

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**May 27th 2025**

*Annual Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM. Attending board members include Mary Boyd, Matt Verheul, Jus Smith, and Adam Smith.*

* Welcome - *By Jus Smith; recap that we had 60+ new kids last year and we look forward to continued growth.*
* Board intros - all.
* Survey results - Adam - reminder that all Board meetings can be attended, ALL are welcome.

*Recap - teams did well in tournaments. Mile High Mites was successful and had multiple new kids.*

***SURVEY****: 22 responses. Overall very positive. Averaged 4.1, player satisfaction 4.3, communication 4.2. Based on scale of 1-5. 31% not sure if they will return, main concern ice times and player numbers. Board reminded people that all meetings are public and encouraged to attend. Meetings are on the 2nd Wed of the month.*

* **Upcoming schedule**

*Jus reviewed the schedule for practice time. Exciting news that we are going from going from about 4.5 hours total ice time to 8.5-9 hours total. This will provide much more ice for kids to have full ice and help them develop properly at their level. They do not have the ream requirement due to CAHA bylaw changes.*

* + Strawberry Days
  + August BBQ - TBD
* 18U CPHL
  + Mention ongoing effort - assume summer/fall
  + Details to come
  + Check SY
* Ref boost plans - community skate & local clinic
* **Full season plans**
  + Practice ice schedule (tentative, but confident)
  + Aspen ice inclusion (10U & 12U) Sept - Oct
  + Tryouts - date? TBD once Aspen has firmed up in-season practice ice after June 1, aiming for late Sept / early Oct.

*CAHA will allow 6 8U players move up to 10U positions; 3 boys and 3 girls. This will also help place the kids’ team with the best and equal competition.*

*Jus mentioned that we also need officials; both adults and kids. USA hockey website has info if interested. It pays well! 😊*

* + WCHL inclusion
  + Address number of girls registered last season - we will continue to monitor the number for future seasons for an all girls team
* **Volunteer opportunities**

*Mary discussed volunteer opportunities. 😊 Special thank you to Mandy Murray for the excellent job with sponsorships last year. She could really use some help to continue the success of Grizzly hockey. There are multiple positions; see slide*

*We discussed that we had a Director hired that we were very excited about. Unfortunately, she backed out 3 days ago. We are back to the drawing board, but hopeful that the Grizzly family will help us reach out to people to find a new director.*

* **Coaching requirements**

*There are coaching links on the website if you are interested in coaching. There is safesport training, background check, etc. You will need the requirements by Dec 31 at the latest. CEP levels goes from 1-5.*

Locker room monitor & team manager requirements

*See slide – all will need Safesport and background checks. They will need to be on the roster as well.*

* Registration Launch! July 1 – TRYOUTS in Sept!
* Budget

*Mary reviewed the proposed budget.*

* Questions

*We will be using Crossbar vs sportsengine. It provides availability for group access, etc.*

*Mandy brought up dryland training down here for preseason training if there are coaches available.*

*The need for Grizzly to exist is necessary for Demon Hockey to survive. CHSSA requires a “feeder” program to keep a high school program.*

*We will create a 14U practice-only program to hopefully entice players who haven’t played before to get out on the ice to try hockey in a non-contact method to build numbers.*

*AJH hockey has multiple things going on all summer.*

*Garfield County Fair may be a good place to be to promote grizzly hockey.*

*Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Matt Verheul*