



**QCHA Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 6, 2025**

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Todd Mahoney
- II. President Approved Absences:** Phil Harms
- III. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the request as submitted by Kate Oswald and seconded by Megan Hoffman.
- **Motion Passed:** Unanimously

**IV. Board of Director and Other Position Reports**

**Registrar: Michelle Arndt**

1. Registration needs to be created.
2. We had 22 house league players move up from One Goal.
3. Todd Mahoney let the board know that Tommy Tsicos created an outline for spring hockey, skills sessions, and summer camps. From a P&L standpoint the proposal looks good. He hopes to have this completed by February.
4. We had 61 coaches sign up to coach this season, four coaches did not complete the requirements to be on the ice. One coach just needs to get their safe sport certification updated and then will be allowed on the ice.

**At Large- Girls Team: Nikki Colombari**

1. We are looking for a goalie for the Lady Blues Next Season.
2. Overall we have had an increase in the number of girls participating.

**At Large- Community Engagement and Storm Update: Kate Oswald**

1. The Golf Tournament Fundraiser will be Friday June 13, 2025.

**At Large- Asset Management: Libby Montenguise**

1. The house jersey numbers have all been fixed. Thank you to John Dawson for helping.
2. A sock order will be placed.

**At Large- Volunteerism: Tera Peterson**

1. We are looking at changing the Dibs process for next season, and what can be done to better the policy. Credit hours will need to be increased as a lot of people have completed their hours, but help is still needed. Invoices and reminders were sent out to those that opted to buy out their hours. It was noted in the emails sent out that the buyout rates would increase after 12/31/24.

**House Director: Phil Harms** (Reported by Todd Mahoney)

1. The house league is doing well and Holiday Tournament was a success. With the increase in players we will most likely need two sheets of ice for the Spring Tournament.



**DHSD: Tommy Tsicos** (On the Ice) Report was discussed during the registrar's report.

**Travel Director: Josh Orr**

1. The PeeWee travel team is currently in first place in NIHL. Our Bantam, Squirt, and Lady Blues teams are all fighting for a playoff spot. We are looking to reach out to NIHL to remove the Peoria Rule. The first step in doing so is drafting a letter to send out to the other teams in the league. Our hope is to gain support from the teams that are willing to travel here.

**High School Director: John Gray**

1. The teams had a decent weekend in Fremont on the ice, but we would like to be more competitive with there only being seven weeks left.
2. The refs have been disappointed in the language of the players (not just our teams). It is important we stand behind the refs. We also need to make sure the coaches, and mangers are helping to prevent issues like this.
3. February 14th is the benefit game for Fire Fighters. The request for the schedule change was sent and the date change was approved.
4. The Varsity Team most likely won't make playoffs. As a team staff we will need to look at what playoffs will possibly look like for Junior Varsity.
5. We are doing a parent drive/hotel stay the weekend of February 8th and 9th.

**Coaching Director: Zach Honert**

**Secretary: Natalie Pszenyczny**

1. Nothing new to report

**Treasurer: Megan Hoffman**

1. August is the last month we have been billed, and paid for ice.
2. We currently have \$200,000+ in main account.
3. The Dibs buy out rate increased from \$20-\$25.
4. A reminder was sent out that monthly dues must be paid for the child to be able to participate. It was suggested we make sure the individual team treasures are made aware of declined CC payments so they are able to monitor those that have yet to pay.
5. A Motion was made to amend the Travel and Select Payment Policy to include a late payment penalty to go into effect for the 2025-2026 policy, motion was submitted by Megan Hoffman and seconded by Kate Oswald. The timeline in posting this change was discussed and it was suggested the entire policy be reviewed before presenting it. The motion was removed and will be discussed again in April.
6. We are in need of help with the budget committee. It would be extremely helpful if everyone would begin working on their budgets.



7. It was confirmed that the Storm 50/50 donations do not have to be reported on the annual gambling report. It was also clarified the purpose of the license is for the raffles and fundraisers the association and the individual teams host.

#### **One Goal: Allen Arndt**

1. One goal starts in one week. Currently, thirty-one have registered and we are hoping to have between thirty-five and forty. Try hockey for free went wonderful. Seventeen skaters from the event signed up for One Goal. We need to improve the communication from the coaches to ensure we know exactly how many are able to help prior to these events.

#### **Vice President: Steve Drissel**

1. An election plan of attack was emailed to the board. The information to be sent out to the members has been updated. All election information is scheduled to be sent out on January 13, 2025. It was recommended the link to the Bylaws be emailed with the election information. It was also suggested we include the emails of the board members whose positions were up for election. Steve felt it was best if he reviewed all correspondence and would reach out to the individual board members if needed.

#### **President: Todd Mahoney**

1. The law suit against the QCHA was dismissed and upheld by the court of law.
2. Steven Clark has been appointed as the new registrar, and will be working with Michelle until he takes over in March. He has been apart of the QCHA for five years and he is getting ready to retire from the Army. His current position with the Army is similar to the requirements of the registrar. Steven is excited to give back to the hockey community.

#### **V. Old Business:**

1. We are waiting to hear back from the city to confirm the number of hours we would need to fulfill to keep to sheets of ice through out the summer.

#### **VI. New Business:**

1. Discussion was had around the possibility of the select teams being able to play in NIHL. Concern was voiced around the impact this would have on the house and travel teams. Libby is going to reach out to the directors to see if this is something they would be interested in doing. If there is interest it was suggested we send out a survey to gage player interest separate from the end of the year survey.
2. It would be nice for our schedule to align with that of the other teams we are playing against. A specific mention was to when we have our tryouts.
3. We need to define exactly what our goals are for the association, and the type of organization we want to be. This would possibly include earlier tryouts, and plans to ensure we can be competitive in comparison to the leagues we are apart of.



4. Blues staff member and parent, Mike Huskey voiced frustrations with playing time, communication, and development. Feedback was accepted, and resolution for this matter was referred back to the High School Director.
5. The Storm is working on signs for the association, and will have the 50/50 checks mailed next week.
6. An email vote took place on January 9, 2025. A motion was submitted by Todd Mahoney and seconded by Megan Hoffman. Due to some scheduling issues the DHSD goalie sessions were not completed as described in the November Minutes. Todd proposed we increase this to 5 weeks to further our goalie development. The cost to us is \$800.00.
  - **Motion Passed:** 11-0
7. An email vote took place on January 13th as submitted by Phil Harms and seconded by Libby Montenguise. Due to an increase in house league players Phil requested the house league teams for the Squirt/PeeWee age be reconfigured to include two more teams. The cost of this increase is covered by the registration fees.
  - **Motion Passed:** 11-0

#### **VII.Adjournment:**

1. A motion to adjourn the open session and move to a general closed session of the board was submitted by Tera Peterson and seconded by Kate Oswald.
2. **Motion Passed: Unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Rivers Edge Conference Room**