

**Fresno Junior Hockey Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2025 @ 6:30 pm**

Present: Lindsey Vasquez, Josh Knapp, Marcel Bourdase(absent between 6:55-8:30-pm), Travis Atalima(arrived at 8:15pm), Katie Baroni, George Grim, Kimberly Thompson, Carrie Valente and Jeff Ferguson, *Hockey Director* (absent between 6:55pm-8:30pm)

Absent: Sarah Turner

Guests: Rebecca Kaser, Alli and Curtis Lovett

Quorum: Yes except between 6:55 PM - 8:20 PM no official business was conducted during this time.

Call to order: Lindsey Vasquez, President at 6:32 pm

Officer and Committee Reports:

1) Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2025:

MOTION to postpone the approval of the minutes from the August 6th meeting to the October Board meeting. Motion made by Carrie Valente and seconded by Josh Knapp. *Motion passes*

- Carrie requested the approval of the August 6th minutes be postponed since she did not send them out at least 24 hours prior to the meeting for review.

2) Vice President Report - Joshua Knapp

- Jerseys/Apparel
 - Update on complaint responses: After reviewing received complaints about jersey sizes and fit out of 16, 4 appear to be too small. There was no consistency to the complaints, and Adrian, our JOG representative, asked if the club could guarantee that the sizes the parents ordered matched the sizes of the samples they tried on.
Solution: JOG will allow club to reorder jerseys at the bulk pricing even though the quantity will be less. Players will be responsible for covering the cost of reordering and shipping except the following:
 - Hutchison(12U): JOG will cover the costs to replace the jersey due to misspelled name
 - Turner (HS): Club will cover the costs to replace the jersey due to incorrect size ordered

Josh will create a formal response to send to those who submitted complaints with instructions on how to order new jerseys.

- Jerseys for Picture Day: To make sure all players have a jersey to wear on picture day, managers will ask players to bring both sets of jerseys so players that need to borrow a jersey can for photos.
- Scorekeeping Training: Josh stated that the best way to learn Time to Score is in real time during a game; First by observing during one game then the next game have someone assist while the trainee operates Time to Score. Rebecca Kaser asked if a club wide training or seminar could take place to support new parents. Josh sent out two surveys to determine the interest in creating a mentoring clinic/program for Time to Score/Scoresheets. He had interest from 3 individuals to mentor/train new parents and received 0 responses from parents who wanted to be trained. He is willing to continue matching volunteers with new parents who would like assistance in learning Time to Score, but that need has not been communicated to him.

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3) Hockey Director- Jeff Ferguson

- House League Update: Fall session is going well. Jeff plans to have some of the 10U aged players play half ice games with older 8U players. House Coaches are: George Grim, Tiffany Graham, Courina Hughes and Tommy Thompson. Jason Johnson and Ryan Siipola are working on requirements to coach as well.
- School Field Trip Update: Jeff is working on a letter to send out to schools to generate interest in the field trips. Any school contacts can be shared with Jeff so he can send out the letter and information to reserve a field trip.
- New Programs:
 - The Academy- will be offered for Travel level players and will focus on individual skills. Held on Mondays from 4:30-5:30pm, in 4 week sessions. Cost \$165 for Club members and \$225 for non Club members. We will need approximately 15 members and 5 non club members to run the program. With a few members absent and
 - The Girls Program will be held on Saturdays at 9:00am and will be decided after the full travel schedule is released. The Wednesday Development schedule will stay.

Marcel Bourdase and Jeff Ferguson left the meeting at 6:55 pm

4) President Report- Lindsey Vasquez

- Fundraising- Ali Lovett shared a club wide fundraising idea to host a Skate-a-thon at Gateway or at United Skate (roller skating rink). If it is run similar to school Jog-a-thons where there are fun prizes or awards for reaching fundraising or team goals. Ali agreed to look into United Skates as a venue.
- Sponsorships update: currently have \$2000 in sponsorships earned by the club and a \$500.00 renewal from last season. More sponsors should be coming in before the 9/15 deadline. Lindsey requested a reminder to go out to Team Managers about the sponsorship deadline.
- Norcal Scholarship applications are open and due on October 12th. Scholarships will be awarded in December 2025. Application requires a letter of recommendation and volunteer verification, and requests need to be submitted to Carrie, Club Secretary by October 3rd.
- Locker Rooms-Travel. The board discussed ongoing issues and complaints in the travel team locker rooms. Josh will post locker room information and additional updates post board meeting updates in each team's crossbar chat.
 - Cell Phones- No one should be on their phones while in the locker room or any device that can take photos or record.
 - Parents in the locker room- besides 8u, Locker Room Monitors or Coaches should be the only adults in the locker room. A locker room monitor does not need to be present when two or more coaches are present. Quick Guide for adults in locker room:
 - 1 adult is present- they should stand near the propped door. So they can monitor behavior
 - If adults are in the locker room- need 2 adults present. Should never be 1 adult with kids.
 - Music Playlists in the locker room need to adhere to the USA Code of Conduct.
- Locker Rooms assignments on Saturdays and Sunday needed to be set due to multiple conflicts with the adult league. Saturdays, we only need 1 locker room and will typically use locker room #1. On Sundays- 8U House will use Locker room 1 starting at 8:00 am, and 10U-16U will use Locker rooms 2 and 3 starting at 9:15 am.

