



August 2025 Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 11th, 2025

7:00 PM

ZOOM Conference

OPERATIONS /Katy Kaufmann

1. Call to Order – 7:03pm
2. Roll Call – Absent: Hampton Roads
3. May 2025 Meeting minutes were approved
 - a. NO June or July Meetings

COMMISSIONER UPDATE / Tom Crosson

- Rules Changes – USA Hockey approved Ruled changes for 2025-2029
 - Allowing delayed/tag-ups off sides
 - and allowing icing while on pk/short handed
 - Applies to youth 16U, 18U and Gilrs 16U and above
- Penalty Length Changes have been adjusted to align with period lengths
 - Period length of 12-16:59min with have 90sec penalty
 - With - 4min major, 8min mis conduct
 - except for 16AA and 18AA and NTB Girls
 - Period lengths of 17-20min - the standard 2min minor penalties apply
 - PVAHA will follow USA hockey rules for penalty lengths
- AHF (Black Bears) has changed their scoring/game management system
 - This will NOT affect CBHL, us as CBHL will stay with GameSheet
- Reminder on Playoff Dates - 2026
 - Jan 31 – Feb 1st – All girls divisions at PWIC
 - Feb 7 – Feb 8th – All 12U at Frederick
 - Feb 7 – 8th – 14UAA, 16UAA, and 18UAA at Ashburn
 - Feb 21 – 22nd – 10UAA, 16U UA and LA, 18U UA and LA, place TBD
 - Feb 28 – Mach 1st – 10U and 14U UA, LA, and Wales at Rockville
- Follow up on 14AA/Girls Period Lengths – NO changes
- Encourages everyone to please read the CBHL Rule Book as well as the USA Hockey Rule Book
 - Have and use it as a resource
 - Please know the rules of the league

REPORTS

TREASURER / Stacy Hart

- 10U Leveling Event Invoices going out soon
 - Waiting on if grant is received to off set some cost before they are sent
- Team Fee invoices also to come \$450 per team
- Reminder – Missed meeting fee \$150

PVAHA / Change in Leadership – Bud Buonato New President

- No report

SHOA / Bud Sterling/Chris Dietz

- New Rules went into affect August 1, 2025
 - Review changes Tom mentioned above
 - Also other specific changes such as
 - Kneeing penalties now a minor and misconduct
 - Post game abusive language resulting in a game misconduct
 - New procedures in place for mouthpiece checks
 - Rule change round table offered to review rule changes 16th and 23rd at Potomac
- Welcomed Adam McKenzie as the new SHOA President
 - Emphasized focus on helping develop younger and newer officials
 - Still offering to discuss rule changes with clubs if interested
 - Thanked clubs for providing ice time for official training.
- Currently have refs involved in tournaments and spring games going on

SCHEDULING / Mike Lyons

- Currently working on scheduling
- Hopes to have bulk of it done by the weekend

GIRLS HOCKEY / Pat Wildman

- National Bound Declarations for girls' teams are due September 1st
 - Playoffs scheduled for February 6-8th 2026 in Laurel
- Girls THFF – September 13th – Currently 17 CBHL clubs participating
- Will be reaching out soon about 8U and 10U Jamborees and clubs interest in hosting – more info to come

DISCIPLINE / Bill Schmidt

- Minimal game reports currently
 - However, EJ and AHF are starting their placement tournaments soon

COMPETITION: David Fishman

- Declarations are in
- Please submit T1's as soon as you have them – have not received any at this time
- They are to be submitted for review and eligibility confirmation prior to playing in first game of the season

8U / Tom LaTona (Absent – Reported by Tom Crosson)

- Tom notes working on Mite level pre season jamboree
- Tom requesting that any club with ice availability for hosting jamborees to reach out to himself or Tom

TEAM MANAGER LEAD / Katy Kaufmann

- Still looking for updated club contact forms for 5 clubs
 - Please get updated club information to me asap if you have not done so
 - As these are very important to make sure we know we have most up to date information to relay information
- Team manager contact spreadsheet was sent to all club representatives for circulation to team managers – please pass this along
- GameSheet access codes were also sent to all club hockey directors for distribution to teams

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA / Tom Crosson

- Website has officially been migrated to Crossbar
 - Most of content has been transferred, but still a work in process in getting things set up
 - Please be patient with us as we cont to get things transferred over

WASHINGTON CAPITALS / No Representative Present

OLD BUSINESS

- Rule 12.0 – Playoffs Period Lengths – Girls
 - No change
- Rule 8.0 – Game Information regarding Game periods Girls
 - No change

NEW BUSINESS

- Was opened to floor for concerns/questions about meeting discussions or things from meeting – None heard.
- Discussion on team classifications, particularly at the AA level with growth at the 16AA level
 - 16U AA has reached 21 teams (which is approx. 50% of the 16U pool)
 - Teams declaring themselves as AA without appropriate skill level
 - Propose two possible solutions:
 - Movement rule – to limit player transfers between clubs
 - Play In Tournament system – basically a tryout, something that would restrict the top division to a fixed number of teams
 - Club conversation was with concern for clubs leaving cbhl to go independent while others stating that parents and clubs are chasing higher classifications.
 - Also the naming of division could create a stigma
 - Discussions to continue
- Reminder for all player of age 18 to complete background checks and get safe sport completed
 - USA hockey is updating system to show all certifications on a single dashboard page
- Next meeting: September 15th at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned 8:26pm