

Fresno Junior Hockey Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Present: Lindsey Vasquez, Marcel Bourdase, Joshua Knapp, Travis Atalima(call in), Katie Baroni, George Grim, Kimberly Thompson, Sarah Turner, Carrie Valente, Jeff Ferguson, *Hockey Director*,

Guests: Rebecca Kaser

Quorum: Yes

Officer and Committee Reports:

1) MOTION to approve Minutes from: April 12th, 2025, and Executive Sessions from April 2025 and May 15, 2025. Motion made by Joshua Knapp, Second by Katie Baroni. *Motion Passes*

2)Hockey Director- Jeff Ferguson

- Program updates/Recaps:
 - Monday Nights are disorganized and all the various skill levels present a challenge. Jeff has 15 coaches that can help and will create a calendar for coaches to volunteer. Jeff will plan a coaches clinic for Monday Night and In House coaches to review how to teach/coach the basics. Ideally, the club will hold this clinic quarterly. Jeff will ask Jeff Blair or Tom Hancock if they can sharpen the rental skates to help out the new skaters. Jeff asked Carrie to identify long term Learn to Play participants to move them into house league.
 - In-House:
 - 3 big game days for the 8U/10U age group. Dates are:
 - 6/12: Kona Ice for players after game
 - 6/26: BBQ Hot Dogs
 - 7/24: TBA
 - 16U Group: low numbers/participation. Jeff will buy pizza on 6/11. Jeff will work on bringing in more 12U/14U players for a full ice game.
- Coaches Meeting and Try Outs:
 - Coaches meeting will be on 6/16 to go over tryout agenda, red shirt program, expectations
 - All players will be told individually if they make the team after the last tryout ice time, coaches will not post names.
- Miscellaneous Updates:
 - Jeff will staff the girls clinic, but all female coaches will be out assisting; Kadi Fitzgerald, Tiffany Graham and COurina Hughes.
 - Exploring free ice time to offer school field trips with elementary schools
 - 8U2: Courina will need extra support or help. Jeff and George Grim will be assisting her
 - Drew Brett has started assisting with coaching but will be out 2-3 months after surgery
 - Looking into Co-oping ad space with the rink/skate school during the Winter Olympics
 - Will begin looking into Spring Tournaments in November.
- Jeff now has a phone for Hockey Director : (559) 217-0982, free to give out to any members as needed.

3)President Report- Lindsey Vasquez

- NorCal Update- April
 - August 15th Club needs to declare how many 8U teams. Norcal will handle all scheduling
 - Club must turn in 12 available ice slots for each team 8U-16U

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- 14U will have both “B” and “BB” division
- Norcal is considering a “C” level division for 10U and 12U. Division may not play a full season, but the club would still need to provide 12 available ice slots per team.
- Clubs can not advertise what level teams they will have for tryouts. Districting starts this season
- There is a mandatory Labor Day tournament Encourage clubs to buy tickets through Sharks rep, because a percentage will go back to NorCal
- Waiver Requests:
 - CAHA approved
 - 5 waiver requests at 14U level for Fresno area players to tryout/play in Bakersfield
 - 6 waiver requests at 16U level for Fresno area players to tryout/play in Bakersfield
- Pre-Season Check In Meeting: should happen around the first weeks of August. We will finalize a date at the July board meeting
 - Potentially August 16th-17th
- Fireworks Vouchers and Booth
 - About 600 vouchers out to be sold
 - July 27th is the booth set up and inspection
 - Mark said the generator and lights will need to be at the inspection on 6/27
 - A club wide notice will go out that a generator is needed.
 - June 28th start selling fireworks at noon
- Fundraisers: website page needs to get set up with list of approved fundraisers
 - Double Good popcorn, See's, Vertical Raise, Candles, etc.

4) Treasurer Report-Marcel Bourdase

- Financial Update: As of April 30th, the club has approximately \$196,000 total in accounts.
 - Approximately \$101,000.00 in Wells Fargo CD
 - Approximately \$95,000 in Club checking account.
- Club had about \$88,500.00 surplus for the 24-25 Season
- 2025-2026 Budget: Marcel Bourdase presented the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 season
 - Proposed Dues:
 - 8U: \$1100.00 includes jerseys, socks, and tracksuit
 - 10U and older Travel: \$3300 payment plan, \$3150.00 Pay in full. Includes jerseys, socks, tracksuit, and pant shells
 - Double Roster, 14U and High School: \$4000, \$3900 pay in full
 - Redshirts: \$2900, \$2800 Pay in Full.
 - If a payment plan by post dated check is requested \$100 administrative fee will be added on.
 - Coaching Fees:
 - 10U and older Travel:
 - Head Coach: \$4000.00 stipend
 - Assistant Coach 1: \$2000.00 stipend
 - 8U Travel
 - \$1100.00 Head Coach
 - Projected Surplus \$5,000.00

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- Tournament Fees: policy will be written into the handbook for approval.

