



CCHA Board Meeting Minutes

Chaska Chanhassen Hockey Association (CCHA)
 Board Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2017
 Victoria Recreation Center – Blue Line Room
 7:00 – 9:00 pm (Planned)

1.) **Call to Order:** Brian Hegarty @ 7:09 pm

2.) **Roll Call/Introductions:**

*= present; ^= by phone for closed session only

Board Members	
*Brian Hegarty	<i>President</i>
*Mike Newman	<i>Vice President</i>
*Dawn Rodell Riley	<i>Treasurer</i>
Jeff Weyandt	<i>Jr. Gold</i>
*John Lynch	<i>Bantam</i>
Jay Girard	<i>Peewee</i>
*Jesse Parker	<i>Squirts</i>
*Jay Musolf	<i>Mites</i>
*Brian Baker	<i>Mini Mites/Termite</i>
Jeffrey Peltier	<i>U10, U12, U14</i>
*Cordell Mack	<i>U6, U8</i>

Key Volunteers and Committees	
Julie Eklund	<i>Ice Coordinator</i>
*Lori Hill	<i>Accounting</i>
Michelle Fontaine	<i>Website</i>
Tammy Lueck	<i>Registrar</i>
*Brenda Reddan	<i>Concessions (CCC)</i>
Rachel Anderson	<i>Concession (VRC)</i>
Joyce Thomas	<i>Volunteers</i>
Courtney Hamre	<i>Brick City</i>
Mike Colleran	<i>Equipment</i>
*Jeff Heil	<i>BHDC Chair.</i>
Chad Hanson	<i>GHDC Chair.</i>
Aaron Broten	<i>BHDC</i>
Sarah Grobel	<i>Apparel</i>
Steve Hamre	<i>Golf Tournament</i>
Jenny McPartland	<i>Brick City</i>
Beth Johnson	<i>Jamboree Coordinator</i>
Caitlin Johnson	<i>Jamboree Coordinator</i>
Ty Uhlenkamp	<i>SafeSport</i>

List of Members at Large in Attendance:

- Josh Schmeig
- Gary Hegenes

3.) **January Minutes Approval:** Approved unanimously in off-cycle vote. Will be posted to the web site.

4.) **Special Reports/Guests On The Agenda:**



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- Gary Hegenes – discussed his desire to make a donation to standardize coach /athlete training materials. Board thanked Gary for his continuing generosity and made a plan to work with him and the HDCs on the desired materials/initiative.

5.) Standard Agenda:

A. Executive Updates

i. President – Brian Hegarty

- End of Year Parent (Coach) Survey to go out. VP Newman circulated revised questions broadening the scope of the survey. To be published to members in 2nd week of March with the election.
- Proposed Rule re 1st Year CCHA Participation/Return – discussion held. VP Newman to revise draft and circulate for potential vote at meeting on March 20th.
- H/S Boundary impact on CCHA
 - Discussion held re preliminary numbers. Some members expressed desire for refinement of analysis before any action to be taken.
- Options for In-House/Developmental League – seek member input in survey. Consider more involvement in D6/MN Hockey in-house program.
- End of Year Assessment Options – need to work on refining approach to this. Perhaps a better course of action in budgeting is to use B-team participation in fee projections to members.
 - Discussed PWB1 team concerns about final assessment; causes include more expensive tournaments than planned and having 1 less player due to medical withdrawal. Provide the detail they need to understand the numbers behind the assessment, which has been looked several times to ensure that the assessment is correct.
- Charitable gambling discussion
 - Need to enhance efforts on fundraising. Charitable gaming angle to be investigated for feasibility. Associations with this effort are in excellent position to reduce and in some cases eliminate fees/fee pressure.
 - Outgoing commissioner Baker tapped to do the investigation and report to the Board on 3/20.
- Off-season workshops:
 - Jersey RFP
 - Document drafted by VP Newman back in November to be used.
 - Dryland Facility
 - Consider feasibility of working with Chan H.S. for VRC facility.
 - Other options welcome for discussion.
 - Branding



