



CHELSEA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

4/15/2025

Attendance

Board

- Present
 - Josh Barron (President)
 - John Vlnka (Immediate Past President)
 - Doug Neal (Finance Director)
 - Liz Zwick (Secretary)
 - Dave Tefft (D6 Representative)
 - Eric Janz (Travel Director)
 - Laura Sayers (Registrar)
 - Pat McDonald (ADM Coordinator)
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- Absent
 - Tom Coyne (Director of Coaches)
 - Mike Hoonhorst (Apparel Coordinator)

Guests

- Arlene Tefft
- Nick Vetter

Called to order 7:03pm

Meeting Notes

Nick Vetter

- Wishes to get more involved, seeking to fill the open Vice President position

Josh Barron (House Update)

- 6U/8U numbers are looking great, 10U has good numbers as well
- 12U has 24 kids, figuring out how that works, one parent unhappy that there are not two distinct teams
- 14U still looking for a goalie and anticipate numbers may look very different in the Fall
- 12U Select
 - There needs to be clear communication about what Select means in relation to travel

- Need balance between how many tournaments are with the House team vs Select during the Fall/Winter season

John Vlnka

- 14U would like to join a league out of Dearborn to facilitate scheduling spring games
 - John Vlnka motion to approve funds for Spring league, Doug Neal seconds
 - None opposed, passed
- Working with Tom Coyne, hoping to secure more ice times
- Looking at Fall now in an effort to lock in preferred times
- Action Item: Get schedules by June 1 for all teams
 - Black Bear implementing new systems, may delay this process

Pat McDonald

- Concern about 8U numbers, if they are this large now in the spring, could potentially be a very large group in the Fall
- 6U numbers are high as well, maybe look to book back to back 1.25 hour blocks
- Many kids coming up from LTP
- Recent issue with ice trade in Brighton- KV- traded ice with an AAU team, there was an injury, possible lawsuit
 - Proposes we need a policy mandating ice trades/sales occur **within the association only**

Josh Barron

- Met with Black Bear Sports Group
 - Questions about how 6U/8U may be affected
 - Discussed CHA member's perception of Black Bear
 - What is their vision for next season?
 - They say there are no plans to change to current youth hockey system
- Need to get a message out to parents about what the association anticipates/knows so far

Doug Neal

- There are now 2 16U split-season teams and 1 18U split-season team
 - Currently setting up accounts for each team
 - When/how do they pay for registration fees, \$50 per player
 - Would like a representative to participate in board meetings
- Housekeeping- transitioning emails
 - Need uniformity, all board members should use/sync their assigned role/position emails

Eric Janz

- **Fall Tryout Dates** are set
- Working on what needs to be done to prepare for fall
- Would like mandatory and separate Coaches and Managers meetings
 - Opportunity to reiterate and outline association policies
 - Set and communicate deadlines and help plan out season overall

Dave Tefft

- No news

Arlene Tefft

- **Fundraising coordinator**, need to define the role
 - Deposit down for USA Hockey Fundraiser
 - Kalahari update; working on dates

Annual Retreat Items

- Need clearly defined roles and responsibilities for board positions
- Update Bylaws
- Set deadlines for the Fall/Winter
- Dates set for May 27th and 28th

Laura Sayers

- Travel rosters done
- Waiting on several house teams to submit

Vice President Position

- Josh Barron nominates Nick Vetter
 - Doug seconds- passes unanimously

How to address Black Bear Sports Group's acquisition of Arctic Coliseum

- Need to draft a letter- Be proactive
 - Address membership questions and assure we are in communication with Black Bear
 - Is CHA staying?
 - Bulldogs/Chiefs logos staying?
 - Operations changes?
 - Cost
 - The restaurant and snack bar will be run by Chop Detroit
 - Going cashless
 - Will continually provide updates as they become available
 - Big bear is NOT Black bear
 - Biggby is not associated with this sale
- Recognize there is a need for more regular communication from CHA to members in general

Adjourn 8:55pm