



March 2025 Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 24th, 2025

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 came to fruition

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 2nd and 3rd 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