

OREGON HOCKEY MEETING MINUTES

08/24/2025

6:00 pm- Bergamont



Board Members/Attendees:

Attended	Excused	Unexcused	Name	Position
X			Jason Wieser	President
	X		Justin Brooks	Vice-President
X			Sean Kypreos	Secretary
X			Vicki Lawry	Treasurer
X			Andrew Lederer	Registrar
X			Heather Symdon	Fundraising Director
X			Dan Kassis	LTP
X			Sean Brennum	6U
X			Brent Cashore	8U
X			Jim Conklin	Squirt
X			Derek Blakeslee	Peewee
X			Sean Dill	Bantam
X			Andy Meyer	High School
X			Erika Wiskes	Tournament Director
X			Megan Pedersen	Volunteer Dibs
X			Rick Fleming	Hockey Director
			Ben Cowan	Rink Committee

Meeting called to order: Jason - called the meeting to order at 6- pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 07/29/2025; Motion to approve by Derek -. **Second by** Erika.

Other Members in Attendance: Lance Irving, Jolene Ferguson, Adam Woodis, Nick Shtaida, Nick White.

New Business:

- *Webmaster Jolene Ferguson would like to introduce herself* - Use Slack to communicate updates and what we want the website to say. All major updates should go through Jolene to change the website. Will start a Google Doc to document everything and get approval first before changing anything.
- *Ice Time Review and discussion around season ice scheduler - Jason* - we have added girls teams into the organization at the squirt level. We got additional ice time from Ben, Monday after 8pm and Friday night. The first couple weeks of October is tight since the rink already had a lot of other stuff scheduled. Jason has the practice schedule 99% done and will send it out once it's finalized with the rink. Right now there is no ice for skills sessions with Bantams taking the third Friday night ice.
 - We will need a single point of contact for the rest of the season. Someone who can make changes on the fly and send out proper communications to everyone involved. Megan Pederson will take this on. Jason will send the information over to Megan and they will work together to get everything ready for the season.
 - A full practice schedule for all ages will start the week of October 13th.
- *Game Scheduling* - We are behind on scheduling compared to most organizations. The rink has confirmed that we don't need a 30 day notice for U6/U8 since it is one of their top money making age groups.
- *Coaching Committee update* - Small group meet up to go over thoughts for a year. Wanting to make sure we know what coaches want to be involved this year. Focus more on the organization for the coaches and have a consistent experience for all levels. Interest from at least 33 coaches prior to the season starting. Need a few more coaches at the 8U level.
 - *Hockey Director* - Rick talked with Dan and wants to clarify that he had nothing to do with the skills sessions last season. Gerlach was in charge of the goalie training as well as shooters coming out to the sessions. He would not have taken on a responsibility like that and dropped the ball. He had a contract that he sat down with Matt and Jason and would be happy to go over that with the board. He has been at all the evaluations in the past and has no trouble helping run those and working with the coaches on bubble players.
 - *Evaluation process*- We have independent evaluators at each level as well as anticipated head coaches doing the evaluations.
 - *Coaching requests* - Based on interest and experience we have people slated for certain positions based on where kids land.

Old Business :

- *Girls team update* - Some concerns that have come up. Can Sharon commit to being a head coach at a level that her kid does not play? Will she have enough support from friends and badger players to run a team? Will we allow girls to try out for the all girls team and then move to co-ed if they aren't happy with their placement? Erika will send a message saying that you have to commit to the team you try out for. No jumping ship if you don't like the team you end up on. Motion to pass this commitment rule by Sean Dill, seconded by Brent. All board members in favor.

- *Goalie and other specialized training* - Possible talks about combining our goalie training with McFarland due to ice shortages in Oregon as well as getting top trainers in the area to help our goalies. As of right now we do not have any ice slots set aside for 'skills sessions'. Possibility of having specialized trainers come out to regular practices and work with the kids during that time. Instead of having a specialized ice time just for that skill. Coaches committee and Rick can work together on goalie development to try and retain kids and make our goalies better.

Reports:

President (Jason) -

- We need to have a soft date for registration to close so we can finalize numbers for the organization. We should send out a communication tomorrow saying registration 'closes' September 1st with multiple reminder emails all the way up to the date. Heather and Megan are going to reach out to Angie to put this information in the weekly email.
- Monroe is going to send their Bantam kids to Oregon (7) with one of them possibly being a goalie.

Vice President (Justin) -

- N/A
- Wants to remind everyone, especially the new board members to look at the bylaws and be familiar with them. Make sure you are up to date on safe sport.

Treasurer (Vicki) -

- Current balance is a little over \$104,000. This includes current registrations. Tax returns are done. Scholarships were paid to last year's high school players. 10k is still owed to Bergamont for the golf outing.

Secretary (Sean K.) -

- N/A

Tournament Director (Erika) -

- We're gonna schedule them. Needs to talk to the ALD's to figure out what level they plan to play closer to B or C.

Volunteer/Dibs (Megan) -

- We need to get the away tournament dates so we can figure out the regular season game schedule for each team.
- Jersey coordinator will be there during tryouts.
- *Garage Sale Coordinator* - Try to do it on a Saturday after tryouts.
- *Photographer* - Courtney reached out to some potential photographers and got prices. The board does not want to use the same person as last year. Empire might be our best bet since this is what they do professionally.

- *Cultural Education Liaison* - Attend the WAHA meeting online and take the random calls. Forward all information to the board. Refer to the WAHA website.

Registrar (Andrew) -

- *Current registration #'s*
 - *(LTP) - 10, (6U) - 11, (8U) - 12, (Squirt) - 19 One is McFarland/Stoughton girls only, (Peewee) - 11, (Bantam) -10.*
- *These numbers make no differentiation of they are girls only except the one squirt*
- *I also did note 1 bantam is Monroe, have we confirmed they are not fielding a team or have released the player?*

Fundraising (Heather) -

- The golf outing is wrapped up. We need to sign a contract for next year. Email Brad at Bergamont to get the ball rolling.
- National night out - A lot of interest . Handed out a lot of flyers. Good mix of boys and girls. Pushed the try hockey for free event was send out.
- Meat Raffle at HQ - Secure a Sunday in April for this event.

ALDs -

Learn to Play (Dan)-

- *Try Hockey For Free Event* - Just wrapped up the pre-season LTP session and it went great. Almost 30 kids attended the sessions and we think we will get a good number of sign ups out of it. Regular LTP starts in early 10/5.

6U (Sean B.) -

- N/A

8U (Brent) -

- Still waiting on registration numbers. Hoping to get at least 2 teams. There will be a big talent discrepancy across the 8U level. In talks with McFarland to see if they still have kids to give us.

Squirt (Jim) -

- N/A

Peewee (Derek) -

- Thinking we are going to get 22 players at this level. The problem is there might only be 1 goalie at the whole level. Derek is working through all possibilities to try and find another goalie.

Bantam (Sean D.) -

- N/A

High School (Andy) -

- N/A

Hockey Director - (Rick F.)

- *Ideas for the upcoming season* - Should change tryouts from 4 jersey colors down to two to help with organization and make it easier on the evaluators. Has other specialized people he can bring in to help the coaches expand their knowledge and work with the players.
- *Q&A* -

Next Meeting Date: Sunday September 21st at Bergamont

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dan K, seconded by Andrew at 8:10pm