

CCJHA Board of Directors July 2025 Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2025

Joe Zerbst, President
Jeff Peltier, Vice President

Dustin Armbruster, Treasurer
JoLynn Pietila, Secretary

Call to order: 6:32 pm

Present: Joe Zerbst, JoLynn Pietila, Dustin Armbruster, Ryan Bennett, Calvin Larson, Amy Blake, Ryan Galerneau, Jeff Peltier, Jeff Baril, Rudy Gemignani, Stacy Bussiere and Jennifer Capello

Absent: Colleen Mayra and Jason Swain

Guests and Public Comments

- Joel Lyberg: No comments
- Tyler Sarazin: Present to support the concept of a 12UA team; would be good for the kids with extra ice time and development, etc. He is willing to help out in coaching.
- Mark Hendrickson: No comments

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes was made by Jenn Capello, seconded by Ryan Galerneau; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Balances:

Board Balance: \$108,081.88; QB: \$107,177.88

Referee Balance: \$2603.31

Markham/Kero Savings: \$5,056.51

Bills Paid:

- None

Bills Outstanding:

- Rukkila-Negro

Donations / Payments:

- MTU Ushering check from BOD volunteering
- Crossbar registrations coming in (from DIBS, etc.)

To-Do:

- Reimburse Stacy Bussiere for November Gale expenses
- Work on coach and volunteer reimbursements

Notes:

- Dustin's current computer is not adequately working for the job of treasurer.

A motion to approve a purchase for up to \$1,000 for a laptop for Dustin (which will be passed on to the next treasurer) was made by Jeff Peltier; seconded by Jenn Capello. The motion carried.

A VOTE was conducted to approve the purchase of a laptop for the treasurer responsibilities for up to \$1,000. All voted in favor, zero nays. Laptop purchase was approved.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made Calvin Larson; Rudy Gemignani seconded; the motion carried.

Program Director Report

- A proposal to update the handbook to make the 14U age group 1 required house team instead of 2 was tabled. The rule about having at least 2 house teams was not found in the handbook or the by-laws.

- Scheduling of games should already be happening for travel teams. Amy requests that as soon as coaches have requests for dates to let her know ASAP. High school hockey schedules should be out soon. The hope this season will be to do block scheduling to create consistency for as many teams/age groups as possible.
- The Hancock rink manager was unhappy with how many unfulfilled hours the CCJHA had last year that were blocked off for us. Practicing on Saturdays and Sundays consistently this season may need to happen to fill those blocks.
- The association desires to schedule both a checking clinic for CCJHA participants (14U and possibly 12U as well) and a refereeing clinic.

Coaching Director Report

- A suggestion from travel coaches of having ice blocks of 90 minutes was made. This would be more ideal especially if there will be 2 travel teams at all age levels this season. One team could have the first 30 minutes for full ice and the second team could have the last 30 minutes for full ice (or however the coaches decide to do it).
- Coaching coordinators are still needed for 6U, 10U, 12U and 14U

Equipment Manager Report

- Equipment has been going in and out for Ed K/kids trying out the goalie position, etc.
- Rudy and Marcie donated a goalie helmet that can be customized and raffled off at the November Gale Tournament
- Mark Boxer has offered to donate some USA Hockey gear (possibly jerseys?) for our fundraiser too

Officials Report

- Jason will connect with Amy and Colleen in regards to a reffing ice clinic and the Slim McLean budget

Registrar/Safe Sport Report

- Ryan will be done after the 2025/2026 season; a replacement for him will be needed
- Board members need to stay updated with SafeSport, Background checks, etc.

- An email will be sent to gauge interest for a possibly Midget team

Booster Club Report

- An awards night plan will be tentatively made for the fall at the High School. This will also be used as a kickoff for the new season and a chance for information to be relayed to parents for the year.

Finance Committee Report

- One more person needs to review the plan for the Michigan Tech Athletics/Junior Huskies on their end before it is sent over to us to look at
- Ian will present a proposal for the August BOD meeting for the Copper Shores Community Health Foundation grant for equipment updates
- The finance committee is suggesting the following for the 2025/2026 season:
 - A \$50 increase for registration fees across the board (to help compensate for no concession stand/DIBS)
 - Flat sponsorship fees due to the changes happening with Michigan Tech/Little Huskies
 - Sponsorship:
 - \$3,000/travel teams
 - \$1,800/house teams
 - \$250/year per 8U team (no more printing of jerseys by sponsor)
 - \$500/year for 6U (no more printing of jerseys by sponsor)

A motion to approve the recommendations of the finance committee to a) increase registration costs by \$50 and b) re-structure sponsorship fees as presented was made by Jenn Capello; seconded by Amy Blake. The motion carried.

An open verbal VOTE was conducted to approve these changes. All present voted in favor of accepting the changes. Zero nays. The changes were approved.

Tournament Director Report

- The November Gale Tournament is the same weekend as the Silver Sticks tournament in Marquette. This could present some issues with finding enough teams to participate.

Registration will stay open as a 12UAA tournament until August. We will re-evaluate if changes need to be made at the August board meeting.

Travel Committee Report

- The teams for AA are all picked
- One more tryout is requested at the 12U age (2014s); \$20 for any new skater that didn't already register to try out for the 12UAA team
- The following additional teams are options: 10UA, 12UA and 14UAA (minor)
- The CCJHA will advertise for one more week for coaches for these potential teams via the email list and Facebook

A motion to create teams for 10UA, 12UA and 14UAA (minor) was made by Amy Blake; seconded by Rudy Gemignani. The motion carried.

A VOTE was conducted to approve the creation of teams for 10UA, 12UA and 14UAA (minor). All present voted in favor of the addition of these teams for the 2025/2026 season. Zero nays.

Webmaster Report

- Nothing to report.

Sportsmanship & Behavior

- Nothing to report.

Coaching Committee

- Nothing to report

Fundraising Committee

- Jenn Capello volunteered to take over the chair position for this committee. She has started looking into raffle ticket design for the raffle ticket fundraiser.

Old Business

- MAHA Revisions to CCJHA Bylaws Revised Draft

- The latest version was sent to MAHA with the affiliation agreement for 24/25; Al Wakeham said they would be reviewed this winter by the MAHA bylaws committee.
- Organizational Calendar to ensure the flow of approvals and organization processes; need to include when travel coaches are chosen, when tryouts will happen, etc.
- Team CC - 16U and 18U proposed to play in the fall/spring as a split season (starts 7/15/25) per MAHA/USA Hockey
 - Open tryouts to happen in summer

A motion to approve to accept all reports as presented was made by Dustin Armbruster; seconded by Ryan Galerneau. The motion carried.

New Business

- A proposal for goalie coaching was initiated but due to time, will be tabled for future discussion.
- A possible addition of help with goalies on the coaching committee was discussed. An addition of a Goalie Director position would have to be changed in the by laws, so for now it makes sense to address this need within the coaching committee.

There is a vacant board seat open. A motion to nominate Mark Hendrickson for this position was made by Rudy Gemignanti; seconded by Jenn Capello. The motion passed.

A VOTE was cast to approve Mark Hendrickson for the open Board seat position ending in 2027. All present voted in favor of accepting Mark Hendrickson to the CCJHA board. Zero nays.

- The next CCJHA BOD monthly meeting is scheduled for **August 13th, 2025** at 6:30 pm in the Dave Wiitanen room at the HoCo.

Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Calvin Larson, seconded by Jeff Peltier. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Minutes submitted by J. Pietila, Secretary