squirt season.
- c. **DISCIPLINE CHAIR REPORT**
 - a. B MOORE asked about coach applications so we can name our coaches earlier this season. J HESSER will archive the old applications and post on Facebook that we are seeking new applicants.

VIII. ADJOURNED 7:10p