

Coeur d'Alene Hockey Association Board Minutes

Meeting Date: January 7, 2026

Meeting Details

- Date: January 7, 2026
- Time: 6:02pm PST – 7:36pm PST
- Location: Frontier Arena
- Meeting Facilitator: Sara Bascetta, President
- Next Meeting: Wednesday February 4, 2026

Summary of Key Resolutions

Key Motion: Approve waiving two tournament fees for Scheduler Jackie Gustafson in recognition of her exceptional work and dedication to scheduling this season. Motion made by Treasurer Wheeler.

- Second: Vice President Spencer
- In Favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Vote: Approved

Key Motion: 14U and 18U House and Select teams are not permitted to participate in Rep B or higher tournaments and games that include full contact (checking) without prior Board approval. This policy is intended to prioritize player safety and ensure gameplay supports appropriate skill-level development.

- Motion made by Treasurer Wheeler
- Second: Secretary Brown
- In Favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Vote: Approved

Agenda Items

I. Call to order 6:02pm PST.

II. Attendance: Verification of quorum.

III. Confirmation of Previous Minutes approved via email and posted on website.

IV. Financial Update:

A. Treasurer Wheeler awaiting 2024-2025 P&L with itemized budget line comparison from accountant for 2026 budgeting.

B. Treasurer Wheeler is currently engaged in collections of past due fees from families who have not paid dues from current and past season.

C. We will have increased referee fees next year.

D. Treasurer Transition – Treasurer Wheeler’s final year on the Board and as Treasurer was noted. The Board will seek a successor who can begin learning the role as soon as possible and be prepared to assume responsibilities in the spring.

V. Scheduler Jackie Gustafson Update:

A. 6U and 8U Pre-Season Meeting – Scheduler Gustafson recommended meeting with 6U and 8U coaches and managers before the season next year to review guidelines and basic expectations.

B. Response Time Notice – The Board noted that a notice will be sent advising that replies will be provided within 24 hours during the week, except in emergencies, due to the high volume of inquiries.

C. **KEY MOTION APPROVED:** Waiving two tournament fees for Scheduler Jackie Gustafson in recognition of her exceptional work and dedication to scheduling this season.

VI. Coach Updates

A. ADM Model and Mixed-Skill Model: The Board requested coach input on the ADM model versus mixed-skill play for program design. Coaches shared input and ideas on structuring programs.

B. Mid-Season Survey Consideration – The Board discussed conducting an anonymous parent survey and gathered input from coaches and Board members on potential questions. The survey will include age group identification to ensure feedback can be appropriately applied.

C. 10U Teams - Coach-in –Chief Nilson mentioned there are a couple issues through which they are working.

D. Learn-to-Play Ice Time - Coach-in-Chief Taub mentioned Learn to play is growing and ice time is limited. Treasurer Wheeler confirmed there is no additional ice time available to purchase.

VII. Next Season Plan

A. Lady Thunder Coach Departure – Coach-in-Chief Taub will be leaving after this season as his daughter will be playing back east.

1. Youth Program Leadership – Kyle Miller will oversee the 19U, 16U, and 12U programs. The Spring Development sessions will provide better insight into program composition and potential participant numbers

2. Future Program Coordination - Board asked Elliot to help identify a coordinator for the girls' program and thanked him for developing a robust program for Thunder girls.

B. Goalie Coach Departure – Goalie Coach-in-Chief Jon Perkins will be leaving as his daughter will be playing at the Academy.

1. Goalie Coaching Attendance – This season's goalie practices were well attended, with 9–16 goalies per session. Attendance may have been higher,

but 16U and 18U practices at EWU occurred simultaneously. 6U and 8U goalies received separate training within their regular practices.

2. Goalie Coaching Transition – Goalie CIC Perkins will share his lesson plans with the organization and Shawn Adams, who will be taking over as coach. Bob Bowman will also assist with the program next year.

C. Jersey Design Contest – The Board agreed to announce a Jersey Design Contest in February, including links for jersey design. The only restriction is that designs may not include the word “Idaho” due to applicable rules. The Board will narrow the submissions to top choices for an organization-wide vote.

VIII. 18U Thunder Team – Missoula Tournament – The Board acknowledged receipt of complaints regarding one of the 18U teams that participated in the Missoula tournament. Information is currently being gathered.

A. Members of Disciplinary Committee to gather details and follow-up.

B. Discussion resulted from this incident around safety, appropriate development of skill matching especially as it relates to checking and coaches not following protocol of CIC or the league.

C. **Key Motion APPROVED:** 14U and 18U House and Select teams are not permitted to participate in Rep B or higher tournaments and games that include full contact (checking) without prior Board approval. This policy is intended to prioritize player safety and ensure gameplay supports appropriate skill-level development.

IX. West Kootenai League – The process to join the West Kootenai League has been initiated. President Bascetta sent a letter to the IAHA President to expedite the process.

X. Adjournment - Meeting Adjourned 7:36 PM PST.

Supporting Documents

- December Financial Jeremy
- 2024/2025 P&L Comparison

Agenda Items – Next Meeting

- Tryout dates next season
- Summer skating next meeting

Board Attendance

- ✓ Sara Bascetta, President
- ✓ Tom Spencer, Vice President
- ✓ Jeremy Wheeler, Treasurer
- ✓ Annie Brown, Secretary
- ✓ Nick Balsimo
- ✓ Matt Fisher
- ✓ Bill Thexton

Leadership & Team Attendance

- ✓ Rhett Nilson, Coach-In-Chief
- ✓ Elliot Taub, Coach-In-Chief
- ✓ Jon Perkins, Goalie Coach-In-Chief
- ✓ Nick Knoll, Safe Sport & Disciplinary Committee
- ✓ April Hocking, Registrar
- ✓ Jacklyn Gustafson, Scheduler