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- Ongoing need to get control of CCHA branding. May need to start from scratch.
- Budget process refinement.
- 2016 CCHA structure/By-laws/Handbook/HDC/Fundraising.
 - Do we need these committees and changes for this coming season (2017-18)? President Hegarty calls for members to start socializing the ideas.
- Budget review
 - Need enhancements so that we can dig deeply into costs, revenue walk so transparency is enhanced.
- Equipment – No discussion held as no equipment representatives are in attendance. At least the following three issues exist:
 - Yellow divider options
 - Gate for Vic West to protect equipment
 - 1 set of goalie gear seems to be missing at Mite levels.
- Open Positions Update – new BoD, HDC and Key Volunteers
 - BoD – VP Administration; Secretary
 - Key Volunteers OPEN – Sponsorship/Recruiting (x2)/CCHA Pride Coordinator/Photo Coordinator
 - Will review with newly seated BoD
 - BHDC positions expiring
 - Heil, Jensen and Charchenko
 - Intentions by February, please. Jeff Heil will call out.
 - GHDC expiring position – Nick Gerebi. Consider whether we’ll slide back to 3 positions next season on GHDC now that it’s had a year to get its footing.
- BoD Turnover
 - Nomination and Election Timeline:
 - Feb 27-Mar 10: Nominations accepted for open positions. Candidate interest letter due before close of nominations.
 - Mar 17-24 – Candidates announced and voting is open. Members can vote through online voting process.
 - Apr 17 – New board is announced and seated at this meeting
 - Board terms expiring are:
 - Commissioners: Baker (Lower Mites), Musolf (Upper Mites), Lynch (Bantam) and Mack (6U/8U); Jr. Gold is open as well.
 - Executive Board Seats: President and Treasurer

ii. Vice President – Mike Newman



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- Squirt Bs in Fargo at the Squirt International
 - Squirt B Black Won the consolation Bracket title in the Elite Division!
 - HDCs
 - BHDC
 - Commissioner Heil in attendance and spoke on current initiatives being discussed at the BHDC (tryout refinements; coach selection process for next season; evaluators sought earlier/new ones)
 - VP Newman: On track for BHDC appointments and GHDC decision on 3 or 4 members to be made by April.
 - GHDC (Cordell)
 - Working on similar initiatives in coordination with BHDC re tryout changes, etc.
 - District 6 updates:
 - See Appendix
 - Continued update on proposed changes to the Handbook:
 - Discussion re rule that no player can make the top team at any upper level (10U/Squirt and up) if they didn't play in the CCHA in the prior year; didn't play hockey in Minnesota. No action taken.
 - Other changes in draft v2 of Handbook. Can be circulated for review and then discussion at March BoD meeting.
- iii. Treasurer – Dawn Rodell-Riley
- Budget Updates – actuals v. budget
 - Discussion on reserve and uses for it.
 - Members called for a refined process to do budget build up; separate detailed workshop for better understanding across the Board members.
 - Consider changes on assessments: spread across all teams at a given level v. assessing one team with fewer players.
- B. Updates to the Board.**
- i. Brian Baker – Lower Mite Commissioner
- Missing a set of goalie equipment; some of what little guys have is still too big and it seems like Mites borrow gloves and what-not without keeping track. Expect it to turn up.
 - 1/2-ice boards worked well; same for the 1/3-ice set ups.
- ii. Jay Musolf – Upper Mite Commissioner



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- Raffle update – increase in profit over last year by about \$2K; very successful. Thanks to Linday Lundeen who did a great job on the raffle.
 - Lessons learned: (1) get tickets out earlier; and (2) create incentives to increase sales - run a contest for the kids; families who sell the most get hockey fees rebated. Send all options to Jay.
 - Preparations for the Jamboree (3/16-19) by Beth and Caitlin are coming along nicely on all areas.
 - 2 teams at each level are playing at an outside Jamboree. No score kept, etc.
- iii. Cordell Mack – Lower U Commissioner
- Same thoughts on Jamboree prep.
 - See above for GHDC update.
- iv. Jeff Peltier – Upper U Commissioner
- Absent (D6 playoff)
- v. Jesse Parker – Squirt Commissioner
- Midseason survey done; results to be shared at next meeting.
- vi. Jay Girard – PeeWee Commissioner
- Absent (D6 playoff)
 - Epic run going on for PWB2 Purple team in Waconia Sectional.
- vii. John Lynch – Bantam Commissioner
- Season going very well at this level; winning across the level and people are happy about it.
- viii. Open – Jr. Gold Commissioner
- No report
 - Position to be posted for election with normal BoD positions in March elections.
- ix. Apparel – Sarah Grobel
- See above under President’s message.
- x. Branding Committee
- See above.
- xi. Brick City – Jenny McPartland
- No report.



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- xii. Golf Tournament – Steve Hamre
 - No report.

- xiii. BHDC – Jeff Heil
 - Working on coaching aides, tryout plans/adjustments, program development in general
 - Had Brandon Kolesar in to discuss development of C-team coaches and plans; he had a lot of great feedback for the BHDC that will be built into the coaching materials.

