Frederick Freeze Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 2, 2025

Directors Present: Greg Dale, Justin Holler, Ashley Waters, Brad Goehe, Kristin O'Neil, Mark Macera, Toby Heusser

Other Staff Present: Pat St Clair, Alison Robertson, Adam Levine

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting called to order at 7:30PM
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes (May 2025 Minutes)
 - A. Meetings were approved; Motioned by Kristin, Seconded by Mark. Vote passes 6-0-1.

III. Check-In: Action Item Review from Last Month

- A. To Be Completed
 - ACTION: Need a Crisis Committee Chair; any volunteers? >> Move to July agenda.
 - ACTION: Adam to take lead on In the Streets Planning; Comms
 Team to help with signage and graphics (Saturday, September 13, 2025)
 - a) **ACTION**: Ashley/Tim to call and pay for the registration fee
 - b) **ACTION**: Josiah to help with the poster for Freeze out; Kristin to provide additional detail
 - 3. **ACTION**: Greg to send No Photo list to Comms team
 - ACTION: Pat to invite Ashley/Josiah to Coaches Pre-Season meeting >> JULY
 - 5. **ACTION**: Pat to review which coaches do not have the Bronze Goalie Certification >> JULY
 - a) Subaction: Pat to email new coaches about this requirement
 - 6. **ACTION**: Greg/Tommy/Pat to plan shed movement around OFBG practice for assistance
 - 7. **ACTION:** Greg to create an IC for Ian Soifer coaching 16UAA teams

B. Completed

1. **ACTION**: Ashley to arrange Finance Committee meeting.

- 2. **ACTION**: Greg to get the remaining helmet decals from Kris
- 3. **ACTION**: Greg to send Coaches and TM names to Allison
- 4. **ACTION**: Hockey Ops to have the post mortem shared with the board once complete

IV. Hockey Operations Updates

- A. Hockey Director
 - 1. Information Sharing
 - a) AHF Updates:
 - (1) Scheduling Matrix coming out June 2 due back to league with Home Game schedule by June 23 (\$500 fine/week thereafter) (coordinated with Mark)
 - (2) Potential division crossover to minimize travel while providing quality matchups (ex: 14U Lemieux playing a 14U McDavid team)
 - (3) AHF Player/Coach registrations due by July 28th (coordinated with Allison)
 - (4) Showcase attendance schedule (coordinated with coaches with Mark included so I could update declaration form)
 - b) CBHL Updates:
 - (1) Earlier declaration timeline moving from July 15 to June 30 to allow for an earlier scheduling process. Schedule due to league by August 10 (coordinated with Mark)
 - (2) Bumping 14U AA games from 15 to 16-minute periods to mirror playoffs and Nationals (coordinated with Allison to ensure TMs are aware of period lengths by age group/dec level)
 - c) Greg, Justin, Pat, and Adam conducted the tryout postmortem meeting on Th 5/22 - identified future scheduling, evaluator and on-ice support, and membership communication efficiencies
 - d) Spring Polar Bears coming to a close this weekend
 - e) Laura Stamm and additional offseason activities were announced to the membership and registrations are continuing to build. Will send timely follow ups as we near each event

- f) Greg, Pat, and Adam scheduled to meet with Mike Petro off-ice training coordinator, and HUDL to identify player development opportunities with associated costs
- g) Reached out to Hagerstown for additional ice slots to support full-ice practices for our teams on a rotating basis
- h) Jason Wolfe secured for Player Development Pathway talk on Freeze Out date
 - (1) Conversation continued about when to have this conversation and a home opener weekend
 - (2) **ACTION**: Pat to figure out date (Friday preferred); Ashley to help with location/venue.
- i) **TO DO:** Pat and Adam to convene on 1) age-specific offseason video education disbursed to teams through coaches, 2) developing an offseason training schedule for players, 3) establish a coaching excellence group to gain insight on building the "perfect coach" with input and shared ideas from a roundtable of past and current coaches, 4) building out the Freeze coaching handbook, 5) setting up guest speaker opportunities to further develop our coaching roster, 6) schedule pre-season coaches meeting
- 2. Needs to be Discussed
 - a) TCS Cost Coverage (\$1,200 12 x \$100/per)
 - (1) **VOTE**: Motion to approve for all head coaches by Mark, seconded Brad. Motion carries 7-0-0.
- B. Associate Hockey Director

