

Board Meeting Minutes

NCCYHA Steelers

August 5, 2025

Chairperson: David Hennessey

Recorder: David Hennessey



1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dave Hennessey at 7:07pm

2. Attendance

Present: David Hennessey, Andrew Hellwig, Dawn Manzella, Mike Mead, Brian Crawford, Zack Sliwa, and Adam Whitcher

Absent: Nick Williams, Marissa Salemi, Phil Tarnowski

Guest: N/A

3. Open to Public

- Note any Public Concerns or Questions to the Board (N/A)

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the meeting on [7-10-2025] were reviewed.
- Motion to approve by Brian Crawford, seconded by Mike Mead. Approved unanimously.

5. Reports

President:

- Registration is open online for LTPH as of 7/15/25
- New player handbook comments are complete – Final revision tabled for a vote
- WNYHL \$500 fee if a parent gets kicked out. Include in handbook – Each player associated with ejected spectator will be penalized until fine collected
- BBQ drive by Sunday 9/21 (Phil to contact Chiavetta's)
- Submitted application to USA Hockey for Insurance Certificate
- Reached out to Angela, notified her of board changes, and requested information needed for college permit.

Treasurer:

- N/a
- Bills are paid
- Check cut for Jerseys

Scheduler:

- Schedule is complete, calendar has been updated online, and all coaches have been sent their schedule. Gave 12 games to help with schedule per team.
- Waiting on 8u full ice, until season is confirmed
- High school hockey schedule has all necessary game times. No games on Sunday for Bills games.
- Holiday Family Skate with Santa? Potentially 12/14/25 4:45pm-6:30pm

- Weekday games cannot happen.
- HS practices Tuesday/Thursday

Secretary:

- N/A

Registrar:

- Discussed registration numbers
- One coach registered – Need to get coaches, managers, and board members registered by 8/15/25.

Coaching Coordinator and Player Development:

- Player development: Dry land possibility at college reached out to Angela
- Coaches meeting scheduled for August 13th – Discuss coaching conduct, locker room etiquette, expectations.
- All level divisional meetings this week.
- Andy H – Has schedule slots clinics for Nov 8. Dec. Jan.
 - Maybe Sunday afternoons.
- Hit on fundraising with all coaches, no one submitted a plan.

High School Coordinator:

- Meeting 8/19 for divisional and schedule
 - Brian wants JV's to play in White Level
- Open Registration 10/1 – Then plan jersey order.
- Up'd the trainer and ref fees
- Add google doc to webpage

LTPH/Mites:

- Want to get letters out to the schools, Williams should have a copy.
 - Abby – Fredonia
 - Nick – Brocton
 - Brian – DK
 - Pekrul – Pine Valley
 - ? – Silver Creek
- Post registration 7/15/25
- Adam concern with blue devils helping winter session
- LTPH only use half, use other half for goalies.
- Need for Goalie Clinics

Equipment Coordinator/Fundraising:

- Sample Jerseys – “All sizes” to go into storeroom
- Jersey Order #1 is in Phil is picking up Thursday
- Steelers Store up and running next week.
- August 31st second order (3-4 week turnaround)
- Chiavetta's drive thru BBQ 9/21/25 for board
- Booster club to be assembled – Function under our 501C-3

Social Media:

- Do we want to do farm fest parade? Yes 8/24 at 2:00pm
- FB message about registration
- Application for Floral Hall Exhibit during Chautauqua County Fair
 - Dawn setup - went well. Got a blue ribbon!

Website:

- Sports Engine set rosters submitted
- Updates from coaches

6. Decisions and Actions

- Open Handbook vote
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7. Old Business

- Handbook and bi-law review (Clean copy out in next week. Vote via email then post)
- Coaching warmups still waiting on at Buffalo Hockey
- Coach Meredith offered clinics with Blue Devils 09/24/25 and 01/6/26

8. New Business

- Sports Engine – discussed option of switching. Look into Crossbar
- All girl's hockey team – Nothing further from Mike.
- New fundraiser idea – Night at the Races January 9th at 21 Brix
 - Form 990T to file in 2026 for money generated for (Ask lawyer, for fundraising costs. Discuss with Drayo on any implications)
 - Setup a committee to help with it.
- 7U ½ ice program – Need to find out who new person is running, Jason Gerhard is passing the torch.
- Phil to explore live barn or tri-pod camera. (Explore live barn more)

9. Next Meeting Date

The next board meeting is scheduled for **[9/2/25, 7:30pm, Coughlan's Pub]**

10 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm by Dave Hennessey