- xiv. Concessions – Rachel Anderson/Brenda Redden
 - Issue discussed with respect to food giveaways at CCC; employee concern.
 - Board’s feeling is that changes made to improve operations at CCC did not pan out as planned.

- xv. Equipment – Mike Colleran; Charlie Borene.
 - No report.

- xvi. Website – Michelle Fontaine
 - No report/absent
 - Big thank you to Michelle for developing the materials to be used by volunteers running Bantam and PW D6 tournaments at CCC and VRC. Great idea which needs to be replicated for future tournaments.

- xvii. Accounting – Lori Hill
 - See discussion above about team assessments.
 - Still need to discuss in private with Board the members who owe fees for this season and have rejected many attempts to resolve.

- xviii. Julie Ecklund
 - No report.

- xix. Jamboree Volunteers
 - No report – busy with final Jamboree preparations.

- xx. SafeSport – Ty Uhlenkamp
 - No report.

- xxi. Tammy Lueck
 - No report.



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- xxii. Stormhawk Awards
 - Announcement to be posted on the web site with dates for report card validation.
- xxiii. Photos - Dawn
 - No report.

6.) Closed Session Discussion (required for individual player/member discussion, family financial discussion, disciplinary action, etc.)

None.

7.) Next Meeting – Monday, March 20 @ 7 pm, VRC Blue Line Room

Motion to Adjourn: By VP Newman; Second by Commissioner Baker.

End Time: 9:25 pm.



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Appendix:

District 6 Board Meeting Notes – VP Newman’s report

President of MN Hockey, Dave Margenau

- Pilot program to showcase B2/C players with Titan hockey; players nominated by coaches
 - o Includes a practice, a scrimmage and a game
 - o 700-800 participants
 - o Ask coaches for nominations based on hard work, energy
 - o Teams by geographic region
 - o Weekend of the state tournament
 - o Cost of \$60 per player; \$5 gate fee for the game
- Club excellence – a program (CCHA is a member) that gives you form documents re how to run an association
- Full ice jamboree approval letter – form of letter to be circulated
- Draft concussion “return to play” letter to be circulated
 - o Helps coaches know when it’s ok to have the player return to the ice
 - o From a Dr.
 - o State statute says that when a player is removed from a game by an EMT or doctor or medic, he needs to be cleared by a Dr. who is skilled in diagnosing concussions saying it’s okay to return.
- Director of Hockey Operations meeting
 - o April 22-23
 - o Location TBD
- Association Leadership Conference
 - o Last year well received and attended
 - o May 5th-6th
 - o Marriott West

President Elect

- Minority recruiting program underway
- Jefferson Squirt A goalie broke his arm; looking for a substitute goalie to play with them from any Squirt B team in Fargo; Jefferson association will pay his expenses

Girls’ Director

- Girls tryouts for CCM HP Tier 1 teams for 14U and 15U are open and available under the CCM tab on the D6 web site.



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Rob Schuman (Assistant Director/Operations)(EP)

- Open question is whether the way Bantams and Pee wee teams advance to playoffs is “right” in people’s minds.
- This year – no seeding; using a playoff process. Top team in each division in the standings gets in via automatic bid. Double elimination from there.
- Squirt/10U tournament.
 - o Squirt brackets out on 2/1/17
- Rob is getting uncomfortable with some of the non-competitive Squirt game scores he’s seeing get turned in (12-0, 15-0, 17-0).
 - o Maybe need to consider split scheduling with big associations only playing small ones once and each other more often.
 - o Wants to put a committee together after the season to figure out what to do.
 - o Mention of B1/B2 split; but that would probably screw up the required snaking of players that occurs with multiple B teams and C teams in an association.
 - o Maybe have a # threshold to require some associations (Edina, Mtk) to have a 2nd A team at Squirt. Doesn’t know the answer.

Director of Officials

- Growing concern about the number of fighting majors. Even had one at Squirt. 15% of all majors.
- Question about how tightly it’s called; he didn’t agree it’s too tightly called (1 punch = a fight and 2 players penalized).
- People thought it would help to have officials call all the extra jabs at the goalie after the whistle is blown. Kids think they need to be tough guys when it happens and there begins the pushing and shoving.

Assistant Coach-in-Chief

- Look now at what coaches will need level 4 for next year. Get into classes now. Only 3 held in the state each year.
- Suicide prevention class was a hit at Jefferson; schedule after a practice; they’ll provide food. 15 minute presentation.

New business

- Proposed amendment from CCHA to “no substitute goalie” rule for Squirts from CCHA.
- Take it back to associations and vote at the next meeting. John Guy thinks it’s a good idea.



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If you have ideas for the president's meeting, send them to John Guy. He sent out a survey to Presidents already.