V. Position Updates

- A. President
 - 1. 19U Girls Hockey Fees
 - Team would like to practive twice a week; \$2900 to match the 18U pricing/no AHF
 - b) **VOTE**: Motion to charge \$2900 for 19U girls by Justin, Seconded by Kristin. Motion carries 7-0-0-.
 - 2. Player gifts before season
 - a) Pre-Season tshirt again this year; link to be set up in Square
 - b) **ACTION**: Mark to lead this effort again this year; send tshirt details to Ashley for Square set up.
 - 3. Post Mortem

- a) Hockey Operations debriefed on tryouts and shared some feedback on logistics, communications, and pre-planning.
 Notes to be captured for reference next year.
- B. Vice President
- C. Budget/Finance
 - 1. 2025 Q1 Financial Review
 - a) **VOTE**: Motioned by Kristin, Seconded by Justin. Motion carries 7-0-0.
- D. Secretary
 - 1. Election Process Update
 - a) **ACTION**: Ashley to add updated bylaws to website
 - 2. Officers and Committees
 - a) **ACTION**: Ashley to send out form for officer interest and committee interest so we can finalize in July meeting.
- E. Scheduling
 - Ice slots for Fall are done and Pat/Greg are working with Mark to set up practice slots
 - a) **ACTION**: Pat/Adam to work with Mark to work with coaches to get black out dates back to scheduler and coach certs.
- F. Executive Manager
 - 1. Information Sharing
 - a) Communication sent to TMs (USAH #, AHF Registration, Decal request form)
 - b) Documents updated: Tournament spreadsheet, Freeze staff list, TM guide.
- G. Registrar
 - 1. **ACTION**: Pat/Greg/Allison/Jonathan to discuss transition of duties in prep for the year.
- H. Discipline
- I. Equipment/Spirit wear
 - Greg is working on a new spirit store online for new Freeze gear.
 More to come!
 - 2. **ACTION**: Greg to talk to Eddie about hosting gear in the pro shop.
- J. Marketing/Communications Team
 - 1. **ACTION**: Comms to have a written process on tournament, showcase, and other highlights submissions
- K. Fundraising
 - 1. Keys Game 7/11: <u>Ticket Link</u>; poster going up in rink
- L. Community Service/Charity

- 1. Food Drive at FreezeOut and Coat Drive in Nov/December planned. More to come on these efforts.
- M. Crisis Committee
- N. Hockey Oversight Committee

III. IDS (Issue, Discuss, Solve) Session

- A. Pictures
 - a. **ACTION**: Looking for a lead to arrange pictures by end of October. Further conversations in July meeting.

IV. Action Item Review

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- C. **ACTION**: Greg to talk to Eddie about hosting gear in the Skate Frederick pro shop.
- D. **ACTION**: Pat/Greg/Allison/Jonathan to discuss transition of duties in prep for the year.
- E. **ACTION**: Pat/Adam to work with Mark B. to work with coaches to get black out dates back to the scheduler and coach certs.
- F. **ACTION**: Ashley to send out a form for officer interest and committee interest so we can finalize in July meeting.
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- H. **ACTION**: Mark M. to lead the pre-season tshirt effort again this year; send tshirt details to Ashley for Square set up.
- I. **ACTION**: Pat to figure out date (Friday preferred) for Player Development event; Ashley to help with location/venue.
- J. **ACTION**: Ashley/Tim to call and pay for the In the Streets registration fee
- K. **ACTION**: Josiah to help with the poster for Freeze out; Kristin to provide additional detail

V. Closed Session

A. Closed session was held from 8:42 PM to 8:50PM.

VII. Adjourn

A. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52PM.