**Annual Meeting Agenda
Date: 11/21/2024
Location: Original Brooklyn's
Time: 6:30 PM**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Clubs Present: Arapahoe, Arvada West, Black Widows, Boulder Knights, Cherokee Trail, Greeley Freeze, Longmont, Mountain Ice, Mountain Milita, Mustang Hockey, North Alliance, Parker Knights, Polar Bears, Sabercats, Storm, Ranch Grizzlies, Rock Canyon, WLTV**
3. **Introductory Remarks and Changes in Board Member Roles**
	* **Mark Wildrick is assuming role of President, Ralph Bammert’s and Tom McGann’s new HPHL and CAHA roles**
	* **Hannah Valadez’s dual role for the 2025 season**
	* **Paul Williams, Dina Fieweger, Randy Watler, Steve Hickman**

**Welcome Interim Members:**

* + **Josh Cronk: Coach/CC at Front Range Rangers**
	+ **Amy Herbert: CC at HTB**
	+ **Brook Freeman: CC at Greeley**
	+ **Mike Koutecky: Coach at Parker Knights**
	+ **Jason Brand: Coach at Mountain Ice**
	+ **Darren Fouts: Coach at North Alliance**

**Staff:**

* + **Mandy Narum is the new Administrative Assistant**
	+ **Craig Stinehour is the new Scheduler**
	+ **Kaitlyn Narum: Crossbar Website Manager**
1. **Congratulations to Last Year's Champions**
	* **Wales: Denver Hockey**
	* **Campbell: Mountain Ice**
	* **Smyth: Bruins Hockey**
	* **Norris 1: Fossil Ridge**
	* **Norris 2: Longmont/Coyotes**
	* **Lady Byng: Storm**
2. **Approval of Minutes from 2023**
3. **Elections**
	* **Steve Hickman: At Large Director**
	* **Mark Wildrick: President**
	* **Ralph Bammert: CAHA Liaison- Non-Voting member**
	* **Hannah Valadez: North Division Director/ Vice President for 2025**
	* **Josh Cronk: South Division Director**
	* **Mike Koutecky, Jason Brand, Darren Fouts, Brook Freeman, Amy Herbert: At-Large Directors**
4. **Budget Overview**
	* **Current Reserve: $126K**
	* **Team Fees for 2025 (No Change):**
		+ **Varsity: $9,750 (12 games + 6 ice touches, including tryouts).**
		+ **JV/Girls: $6,200 (10 games + 6 ice touches, including tryouts).**
	* **Security deposit remains at $900 per club.**
	* **Individual registration fees will increase from $20 to $30.**
	* **Fee Updates:**
		+ **Ice fees increasing by about 7% for 2025.**
		+ **Officiating fees increased by about 10% as of August 2024.**
5. **Schedules and Tiers**
	* **Ice Touches: Each team is allocated 6 ice touches, including tryouts.**
	* **Additional Ice Time: Teams must arrange and pay for extra ice time directly with rinks.**
	* **Season Timeline: Games begin on March 15 and conclude with Championship games on May 11.**
	* **Playoffs:**
		+ **Included in team fees and do not count toward regular-season totals.**
		+ **Single-elimination format with two rounds played on Saturday.**
	* **Tiering Process:**
		+ **Players earn points based on grade level and play level.**
		+ **The committee reviews top scorers and may request additional details for "bubble" teams.**
	* **JV Strength Disparities:**
		+ **Clubs with only one team typically compete in a lower varsity tier.**
	* **JV Restrictions: Players in grades 10-12 who are Junior or AAA cannot participate in JV.**
6. **HPHL Rule Reminders and Updates**
	* **Dual Rostering: Allowed only for girls playing on both co-ed and girls' teams, provided they are in good financial standing with both teams.**
	* **Playdowns: Not permitted, per USA Hockey roster rules.**
	* **Eligibility: Players rostered on a lower team become ineligible after participating in 4 games on a higher team.**
	* **Overtime Rule: If curfew allows, games tied at the end of regulation during regular season games will have a 5-minute, 3v3 stop-time overtime. If still tied after the 5-minute period, the game remains a tie.**
	* **Fines and Forfeits:**
		+ **$900 fine for missing or cancelling a game with less than one week's notice, payable before the team's next game.**
		+ **$200 fine for game misconducts for abuse or fighting.**
	* **Penalty Verification: Coaches are required to verify penalties post-game.**
7. **Referee Guest Speaker: Brian Willie**
8. **Game Sheet Scoring**
* **Scoring via GameSheets platform (iPads).**
* **Offline games need to be scored live on IPad and uploaded later.**
* **Rosters are imported from USA Hockey; players default to "not playing" until marked appropriately by the scorekeeper.**
1. **Credentials and Grades**
	* **Coaches, managers, and players born in 2007 or earlier need SafeSport training.**
	* **Coaches and Team Managers need background checks.**
	* **Coaches also need CEP, 13 and up module and concussion training.**
* **Players need grades checked pre-season and before playoffs; IEP/504 players not meeting minimum grade requirements need counselor confirmation that they are meeting individual goals.**
1. **Player Placement**
* **Players try out with school-affiliated teams unless board-approved exceptions apply. Requests must be submitted in writing.**
* **Clubs must inform league of player releases post-tryouts to ensure alternatives are available.**
1. **Goalies**
* **Release goalies are assigned to new clubs based on need.**
* **Teams without a goalie for individual games can:**
	+ **Dress a skater as a goalie.**
	+ **Play with 6 skaters.**
	+ **Borrow from the goalie pool.**

