**High Plains Hockey League**

**Board Meeting Minutes
Date: June 11, 2025 | Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Original Brooklyn’s**

**1. Attendance**

**Brooke Freeman, Mike Koutekey, Mark Wildrick, Hannah Valadez, Steve Hickman, Darren Fouts, Josh Cronk, Kaitlyn Narum, Mandy Narum, Dina Fieweger**

**2. Call to Order**

**Meeting called to order at 6:13 PM.**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

* **Review and approval of the April 29, 2025 meeting minutes.**
* **Motion: Dina Fieweger**
* **Second: Josh Cronk**
* **Result: Unanimously approved**

**4. Financial Update**

* **All teams have submitted their fees.**
* **All invoices received have been paid.**
* **Kaitlyn will follow up with the 2 rinks who have not yet submitted invoices.**

**5. Mountain Games Attendance Policy**

* **Discussed implementing increased penalties for teams failing to attend scheduled mountain games.**
* **Options considered (to be revisited virtually):**
	+ **Monetary fines**
	+ **Loss of tier placement**
	+ **Disqualification from playoffs**

**6. Survey to Staff and Families**

**Discussion on whether to send out a survey for feedback regarding:**

* **Ice makes (continue using current makes, or reach out to CIHRA)**
* **Season start and end dates**

**7. Survey to Club Coordinators**

* **Discussion on whether a feedback survey is desired.**
* **Collecting first round of grade submissions via Crossbar.**
* **Identifying clubs that prefer to schedule their own practices.**

**8. Referee Survey**

* **Board unanimously agreed that a referee feedback survey is not necessary.**

**9. Forfeiture Loophole**

* **Addressed practice of avoiding forfeit fines by reclassifying games as scrimmages.**
* **Action: Mandy will check with CIHRA/ANDA regarding scrimmage classifications.**

**10. Board Member Term Staggering**

* **Goal: Avoid having a majority of board members up for election in even years.**
* **Plan: Extend selected board member terms during the 2025 election to achieve staggered terms.**
* **Extension Candidates: Josh, Brooke, Mike (extend by 1 year).**

**11. Summer Committees**

* **Identified priority issues and assigned committees for off-season work:**
	+ **Brooke and Josh will work on Playoff Rules.**

**12. Roundtable Discussion**

**Josh**

* **Suggested adding a probation system for teams with recurring behavior or business-related issues before exclusion from the league.**
* **Probation rule (once drafted) will be added to Rules Handbook, Rule 3.6.**
* **Additional notes:**
	+ **Avoid scheduling 2 varsity games in a single day.**
	+ **Consider adjusting playoff weekend due to AAA practices.**
	+ **No male substitutes for girls’ goalies.**

**Kaitlyn**

* **Requested Thursday games.**
* **Raised topics: tryouts, rosters, tier deadlines, hard team deadlines.**
* **Bye weekends: run Sunday–Sunday.**
* **Review scheduling rules specific to prom weekend.**
* **Team pages to close July 15th.**

**Brooke**

* **Registration: many staff members did not register on time.**
* **Suggested Board group chat (Kaitlyn can create a Crossbar team).**
* **Proposal for Board member jackets.**

**Mike**

* **Suggested banning problem players, coaches, and staff from clubs/leagues.**
* **Recommended drafting both a ban procedure and a reinstatement procedure.**

**13. Set October In-Person Meeting Date**

* **To be scheduled by email in September.**

**14. 2026 Scheduler**

* **Re-hired Kaitlyn Narum as Scheduler for the 2026 season.**

**15. Adjournment**

* **Adjourned by: Mark Wildrick**
* **Time: 8:40 PM**

**Approved: September 24, 2025**