



## Maine Coast Storm: March Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025  
 Time: 6:30pm  
 Location: MRC Boardroom

### Standing Agenda Topics:

#### Attendance

X	Kristin Falla	X	Danielle Nelson	X	Iride Piechoki
X	Bo Hoppin	X	Todd Adams	X	Jen Corbett
X	Valerie Hilchey	X	Micah Kelly	X	Regina Dennis
X	Erica Gates	X	Ruth Thyen		
X	Kristen Smith	X	Andrew Marshall		

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.
2. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
3. **Adjustments to the Agenda:**  
 House Hockey Palooza discussion added to program updates  
 Maine Mariners fundraising added to fundraising
4. **Approval of February Meeting Minutes:** Erica motioned to approve February's meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Kristen. All were in favor of the approval of the minutes.
5. **Presentation(s):**
  - a. Sub-Committee Follow Up - Iride: More quality ice time is wanted with a clear plan to be determined. The sub-committee would like to have the practice schedule be formatted into two team practices and one ADM practice per week. The sub-committee proposed the creation of a handbook/guide for coaches and questioned if the coaching director should be two positions. It was proposed that the coaches should have a meeting with the coaching director.
6. **President's Report:**
  - a. MEAHA happenings, busy last four weeks – MEAHA associated members participating in MEAHA travel leagues must have an active Learn to Skate/Play program. The Jr. Mariners and Nordiques are out of compliance as they do not have a Learn to Play program. The Nordiques may find a way to stay in as they have offered a Learn to Skate program during school vacation but next steps regarding the Jr. Mariners are unclear at this time. There was a proposal this month to adjust the verbiage on penalties regarding a team dropping down out of its league. Previously, an organization would pay the league fee plus a fine of two times the league fee. Now, it will be one extra league fee. An organization can move up with no fee, they just have to hustle to get their games in. There are discussions regarding allowing teams to move up sooner in order to allow more time to schedule games. A game misconduct vote from three games to one game was approved at the last MEAHA meeting.
    - i. Tourney Round ups : All Storm teams did really well – 14U were state champions.

- b. Next Season Prep: A parent meeting is scheduled for next Monday with rising 8U families during 8U step-up day.
  - c. Contract Updates / Revisions: A 15% increase in ice cost as well as 25 additional hours of proposed ice time (one hour per week) results in ice cost of \$84,000 next year. Increasing hockey tuition 15% for travel and house hockey players was discussed. As of right now, there are 52 expected travel players and 21 expected house players. The head of ice programs at the MRC coming together to discuss ice time needs was proposed. Decreasing house hockey to allow more ice time in other travel areas was discussed as a possibility. Board members will think about payment deadlines and contract revisions.
  - d. Hedstrom Jersey Display: The Hedstrom jersey is here! MRC gave permission to put the display by the skate window inside the arena. The display will be put up before the House Hockey Palooza so people can see it and read about Theo.
  - e. Schedule Special Meeting for 2025-26 Roster Approvals (proposed, Thursday 3/20/25 at 6:30pm): All agreed on this day/time.
- 7. Treasurer’s Report (Todd):** Todd went over the Storm accounts; parents will be reminded that tuition needs to be paid prior to tryouts.
- 8. Safety Updates (Jen):** There were no safety updates.
- 9. Coaching Updates (Andrew):**
- a. 2025-26 Coaches Applications: The application was due today at noon; Andrew has 8 applications and indications.
  - b. Tryouts: An email will be sent out to ask for help evaluating tryouts; 2 of the coaches are red-lined.
- 10. Program Updates (All):**  
**House hockey palooza** – Iride is ordering cake and pizzas and Kristin is taking on hockey favors. The Hedstrom awards will take place around 6:30 followed by the 14U banner raising and photos. Adding the names of Hedstrom award winners to the plaques was discussed. This event will start at 5:40 and last about two hours.
- 11. Fundraising Update:** Maine Mariners game: there is a reserved section for March 22nd. 14U has been offered to buy tickets and be Blue Line Buddies. Other Storm players could be benchwarmers.
- 12. Grow the Game Grant:** Please send Regina photos from the House Hockey Palooza. Regina will need a receipt for ice time.

**Action items:**

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.  
 The next meeting will be held: March 20th, 2025 at 6:30pm.

**Board of Directors:**

Maine Coast Storm Board of Directors 2024-2025 Season		
	Role	Director
1	President	Kristin Falla
2	Vice President	Bo Hoppin

3	Secretary	Danielle Nelson
4	Treasurer	Todd Adams
5	Registrar	Ruth Thyen
6	Coaching Director	Andrew Marshall
7	Fundraising and Sponsorship Director	Kristen Smith
8	Marketing and Communications Director	Erica Gates
9	Safe Sport/Player Safety Director	Jen Corbett
10	Scheduler	Valerie Hilchey
11	Girls Program Director	Micah Kelly
12	House Program Director	Iride Piechocki
13	Grow the Game Grant Coordinator	Regina Dennis