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- Travel Schedule should be added over the next month: The schedule for the weekend of 9/20-21 will be released on 9/16. The October schedule will be available by September 30th and on October 10th the entire regular schedule will be released. High School will have preseason games in San Jose on 9/20 at 2:30 pm and 9/28 at 1:30 pm.
- Rink Schedule Conflicts: There have been some scheduling conflicts caused by Gateway with the adult league and Fresno State. The conflict with the adult league was fixed. Fresno State has posted a game day schedule that has several conflicts with game slots the club turned into Norcal. The rink has the club booked during those time slots.
- Blackout Weekends that were submitted to NorCal
 - 10U and 12U: October 10-13
 - Facility Black out:
 - December 13-14- No Home Games
 - December 20-21: No Games to be scheduled at all for 10U-14U
 - Games can be scheduled for Jan 3-4, 2026, 6 hours of ice has been booked for practices from Dec 29-Jan 2, 2026 if games are scheduled.
- Team Roster Announcements will be posted on social media after pre seasons once divisions are set.

5) Registrar-Lindsey Vasquez on behalf of Sarah Turner:

- Rosters for all travel teams have all been uploaded on USA Hockey's portal and approved

6) In House Coordinator-Carrie Valente

- House update
 - All Red Shirt Players attended the first House practice and they were reminded that they can attend 2 practices per week. Two parents asked if they could pay an additional fee, to attend an extra practice. Discussion was postponed to the board's GroupMe Chat due to the absence of 3 board members, including the Treasurer.
 - Partial House Season Offer/Fees: Jeff Ferguson would like to offer a prorated House league season, so those new players completing 3 months of Learn to Play can join. Carrie recommends both offering an 8-week partial season and a 4 week partial season.
 - Full House Session cost is \$550 for 12 weeks plus \$75.00 for jersey
 - Recommended cost for partial seasons:
 - 8 week will run from Sept 29-Nov 23, \$375 plus the \$75 jersey set
 - 4 week will run from Oct 27-Nov 23- \$200 plus the \$75 jersey set
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Unfinished Business:

1) Picture Day- Katie Baroni; Day 1 went well. On Thursday, Sam will set up in the party room. He will do make up photos but the families will have to make arrangements to meet on a Saturday at Gateway. Lindsey wanted to add that Sam will also shoot any of our games for \$250. That would be up to teams to schedule and pay for.

2) Jr. Monster Bites- Katie

- Upcoming- Panera Bread 9/30/2025, Katie has sent digital marketing materials to both Carrie and Lindsey to post or distribute to the club.
- Katie has not received a total from August's Jr. Monster Bites fundraiser at Raising Cane's

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- Katie is looking at the following options for October Jr. Monster Bites- Little Caesar's, Panda Express, Duke's Comfort Food Truck. There was no additional input from the board.

3) 5,000 Puck Challenge-Travis Atalima

The official challenge will start on 9/29 and run for 10 weeks. All participants who complete the challenge will receive an award/recognition on a banner.. The challenge will also have a competition portion. For each age group the player who shoots the most pucks can win a gift card. The challenge encourages players to shoot more than 100 pucks per day.

4) Hotel Update-George Grim. No additional updates. The Holiday Inn rates are good through December 2025. Most hotels want to know dates and numbers of rooms needed before they can offer a special rate. The best way to get discounted rates is for Team Managers to reach out to the hotels for the weekends they need to travel.

New Business:

- 1) Game Day Fundraisers- Travis Atalima asked for the process to sell concessions or other items during travel games. For game day fundraisers, Teams can sell during their game times only, but need approval to fundraise during other team's games.
- 2) Tahoe tournament Update Request from Travis asked if registration was complete for 12U for the Tahoe tournament.
Team Managers can register using the Ramp card. Travis will contact Marcel to work on 12U's registration.

The meeting moved into a closed session.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm Made by Josh Knapp and seconded by Katie Baroni. *Motion passes.*

GroupMe Decisions from 9/11/2025-10/7/2025

9/12-13/2025

Proposed Program and fees that were discussed in the meeting on 9/10/25 were listed by Secretary, Carrie Valente for review and further discussion:

- 1) What: "The Academy"- development class that focuses on individual skills at the travel level
Who: travel level players 9 yrs and older, both FJHC members and non members
When: Mondays 4:30-5:30 PM, Hoping to run 2 sessions from September to October
Price: \$165/4 week session for FJHC members
\$225/ 4 week session for non FJHC members
(No payment plan available)
- 2) What: Red Shirt 3rd practice add-on fee

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Who: Redshirt players who request to attend 3rd weekly practice, in addition to weekly 2 travel practices and house game

When: Friday/Saturday 10U-16U in house practices

Price: \$250-\$275/house season (no payment plan available)

3) What: Partial House League Season

Who: new house players who completed their 3rd month of Learn to Play

When: 8 week entry point (Fall- 9/29, Winter-2/2)

4 week entry point (Fall- 10/27, Winter-3/2)

Price: 8 weeks: \$375 + \$75 Jersey Fee (payment plan available. Split over 2 months)

4 weeks: \$200 + \$75 Jersey Fee (No payment plan available)

4) What: Girl's Development Clinics

Who: Youth female hockey players- any age and level of experience

When: Saturdays at 9:00-10:00 am Dates- 9/27, 10/4, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22

Price: \$25/practice or \$150-\$175 for all

MOTION to approve all programs listed with fees. Motion made by Katie Baroni and seconded by Joshua Knapp. *Motion passes*

9/22/2025

MOTION to approve club hosting a Skate-a-Thon with Alli Lovett willing to lead the coordination. Motion made by Josh Knapp and seconded by Kimberly Thompson

Alli presented an idea for the club to host a Skate-a-Thon at the meeting on 9/10/202.