



# March 2025 Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 24th, 2024

7:00 PM

ZOOM Conference

OPERATIONS / Tom Crosson (Covered for Katy Kaufmann)

1. Call to Order – 7:00pm
2. Roll Call – All in attendance
3. February 2025 meeting minutes were approved

COMMISSIONER UPDATE / Tom Crosson

- Rule Change submissions due
  - Had 6-7 submitted. Will send out for review so we can vote on them
- April Elections – Commissioner and Competition
  - No new nominations received, Tom and Dave will return
  - Congratulations!
- Upcoming Key Dates
  - 10U Leveling event – June 7-8, 2025
    - Potomac and StJames offered ice for event
    - Will try to keep teams at the same rinks
    - Same format and rules as last year
    - Most teams will do just one day
    - Will look to see if PVAHA will help with a grant to help offset cost like they did last year
  - Playoff scheduling – 2025-2026 Potential/Tentative Schedule
    - Jan 31- Feb 1 2026 -All girls divisions
    - Feb 6-7, 2026 - All 10U (24 games at max)
    - Feb 21-22, 2026 – 12U-18U AA, 16U UA & LA, 18U UA & LA
    - Feb 28 – March 1 2026 – UA, LA & Wales
    - No conflicts with AHF
    - Frees up iced for the other ages and easier to schedule refs
    - Suggestion to have fewer 10U playoff teams to save ice slots
      - Will go with this suggestion unless we get pushback from team schedulers
    - Lots of other things to look at with dates in March
      - CCHL and State playoffs – will be competition to get refs
    - So thought of all 10U divisions first, then do all the remaining AA and Midgets, then last weekend do other teams



## **REPORTS**

### **TREASURER / Stacy Hart**

- Three invoices still need to be paid for playoffs
- Outstanding club invoices still due
  - Missed meeting fines for Piedmont and Jr Black Bears
  - Missed payments for 10U Leveling for Potomac and SoMD
- Please get correct club contacts for invoices to Stacy so sent invoices are going to right person of contact to pay

### **PVAHA / Linda Jondo**

- No report - Absent

### **SHOA / Bud Sterling, Steve Brown and Chris Dietz**

- Plan to have increase in interaction with parents in stands this year
- There will be some changes in USAH certifications and rule changes
  - Delayed off sides & icing coming back to 16U and 18U
  - Puck goes to center ice faceoff on a ref mistake
  - Steve offered to have a Zoom meeting with teams to go over the rules
    - Stated this was offered 2 yrs ago, but never did it

### **SCHEDULING / Mike Lyons**

- No report – Nothing new to report at this time

### **GIRLS HOCKEY / Pat Wildman**

- 8U/10U Jamborees were a success this season
  - Approx 350 girls within 8U/10U participated
- StJames 14U, StJames and MYHA 16U, and Tri-City 19U all made Nationals
  - Congratulations to them all!
- Looking into an all season/all year program for the girls
- Player development camp tryouts for younger ages starts this upcoming weekend at Reston
- Look for proposed rule changes for the girls side

### **DISCIPLINE / Bill Schmidt**

- In the process of working out some glitches with USA Hockey system
  - When a ref does a report with multiple clubs, it is changing who player belongs to



#### COMPETITION: David Fishman

- No report – Nothing new at this time

#### 8U / Tom LaTona

- End of season Jamboree
  - Will have to be planned and have a date set in August
  - Challenging to do without a date set early

#### TEAM MANAGER LEAD / Katy Kaufmann

- Absent – No Report

#### WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA / Tom Crosson

- Nothing new to report

#### WASHINGTON CAPITALS / No Representative Present

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- No old business to review

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Was opened to floor for concerns/questions about meeting discussions or things from meeting – None heard.
- Rule change suggestion from Tri-City to change handshaking to before game instead of after
  - Some think post game handshake is part of learning good sportsmanship, responsibility, etc. Others think, especially for older ages, it will prevent post game incidents if game doesn't go well.
  - Clubs divided – will vote next month.
- Also suggestion from Tri-City – adding ice cut between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods for 16U and 18U AA
  - Could add 10min to ice slot time
  - Suggestion of you can't add additional cuts and shorten period, but cut can be forfeited if it doesn't fit into time slot
  - Pros and cons discussed
  - Would need to know how much more SHOA would charge
  - Tri-City is going to pilot this for this upcoming season
- Roanoke is back again to ask to join CBHL
  - Did a voice vote calling for anyone to vote in favor of them joining
  - Was a unanimous vote of NO in favor of their application



- Proposed SHOA contract went out to everyone, as working committee fell apart
  - Chris Dietz and many hockey directors picked apart rate
  - Chris will go back to SHOA and let them know the proposal was not well received
- Next meeting: April 14th at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned