



**QCHA Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 7, 2024**

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Todd Mahoney
- II. President Approved Absences:** Natalie Pszenyczny, Tommy Tsicos, and Zach Honert
- III. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the request as submitted by Megan Hoffman and seconded by Phil Harms.
- **Motion Passed:** Unanimously

IV. Board of Director and Other Position Reports

President: Todd Mahoney

- 1. Working on keys for board members for the office and storage room.

Vice President: Steve Drissel

- 1. A concussion process has been sent out. A form will be sent to MWAHA and another form will require a doctor, parent, and coach signature before the child can return to the ice. We have currently had two.
- 2. The revised player movement policy will be sent out prior to the November meeting.
- 3. It was suggested we also update the player move up policy and have it overseen by a committee. A more robust policy and outline is needed.
- 4.

Treasurer: Megan Hoffman

- 1. Honkamp should have everything needed to finish reconciliation audit for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and then will move onto taxes.
- 2. We still have not received ice bills from the city
- 3. Invoices will be sent out for socks and jerseys rather than collecting them through the individual teams. September invoices have also been sent out.
- 4. Would like to get rid of Venmo now that the refs have a new payment system. Libby requested waiting until all house league jersey sales are complete. John questioned how we would collect for High School games since we are cashless. Megan is going to look into Square.
- 5. There are concerns for NIHL fines for not having the same jerseys. Todd is going to look into the actual policy. It was suggested we have sample jerseys to try on during tryouts to enable we order jerseys sooner. Another suggestion was to have a set of stock jerseys on hand for the start of the season. A member in attendance was able to look up the policy: NIHL article 4 states that matching jerseys aren't needed until league games, seeding doesn't count so fines are non-issue.

Secretary: Natalie Pszenyczny

Coaching Director: Zach Honert

High School Director: John Gray

- 1. Home game went smoothly, the score board worked well, but the internet is still an issue.
- 2. The Live Barn Equipment is in and needs to be setup. The internet will need to be reevaluated at that time.
- 3. Budget has been re-finalized it is now down to \$775/mo, removed safety net/injury credit as parent's were capped out and unable to afford higher fees. Budget will be sent to anyone that requests it.



4. Cliff will be sent a formal offer this week, Brent Moran will be starting as the goalie coach soon, and one other potential coach is being looked at.

Travel Director: Josh Orr

1. Seeding round has been strong.

House Director: Phil Harms

1. One of the selected head coaches did not complete all necessary requirements and was informed he could not be on the ice until it was complete. The position will be covered until then.
2. Numbers are down 6% from last year: We have a huge growth at mini, Squirts are down 36%, 10% down at the Pee Wee, and Bantam is up 14%. This is the first decline we've had in a number of years.
3. Blues are only carrying 31 vs 38 last year. There has been lots of questions about payment plans and scholarship opportunities. A committee needs to be put together to look at helping with scholarships. Todd mentioned a booster club would be the preferred way as they are outside the association.

DHSD: Tommy Tsicos

One Goal: Allen Arndt

1. 11/4 is next OG session. There were 46 kids at last session and lots moved up into league. There are 7 kids ready to be equipped this week and 10-11 are already registered.

At Large- Volunteerism: Tera Peterson

1. Pictures will be 12/2-12/5, Heather trying to get the room. We will need to work around the board meeting on 12/2.
2. Working on DIBS coordinators for house and select. People are complaining about how they will complete hours within HL. Tera has been responding to people with the policy. It was questioned if excess hours could be donated? We would need to see if there is truly a hardship first.
3. Discussion on locker room monitors for full travel teams. Some coaches are wanting them, but can't get volunteers. The coach is ultimately responsible for Safe Sport. Phil would like to see if Devlin can check out keys to the locker rooms to prevent kids from showing up super early and messing around in them. If no monitors, no locker rooms. This will get communicated to coaches. Note that co-ed teams require 2 monitors. An email will be sent to directors for approval before sending to teams.

At Large- Asset Management: Libby Montenguise

1. Weeding out prior jerseys to use for travel tryouts instead of buying tryout jerseys.
2. Locker room sale went well. The Volunteer policy helped get more assistance, which made it easier.
3. Equipment that is no longer needed has been sorted out. HL jerseys and socks sale will be going on through this week.
4. Travel jerseys should be here in a week and a half to 2 weeks.

At Large- Community Engagement and Storm Update: Kate Oswald

1. Josh, Steve, Kate, Rich, and John met to discuss policy for external businesses that want to support the QCHA. We came up with a Supporter policy, it includes the following: Social media posting, website advertising, sponsors and reduced-price merch, membership, and



equipment offers. Anything not listed in this policy should be covered in the Code of Conduct.

- Discussion was had about dasher board advertising. Devlin has said in the past that anything advertised goes to rink. Todd mentioned that is has not always been that way and the QCHA has gotten a cut.
 - Todd asked for it to define what it means to be a sponsor and to refresh that part of the policy.
 - In-game advertisements (like this game is sponsored by “so and so”), should have a set base amount.
2. Dates for 50/50 Storm games available to the QCHA were given. With the new system you do not need to be present to win or buy tickets. Friday/Saturday games will be hosted by same team to increase the pot. Those purchasing tickets will only have to keep track of one number and winners will receive checks. Checks will also be given to association for the team’s cuts.
 - Hockey is for Her will be reserved for Lady Blues.
 - Discussion was also had on the number of teams that had participated and how the games would be split between select and travel. Is there a possibility they could split the weekends?
 3. The Storm would be willing to donate 100 tickets that the teams could sell at \$20 a ticket to fundraise. John Dawson requested we give him ideas for how they can help us financially.
 4. John would also like to do more promotions help advertise us to the public.

At Large- Girls Team: Nikki Colombari

Registrar: Michelle Arndt

1. Todd DeDecker reached out about doing grant work and has applied on the QCHA’s behalf for several grants. Someone else reached out suggesting the formation of a committee to write grants and would like to have a couple of board members on the committee. We would also consider adding a non-voting board position for this committee chair.
2. We are having some computer issues today with Sports Engine and are working to get it resolved.

V. Old Business: N/A

VI. New Business:

1. A motion to approve a player movement request as submitted by Steve Drissel via email and seconded by Joe Orr.
 - **Motion Passed: 11-0**
2. Allen is trying to get tax breaks through Pure Hockey and may need a form.

VII. Adjournment:

1. A motion to adjourn was submitted by Megan Hoffman and seconded by Kate Oswald.
2. **Motion Passed: Unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 4, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Rivers Edge Conference Room