

2025-2026 Cottage Grove Hockey Association

CGHA Board Meeting

December 1, 2025 – VFW Cottage Grove

Board Members (X = Present):

President: Dan Olson	x	Bantam Director: Alex Rettof		Girls Program Director: Tyson Terry	x
Vice Pres. Ops: Dave O'Brien		Peewee Director: Chris Westphall	x	Girls 10U Director: Nicole Gilman	x
Vice Pres. Admin: Brian Buffie		Squirt Director: Chris Johnson	x	Girls 8U Director: Chris Kubesh	x
Registrar: Tom Wassmund	x	Mite Director: Zach Paulson	x	Junior Gold Director: Chad Rediske	
Budget Director: Tom Johnson	x	Mini Mite Director: Tylor Kendle	x	Hockey Director: Nick Harris	x

Non-voting (X = Present):

Communications: Sharon Kortus	x	Fundraising: Andrea Erickson	x	Tournaments: Abigail Polson	x
D8 Liaison: Jake Benson	x	Ice Manager: Matt McMorrow	x	Mite Equipment: Nicole Tvedt	
Apparel Manager: Ronda Ellevold	x	HockeyFest: Shauna Paulson	x	Volunteer/Dibs: Linnea Gamache	
Webmaster: Andrea Harms	x	Recruiting: Shauna Paulson		Tryout Committee/ Katie Dalzell	

Player/Coach Development Coordinator: Dan Ohlman	x
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Meeting Start:

- Meeting called to order at 7:24pm

Approve Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- Motion by: Nick Harris
- Second by: Tom Johnson
- All Approved

Committee Reports:

- Recruiting (Shauna Paulson):
 - o Nothing to report
- HockeyFest / Jamboree(s) (Shauna Paulson):
 - o Teams are full, Dibs are full
- Goalies (Brian Buffie):
 - o Nothing to report
- Equipment (Nicole Tvedt):
 - o Nothing to report

- Fundraising (Andrea Erickson):
 - Ordered 6199 calendars, we had all but 30 picked up that were assigned. 166 calendars remained. 105 were because of 15U moving teams. Made about \$40,666
 - Calendar drawing went out well, with good helpers.
- Ice Manager (Matt McMorrow):
 - Pretty much done for this year and on to next year. Still looking at more options for ice for next year.
 - Looking at the high schools giving up some time to have earlier times for association.
- Tournaments (*Abigail Polson*):
 - Will be posting more Dibs for remaining districts.
 - Going back to the same tournaments for next year as it was in the past.
- Volunteer / Dibs (Linnea Gamache):
 - -Hockeyfest Dibs Communication went out today and within 5 hours, all but 2 of the 167 shifts have been picked up!!
 - -Team Dibs google sheet was sent out to level directors to start filling in their team coaches, managers, etc. Please encourage people to prioritize filling this out so I can start adding dibs in. Every volunteer requires manual entry!! Below is the link to the spreadsheet if it happens to come up in the meeting. This should not be sent out to families. It should be filled out by level directors or team head coaches. [LINK](#)
- Communications (Sharon Kortus):
 - Need a replacement for this position.
- Apparel Manager (Ronda Ellevold):
 - Need a replacement for this position.
- Tryout Committee (Katie Dalzell):
 - Nothing to report
- Player/Coach Development Coordinator (Dan Ohlman):
 - Things are going decently well. Hopping on the ice with different teams to help out.
 - Put more signs up in dryland about training.
- Webmaster (Andrea Harms):
 - Nothing to report
- District 8 Rep (Jake Benson):
 - - Reminder for all players to stop punching other players, wear mouth guards and watch the bad words.
 - - Make sure all bench staff is on game sheets & USA hockey roster, no more than 4 on the bench. No redlined coaches allowed and must be removed from roster
 - - Play offs - schedules are getting posted. Make sure all games are up to date to get properly seeded. Fees and all info on website
 - - HP nominations by Feb 14 and no futures dev programs this year

- o - Potentially moving to smaller nets for squirts/10U per MN hockey ops
- o - \$250/game over 35 games for squirts (go over during districts is ok)
- o - Try hockey for free must be set up through mn hockey

Board Member Reports:

- Registrar/Administrator (Tom Wassmund):
 - Working on player evaluations for coaches for the end of season for the players. Coach evaluations for families.
 - 754 players registered, 174 coaches, 65 volunteers/managers, 35 locker room attendants. One of our highest years with people registered through USA Hockey.
- Budget Director (Tom Johnson):
 - Checks for districts being signed and will be given to level directors
- Junior Gold Director (Chad Rediske):
 - Nothing to report
- Bantam Director (Alex Rettof):
 - Nothing to report
- Peewee Director (Chris Westphall):
 - Nothing to report
- Squirt Director (Chris Johnson):
 - Squirts start going to Fargo this month.
- Mite Director (Zach Paulson):
 - Nothing to report
- Mini Mite Director (Tylor Kendle):
 - Nothing to report
- Girls Program Director (Tyson Terry):
 - Districts are coming up.
- Girls Program 8U Director (Chris Kubesh):
 - Motion for approval to assist the girls T2 white team for \$250 to participate in the WBL Bear Claw intermediate jamboree. Second Alex Rettof. All Approved.
- Girls Program 10U Director (Nicole Gilman):
 - The only 10U group going to Districts is B2.
- Hockey Director (Nick Harris):
 - Nothing to report
- Vice President of Administration (Brian Buffie):
 - The nomination of candidates for open positions (if anyone wants to run again they can be read into the minutes tonight but have to be in the minutes next month at the latest. **VP admin, Peewee Director, Mini Mite Director and Girls Director**
 - Also - handbook amendments should be openly discussed with the group and then we can get to work on changes agreed to and read into the minutes next month too.
- Vice President of Operation (Dave O'Brien):
 - Nothing to report.
- President (Dan Olson):

- All committee members state if you plan on staying around another year.
- CGAA wants records in our minutes when getting rid of equipment.
- Next month reasset Stipends for next season.
- Park hockey scholarship around the corner, need to get it rolling. In the past years we did 2 boys, 2 girls and one Junior Gold. I would like to change it this year and have more effort put out by students applying.
- Conflicts of interest and background checks. Background checks are done, still need to do conflict of interests done by all.
- Any expense receipts have to be submitted the day the purchase was made.
- Any fundraising or donations made must be tracked.
- Level directors for tournaments, when signing up for tournaments the card gets maxed out. We need to look for other options.
- Ice lease up in 2029

New Business:

- **Jordan from the Cottage Grove Ice Arena discussed construction project for spring of 2027**

General Membership Concerns / Discussion:

- Proposal for a hotel coordinator on the board that would work with level directors for out of town tournaments. This would be one thing coaches and managers wouldn't have to do and hotels could be booked earlier. The position would also get feedback from coaches on the hotels that were stayed at.
- **Dan Olson motion for hotel coordinator position, 2nd Zac Paulson. All Approved.**

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at:
 - Motion by: Tom Johnson
 - Second by: Chris Westphal
 - All Approved