

# **CCJHA Board of Directors May 2025 Meeting Minutes**

## **May 14, 2025**

Joe Zerbst, President  
Jeff Peltier, Vice President

Keith Frick, Treasurer  
JoLynn Pietila, Secretary

### **Call to order:** 6:31 pm

Present: Joe Zerbst, Keith Frick, JoLynn Pietila (via phone), Ryan Bennett, Ryan Bonini, Colleen Mayra, Calvin Larson, Amy Blake, Ryan Galerneau, Jeff Peltier, Jennifer Capello, Jeff Baril, Jason Swain and Rudy Gemignani

Absent: Stacy Bussiere

### **Guests and Public Comments**

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Dustin Armbruster

### **Approval of Minutes**

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Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes was made by Colleen Mayra, seconded by Keith Frick; motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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#### **Balances:**

- Board Balance: \$100,587.89; QB: \$98,175.89
- Referee Balance: \$2,603.31; QB: \$2,603.31
- Markham/Kero Savings: \$5,055.88; QB: \$5,055.88

**Bills Paid:**

- None

**Bills Outstanding:**

- R&N: \$130.00, Account Reconciliation

**Donations / Payments:**

- None

**To-Do:**

- Work with Rukkila & Negro on year-end taxes
- Evaluate registration costs for 2025-2026 season (Keith has reached out to the DEE and HoCo on ice costs for 2025-26)
- Input Referee payments into QuickBooks

**Notes:**

- Keith has renewed the Charitable Solicitation Registration (#54591)

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made Colleen Mayra; Ryan Bonini seconded; the motion carried.

**Program Director Report**

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- Travel coaches are asked to connect with Amy to clear home weekend dates before committing
- Conversation was started regarding a Try Hockey For Free event and when it would be held (Last year's "official" national dates were November 2, 2024 and February 22, 2025)

**Coaching Director Report**

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- Nothing to report

## **Equipment Manager Report**

- Rudy is working to get the equipment room organized to be able to hang jerseys and waiting on some new equipment to come in
- He is also working on making a wishlist for Copper Shores grant

## **Officials Report**

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- Requirements for referees are back for the 2025-26 season (online modules and videos)
- Registration opened on May 1st; Jason will send out an email to let former referees know

## **Registrar/Safe Sport Report**

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- Ryan Bennett will send out emails to the Board members to remind everyone to renew USA Hockey registration and background checks

## **Booster Club Report**

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- Awards night needs a new date and possible location due to conflicts with the school
- Concessions are cleaned out at both rinks

## **Finance Committee Report**

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- Jeff Peltier has been meeting with the Michigan Tech Athletics (Junior Huskies) to finalize agreements for the upcoming season

- Ian is asking for a wishlist to apply for the Copper Shores Community Health Foundation grant (open amount) for equipment updates, focusing on training
- Colleen has worked to acquire a grant from the David Wiitanen & Slim McLean Memorial Youth Hockey Fund for referees for \$3,000. This will be used for on-ice training and equipment for refs.
- The topic of DIBS and registration costs was discussed:
  - The possible elimination of DIBS/CCJHA running the concession stands will result in increased prices for all players as the Booster Club used the money earned from the concession stand to help cover the costs of such things as equipment, coach reimbursements, state tournament reimbursements, medals and more.
  - The board will reach out to begin communication with both cities about the idea of a 3rd party private company getting involved for concessions.
  - The Booster Club can hold off until September on applying for their concession stand license.

## **Tournament Director Report**

- The November Gale Tournament will be held October 31st to November 2nd (2025) for 12UAA teams
  - Games will be held at the SDC
  - Stacy is working on putting together a flyer
- We were unsuccessful in our request to host a State Tournament

## **Travel Committee Report**

- The committee recommendations for 2025-2026 Travel coaches are:
  - 10UA: (Nobody applied)
  - 10UAA: Jeff Baril
  - 12UAA: John Pietila
  - 14UA: This position will be re-posted pending registration numbers
  - 14UAA: Dan Juopperi

A Motion to approve the recommendations for the AA teams only was made by Jenn Capello; seconded by Colleen Mayra. The motion carried.

A vote to approve all AA coaches as listed above (A teams are dependent upon registration numbers—2 house teams are needed at all levels per the CCJHA Handbook) was made and all voted in favor. Zero nays. Motion passed.

- Tryouts will ideally be held earlier than in previous years to help with scheduling for A teams (shooting for June depending on being able to coordinate ice time at the SDC)
- Tryouts will be held together for A and AA teams
- Pending numbers and demand, the positions for the 10UA, 12UA and 14UA coaches will be posted after tryouts
- Jeff Peltier will coordinate with the SDC and coaches to find dates and times

## **Webmaster Report**

- Amy will post announcement for the Travel Tryouts when that information is available

## **Sportsmanship & Behavior**

- Nothing to report.

## **Coaching Committee (Jeff Baril—Chair)**

- Nothing to report

## **Fundraising Committee**

- Plan for raffle for next year to help offset price increases from potential loss of DIBS/concession stand

## **Old Business**

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- 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 spring or early summer

## **New Business**

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- A new Treasurer (term ending in 2027) is needed for the CCJHA;
  - Jeff Peltier nominated Dustin Armbruster for the position; Jenn Capello seconded.
  - A vote to approve Dustin Armbruster as the new treasurer was made and all voted in favor; zero nays. Vote passed to approve Dustin to replace Keith Frick.
  - The Board would like to thank Keith for all of his work and service to the CCJHA.
  - A new District 8 MAHA rep is needed for the CCJHA; Ryan Galerneau has volunteered for this task.
- The next CCJHA BOD monthly meeting is scheduled for **June 11th, 2025** at 6:30 pm in the Dave Wiitanen room at the HoCo.

## **Adjournment**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Bonini, seconded by Jason Swain. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by J. Pietila, Secretary