

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

Present: Lindsey Vasquez, Josh Knapp, Marcel Bourdase, Travis Atalima, Katie Baroni, George Grim, Kimberly Thompson, Sarah Turner, Carrie Valente and Jeff Ferguson, *Hockey Director*

Guests: Rebecca Kaser, Andrea Hernandez

Quorum: Yes

Call to order: Lindsey Vasquez, President at 6:37 pm

Officer and Committee Reports:

1) Approval of Minutes from July 2, 2025:

- George Grim made one amendment to the minutes. Under the budget discussion, 12U needs to add the number of players discussed which was "14"

MOTION to approve the minutes from July 2, 2025 with amendment as stated. Motion by George Grim, Seconded by Katie Baroni. *Motion passes*

2) Hockey Director- Jeff Ferguson

- House League Update: working on adjusting and finalizing the schedule with the rink but need to release registration and the general dates of the Fall Session.
- Girls Clinic Update: went well, and lots of compliments about the clinic and the all girls Try Hockey for Free (THFF). Jeff Ferguson would like to have consistent girl's THFF and Learn to play programs on Wednesdays or Saturdays.
- National Try Hockey for Free Day is on September 13th. The club will be hosting a one day Try Hockey for Free event.
- 8U2 exhibition plan: Jeff reported we have a strong group of 5-6 yr olds and hopes to host at least one game versus another club during the season.
- Elementary Schools: Plan is to offer a free field trip. Jeff will create a letter that players can hand out to the class or school. It would be ideal to offer the field trip to 2nd - 6th Grade classes. The club still needs to look into liability and coverage to host the field trips.

3) President Report- Lindsey Vasquez

- NorCal Update:
 - Labor Day Tournament: There are no updates on the schedule yet. Norcal has removed the 16U age group from the tournament because there are only 5 teams. Norcal is also working on it being a cost neutral tournament with preseason.
 - 10u Cross Ice Events: USA Hockey is hosting 10U half/cross ice tournaments in California this season. The first is August 8-10 in San Jose. Our 10U team is not attending because the tournament was not announced to the club until this week.
 - All tournaments must have a USA Hockey Sanction # for insurance purposes.
 - Rostering- A player must be rostered and complete ABI training to participate, including practices.
 - Players can't transfer clubs just to play up an age group.
 - Nor Cal Scholarship Application will be available at the end of September, with plans to announce recipients in December.
 - 8U Jamboree- there is no update on the first tournament date or when it will be released.
 - Norcal announced the team fees for the season:
 - Mites: \$900

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- 10U-16U Team Fee: \$800
- Playoffs: \$2400
- Game Ice Slot needs have been communicated to Jeff Blair and will submit to Norcal.
- Norcal has also asked that there be one point of contact for the club. So any questions from coaches for Norcal must go through Lindsey, Club President or Jeff Ferguson, Hockey director.
- Rink Update:
 - Jeff Blair shared with Lindsey that the new scoreboard and the tech for using Time to Score will be available by December 5th.
 - Monsters will be playing at Selland Arena February 5-7, 2026, Club has asked Jeff Blair if there is a possibility of hosting Nor Cal games or being involved in intermission at the Monster's games.
- Calendar Update:
 - League updates-25-26 Season
 - Pre-Season Jamboree (10U-14U) 8/29-9/1
 - "Show me games" 9/13-14 and 9/20-21
 - Bubble Weekend 9/27-28
 - Regular Season Starts 10/4*
 - Thanksgiving Blackout 11/29-30
 - Christmas Blackout 12/27-28
 - MLK Blackout 1/17-19
 - Presidents Blackout 2/14-15
 - End of Regular Season 3/7-8
 - Playoffs 3/13-15
 - States 3/27-29
 - *The regular season could start earlier for divisions that are settled earlier.
 - Facility black out with NorCal and HighSchool will be submitted for:
 - no home games 12/13-14: this is also High School's requested blackout date for a Vegas tournament
 - no games for 12/20-21
 - Club updates: Club will be adding 6 hrs of ice for practice Dec 29-Jan 2 in the mornings, assigned times TBD.
 - House League Games will both be on Sundays
 - 8U: 8:30am -9:30am
 - 10U-16U: 9:45 am-10:45 am
 - 26-27 Season
 - Tier 1 Tryouts start 4/17/26
 - Tier 2 Tryouts start 6/5/26: Tryout Ice is booked
 - Friday (1hr): 5:30 pm and 6:45 pm
 - Saturday (1.5 hr): 4:00 pm and 5:45 pm
 - Travel Tryouts start 6/19/26: Tryout Ice is booked
 - Friday: 5:00 pm, 6:15 pm
 - Saturday: 3:45 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:15 pm
 - Sunday: 8:30 am, 9:45 am, 11:00am, 12:15 pm
- Fundraisers:
 - Garden Gate Candle and Soap fundraiser is through 9/15/25

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- Next fundraisers: discussion on what is most popular. There have been a lot of requests for popcorn and to have See's Candy before the holidays.