MOTION to approve the 25-26 budget as presented, motion made by Joshua Knapp. Second by Sarah Turner. *Motion Passes*

5) Vice President/Safesport- Joshua Knapp

- Incident/Complaint Link: new systems to record complaints and incidents. Link was shared in Groupme and needs to be added to the website. Members can fill out a form to report incidents, or complaints. Josh will give each a case number to better address concerns, complaints, and incidents.
- Apparel Update: A club apparel store will be open by tryouts and will have a flyer. Replica jerseys will be available for parents to purchase.
 - Mocks and Samples will be available at Tryouts for sizing.
 - The Club will get a small kickback from purchases.

5) Registrar-Sarah Turner

- Coaching Staff Update: All Travel coaches are up to date but will need to complete yearly requirements in August. New coaches have until December
- Sarah will be present at tryouts but should make sure we have at least one board member present.

7) House Coordinator-Carrie Valente

- Monday Nights- Need labels for equipment bags. Marcel will set Carrie up with a ramp card.
- Jerseys for tryouts: Carrie will need help sorting jerseys for tryouts. She will have them out at the Tuesday/Thursday Clinics to create sets for each age group.

Unfinished Business:

1) Document Approval for 25-26

a) Handbook

- i) Family volunteer hours: discussion on if hours need to be increased. The 10U and up teams still had many roles that needed to be filled throughout the season, many families front loaded their hours over the summer.

MOTION to increase the 15 hours for the season per family for travel. Motion made by Marcel Bourdase. Second by Joshua Knapp. *Motion Passes*

On June 6th in Groupme: MOTION to approve the 25-26 Handbook was made by Joshua Knapp. Second was made by Kimberly Thompson. *Motion Passes*

b) Media Release: a new media release was created for the 25-26 Season.

MOTION to approve the 25-26 season Media Release. Motion made by Katie Baroni. Second by Kimberly Thompson. *Motion Passes*

- 2) Lady Monster Update- Carrie Valente. Dates are set for July 29, 31, Aug 5, and 9. There will also be a club hosted All Girl's Try Hockey for Free. Limited to 20 skaters, and free jersey if registered by June 27th. Lindsey will get a banner printed for the event.

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- 3) Photographer Update-Katie Baroni: Photographer is booked for September 9th and 11th. Pictures will be on the ice. Cost will be \$35/player.
- 4) Locker Room Schedule-Lindsey Vasquez: Tom and Jeff haven't yet provided a locker room schedule but there are still continuing problems with locker room availability and conflicts with adult teams. Lindsey will request a locker room schedule from Jeff and Tom again.

New Business:

- 1) Need Sponsorship Committee Chair - oversee sponsorships, track on spreadsheets, follow up, community outreach. Katie Baroni and Kimberly Thompson volunteered to serve as co-chairs
- 2) Travel Liaison needed for the season to connect/update team managers, maintain the hotel partnerships and other jobs as needed. Travis Atalima and George Grim volunteered to serve at 25-26 Travel Liaisons.
- 3) Social Media Coordinator Assistance needed. Lindsey would like help with social media posts especially- Players of the Game/Weekend, Game Scores, Coaches/Players of the Month. Kimberly Thompson will assist with social media.
- 4) A Fundraiser Chair is needed to oversee fundraisers available to players and Jr Monster Bites. Both Kimberly Thompson and Katie Baroni will serve as co-chairs.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting made by Joshua Knapp Seconded by Sarah Turner. *Motion Passes*

Lindsey Vasquez adjourns the meeting at 9:02 pm

GroupMe Board Chat decisions form 6/4-7/1/2025:

6/23: MOTION to increase coaching stipend for the Spring Clinic coaches, Tommy Nourie and Devin Linker from \$500 to \$750. Motion made by Marcel Bourdase, Second by Katie Baroni. *Motion passes*

Discussion: Both coaches did great work over the 6 weeks of Spring Clinics. We originally set the stipend at \$500 not knowing what type of response we would get. There was a great response with drop ins. With increasing stipends to \$750.00, the club will still profit \$4500 from Spring Clinics.