

West Elk Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting July 16, 2025 by Zoom conference

Call to Order at 0703

Confirmation of Quorum-yes with 5 of 7 directors attending including: Bill Frame (Ex. Dir), J Wenum, Gary Huresky, Jen Willett, Chris Mochulsky, Tucker Brown, Andy Eflin (Gunn Rink Mgr)

Members/Guests: none attended

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: J requested clarification on several items including “election” of new board members and election of officers during June meeting. Three new board members were appointed/approved by board including Chris Mochulsky, Jennifer Willett and Tucker Brown. No elections were held as 3 directors gave up seats and 3 volunteers were interested in holding board seats. Officers were elected by Board of Directors with Scott R. as President, Gary H. as Vice Pres, Rob B. as Treasurer and J W. as secretary. Jen requested correction to spelling of her last name (Willett).

With those corrections motion to approve June 2025 minutes by Gary, second by Jen, approved by voice 5 yes, no opposition or abstention.

Rink Updates: Andy Eflin (Gunn. Rink Mgr)-flooring at indoor rink at Jorgenson in locker rooms A through E has been replaced, close to selecting contractor to repair roof leak over skating surface, similar for repairing outdoor rink roof gutter system repairs, replacing lexon covering ads on dasher boards, youth summer camps (based out of Jorgenson facility) ends 7-25, using Guys and Gal signs for updating dasher ads, Bill added that HS team will start doing dryland training at Gunnison rink.

Executive Director Report (see separate notes from Bill): hockey registration went live on 7-11-25 and so far have 15 youth and 7 adults registered. Brief discussion on some people questioning why so early? Youth doing summer hockey camps and summer skates will need USA Hockey registration, why not provide opportunity to register for fall leagues, July typically a slow/low revenue month. Fees for adult go up by \$60 after Sept. 1. Need to get word out.

Bill working on WEHA staffing needs. Talking with Justin B and Joey O about adult league coordinator role, skills coaches. Joey dealing with personal issues this week hope to talk next week. Position would be seasonal, part time from 9-15 through 3-15-26. Scrimmages in Grand Junction this week. Parade went well-30 people represented WEHA with 2 board members, Bill, several parents and 23 youth helping hand out 300 soft pucks with logo and candy. Mountain Select tryouts 8-15 to 17. Gunnison Parks and Rec Master plan survey is out and available.

Encourage all interested in hockey to complete the survey. Bill feels we need a county wide plan with WEHA being the lead on ice rink related priorities. Topics including improvements to Gunnison rink (coaches room, HS locker room addition, refrigeration for outdoor rink to increase usable ice available earlier in fall, shooting practice area on synthetic tiles). Brief discussion on CB vs. Gunnison improvements. Limitations to parking and lodging availability in CB. Chris suggested a survey of members. Jen makes sense to do improvements to Gunnison, parking, hotel/motel availability, more games, HS requires indoor ice, longer season).

Shooting tiles (8) available and CB South rink. Need help to set up. Concern with laying them on grass vs. smooth flat surface. Tiles are at CB South rink and available.

Treasurer's Report: Rob and Scott not present and unavailable. Generally WEHA is in good shape financially per Bill. Transfer of funds to reserve. Explanation for new board members of CFGV holds funds of (Current) \$28750. Fund required to hit minimum of \$100,000 before distributions can occur. Desire to continue to build the fund and exceed the \$100K minimum. Process to move the funds. Desire to build fund quicker. With \$2500 this year still only brings total to \$31250.

Need for meeting with Hockey Moms. Rob and Scott been talking with Amanda Glover on fund raising efforts and transfer of funds. Hockey Moms is an arm of WEHA's 501-c-3 non-profit. Hockey Moms is not its own stand alone non-profit. Funds generated should be directed to WEHA. Need discussion on funds raised, amounts, how to direct it to WEHA (general fund or specific commitments for projects, tasks, equipment, etc. Concern with using HS and WEHA players in fund raising efforts but funds not being released to WEHA. Jen offered to help with effort and talks.

Old Business: CFGV community Grant award \$7000 (up from \$3500), still waiting on Mt CB award. Bill is representing WEHA on the Gunnison Parks and Rec master plan advisory committee. Meeting Wednesdays at 10 AM. Survey open until 8-6-25. Cattlemen's Days parade, already covered. WEHA youth hockey director and/or Adult League coordinator (already covered).

New Business: Gunnison Park and Rec survey and master plan (already covered). Town of CB PROST Plan-Bill participated in Master Plan meeting on 6-24-25. Met Rec Grant Award of \$30,000 received for year 2 of 3. WEHA 25/26 budget and transfer of \$2500 to repay reserve (already discussed). Hockey Moms-already discussed.

Corrie White-offer for Mental Performance Consultant Proposal. She is offering to provide weekly sessions for WEHA, HS players on Mental Performance coaching. Jen suggested start with HS players and see how it goes. If well received expand to Bantam and possibly

goaltenders. General agreement that there is not a need for youth levels below Bantam at this time.

Chris M. has idea to help with costs associated with coaching (travel, per diem, etc). Chris looked at his expenses when he coached in 2023-24 season. He spend \$156 for USA Hockey coaching certification and background check. Travel was the big issue. He proposes WEHA cover travel costs up front. Currently coaching is a money losing endeavor. He suggests head coaches get \$2000 with \$1000 prior to start of season and \$1000 at mid point of season. This can be used to help with travel costs. He also suggested a WEHA travel credit card to use for hotel reservations. Get a card that provides points that can then be used to help offset/reduce costs on future reservatins/rooms. Also have a mileage advance of \$50 and use a \$70 per diem rate. Many of the locations teams travel to are higher cost areas. Grand Junction is lower but all others are above the standard per diem rate. And include free adult league registration for coaches and assistance coaches. Chris is pulling a proposal together. When he played youth hockey parent coaches got ½ off adult league registration and head coaches got free adult league registration.

J offered that he has been working on similar incentive package for USA Hockey officials/refs. It includes reimbursement of USAH fees for refs after working a minimum number of games. J will forward his draft to Chris.

Next meeting-August 20, 2025 by Zoom at 7:00 AM.0758.

Jen asked if Joey O is the U14 coach. Bill said not yet as he is trying to figure out roles and people for youth hockey and adult league. Joe Coburn is head coach for Bantam and likely that Joey will be assistant coach.

Meeting adjourned at 0758.