Motion for Double Good Popcorn next fundraiser available to players after 9/15/25. Motion made by Marcel Bourdase and seconded by Sarah Turner. *Motion passes*

- Check In Meeting: Lindsey will be sharing the slide set so that it can be updated and edited. Lindsey will also be adding a slide with current club sponsors. The first half of the meeting will be board led overviewing the club and season. The second half will be team break out meetings led by the team manager or coach.
- Sponsorship Update: a few sponsorships have been coming in, those will be added to display at the check in meeting.
- Fireworks Booth Profit/Volunteer Hours
 - The club sold approximately \$75,000 worth of fireworks, with 50% going to the cost of the product. The booth's full profit was \$27606.87, the club's profit was \$13803.44.
 - There was a total of 361.5 hours worked by all volunteers
 - For a future chance to host the fireworks booth, the club will need to submit to the lottery. Lindsey will contact the property manager for the booth location to see if there is a way to increase the club's chances for securing the booth next year.

Motion to enter the lottery to host a fireworks booth for 2026. Motion made by Josh Knapp and seconded by Marcel Bourdase. *Motion passes*

- Coaches and Managers update:
 - 8U- Head Coaches: Derek Miller, Kadi Fitzgerald. Assistant coaches: David Kaser, Brenden Calzada, Tommy Thompson. Team Manager: Heather Redding
 - 10U- Head Coach: Marcel Bourdase. Assistant Coaches: David Kaser, Randy Garcia, Kadi Fitzgerald, Brenden Calzada. Team Manager: Rebecca Kaser
 - 12U- Head Coach: Jeff Ferguson. Assistant Coaches: Mike Gandy, Justin Ratliff, Rich Calzada. Team Managers: Travis Atalima, Jewel Lickey
 - 14U- Head Coach: Devin Linker. Assistant Coaches: Neil Holder, Drew Brett. Team Manager: Andrea Hernandez.
 - High School- Head Coach: Tommy Nourie Assistant Coaches: Kimo Alaman, Patrick Biane. Team Managers: Cassie Peterson, Sarah Turner

4) Vice President Report - Joshua Knapp

- Bobby Freeland Grant, [PacificDistrictHockey.com](https://www.pacificdistricthockey.com): Josh proposed that we apply for the grant to help with costs for the school field trip program. The grant program awards \$2500 for growth and development at the club level.

Motion made to submit an application for the Robert Freeland Growth and Development Grant for the school field trip program. Motion made by Josh Knapp and seconded by Travis Atalima. *Motion passes*

5) Treasurer Report-Marcel Bourdase

- Financial Update: The financials have been reconciled through 6/30/2025. Account balances as of 8/6/2025:
 - Wells Fargo Checking: \$79,907.74
 - Wells Fargo CD: \$101,495.85
 - Ramp Treasury: \$79,090.10
- Fireworks Booth Reconciliation: We received the fireworks booth rough projections from Mark. I will work to reconcile the information before practice starts Tuesday night, so we can share with our members their portion and credit their Crossbar accounts.

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- Wells Fargo CD Renewal: The current CD is set to mature on 8/16/2025. Marcel has an appointment to meet with Well's Fargo on 8/20/25 to get current CD rates and update the bank account signers. They currently have a 4 month Special Rate with an APY of 4.00% which is what we are currently getting. If we are able to get 3.75% or higher for a 4 month CD, I would like to propose rolling over up to \$103,000 into a new CD. Our Ramp Treasury account is currently paying 2.5% so if we are unable to get a minimum of 3.75% at Wells Fargo, my recommendation will be to move the funds currently in the CD to Ramp. In reviewing Crossbar, 41 members have selected Pay in Full for their 2025/2026 travel dues. If only 25 members pay in full, we will be in a good cash flow position to renew up to \$103,000 for another 3-5 months.
- Supplies Order: We have used up the remaining credit balance with Pure Hockey to purchase 12 of the Bauer Flag Poles that can be used both on and off the ice for drills. The total came out to just under \$350 for both the poles and bases. In addition, I would like to request approval to purchase 1-2 new shooter tutors for the club. The current shooter tutor is broken on the bottom. Marcel received a quote for a custom design, the total cost for one is \$975 Canadian dollars and includes shipping. If we purchase two, it would be \$1,850.00 and includes shipping. We should have plenty of goalies this year, but for station based drills these can really help the kids who have to pick their heads up and look for an opening or if a goalie is not available for practice.