**15. Crossbar:
The league is transitioning from SportEngine to Crossbar to streamline operations and improve communication.**

**a. Enhanced Team Management**

* **Club Coordinators (CCs) will receive detailed player information directly on their team pages.**
* **This transition aims to eliminate the need for third-party apps like TeamSnap for communication and schedules.**
* **Player information will largely be prefilled during registration, with optional field requests. (e.g., player contact information for coaches and team managers)**
* **Once players are assigned to a team, families will receive an email prompting them to accept an invitation to join their team and to upload their grades.**

**b. Direct Communication and Event Management**

* **CCs will be able to email teams and schedule events directly from the Crossbar mobile app.**
* **This feature reduces costs for clubs by eliminating the need for alternate apps like TeamSnap.**

**c. Integration with Gamesheets**

* **Crossbar seamlessly interfaces with GameSheets, auto-populating games when scheduled.**

**d. Mobile App Functionality**

* **CCs can manage game availability, create game day assignments and send chats and emails through the Crossbar app.**

**e. Rollout Plan**

* **Invitations will be sent out to CCs to access their team pages next month.**
* **Staff registration will open in December for staff and their participating children.**
* **A 50% discount code for registration will be available to staff members’ children throughout December.**
1. **Locker Room Monitors**
* **New Requirement: Per USA Hockey and SafeSport, teams should have at least 2 locker room monitors with background checks and SafeSport training, who are also on the roster, in addition to coaches and team managers. A coach must stay until all players have left the locker room to reduce SafeSport violations.**
* **At least one USA Hockey/HPHL registered coach must be at all team practices. Unsupervised captain practices are not permitted, even if a rostered locker room monitor is present.**
1. **Disciplinary Committee**
* **Discipline will be determined by a 3-person committee, adhering to CAHA and USA Hockey guidelines, without overturning referee calls.**
1. **Scheduling**
* **Avoid Big Bear rink due to rising costs ($595/hour)**
* **Some rinks will be closed for maintenance this spring**
* **Meeting higher demand for ice: Some local Wednesday or Thursday night games are possible**
* **Craig has begun scheduling ice for the spring**
* **Spring Break: Runs from Sunday to Sunday**
* **Each club may request blackouts for one prom date and one spring break week**
1. **League Integrity**
* **Culture Improvement Initiative: Emphasis on respectful, consistent communication among managers, coaches, rink personnel, and referees to improve HPHL's culture.**
* **Coaches set the tone. Their interactions with referees, other coaches, and players set the example of how players and parents should conduct themselves.**
* **If our league is taken seriously, we might have less of a struggle with getting ice time at some rinks.**
* **We will have more experienced referees willing to work our games.**
1. **Door Prizes**
2. **Adjournment**