Motion to purchase two new shooter tutors for \$1850.00. Motion made by Josh Knapp and seconded by Carrie Valente. *Motion Passes*

- Outstanding Payments: Marcel will also review our list of past due account balances in QuickBooks from previous seasons which have not been collected to date to see if we can collect or if they need to be written off as uncollectable.
- Team Manager Meeting: Next Thursday, August 14th, Marcel is meeting with the Team Managers to go over the new tournament worksheets and train them on RAMP and how to use the card and submit backup documentation.
- QuickBooks Online: This is still pending. Marcel needs to follow up TechSoup about our discounted subscription of \$80 per year.
- 25-26 revised Budget- It is not ready for review, and will need to be pushed to September.

5) Registrar-Sarah Turner:

- Team Manager Meeting- 8/14 @ 6:30: Team managers have been notified, and will receive a binder for the season. They will also be meeting with Marcel at 7:15pm to review the financial worksheet.
- Rostering House Players: players are required to be rostered in the USA Hockey portal. In order to be rostered players will need to submit birth certificates and complete anti-bullying training
- Travel Rosters: All 8U-14U and High School have been submitted for approval

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Unfinished Business:

1) Picture Day- Ice Use/Practice Plan- Katie Baroni

Picture day will be on September 9th and 11th. Team photos will be on the ice and individual photos will be off the ice. Katie will confirm the price with the photographer this week. In order for 8U to take team photos on the ice, they will need to ask the Ice skating club if we can use a portion of the ice before their practice on Tuesday. Carrie will ask the skating club for ice use and Jeff Blair to use the party room.

2) Hotel Update-George Grim:

- Local Holiday Inn, George is currently waiting on the contract. Rates are \$110 + tax for 2 queens or 1 king and \$119 + tax for a king suite. Lindsey will update the graphic.
- Sonesta needs the number of rooms needed and dates, that contact information will be given to team managers.
- George is still working on Hilton and Marriott and other areas where travel teams typically have games

New Business:

1) Puck Challenge-Travis Atalima. A flyer about the 5,000 puck challenge will be distributed to the managers. The plan is to start before the beginning of the season, October 4th. Once an official start date is decided and the plan for challenge is finalized, Travis will share in the FJHC board chat. Travis is looking into rewards for players who complete the challenge, and potentially turning it into a contest with social media posts.

Meeting moved into closed session

Next meeting will be Wednesday September 10th @ 6:30 PM at Gateway Ice Center

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sarah Turner and seconded by Josh Knapp. *Motion passes*
The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

GroupMe Motions from August 7th- September 9, 2025

August 15th, 2025

Devin Linker resigned as head coach of the 14U travel team due to time commitments. Jeff Ferguson and Devin recommended Neil Holder take over as Head Coach for 14U.

Motion to approve Neil Holder as head coach of 14U. Motion made by Sarah Turner and seconded by Marcel Bourdase. *Motion passes*

August 27, 2025

Marcel Bourdase reported that the club currently has over \$100,000.00 in Wells Fargo checking account and was anticipating an increase with pay in full payments due on August 31st. He asked for approval to move an additional \$50,000.00 to our RAMP Savings account that earns 2.5% interest. The club's RAMP account has approximately \$80,000.00 but recommends adding the additional \$50,000.00 so more of the club's passive funds can earn interest. During the discussion it was clarified that Wells Fargo will remain the club's main checking account and RAMP serves as a savings account. Marcel recommends

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keeping \$30,000-\$50,000 in the Wells Fargo account and funds can be transferred from RAMP to our Wells Fargo account within 48hrs.

Motion that the club retain \$40,000 in our Wells Fargo checking account and move the overages to the RAMP Savings account. Motion made by Joshua Knapp and seconded by Carrie Valente. *Motion passes*