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	x	Girls Program Director: Tyson Terry	x
Vice Pres. Ops: Dave O'Brien	x	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		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		HockeyFest: Shauna Paulson		Volunteer/Dibs: Linnea Gamache	
Webmaster: Andrea Harms		Recruiting: Shauna Paulsom		Tryout Committee/ Katie Dalzell	

Player/Coach Development Coordinator:Dan Ohlman	x

Meeting Start:

- Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Approve Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- Motion by: Dave O'Brien
- Second by: Nick Harris
- All Approved

Committee Reports:

- Recruiting (Shauna Paulson):
  - Nothing to report

- HockeyFest / Jamboree(s) (Shauna Paulson):
  - - Mite/8U Jamboree participants are aware of all jamboree details, and the store for apparel is open. Sending DIBS to get posted to Linnea by the end of the week.

  - -Hockey Fest schedule is almost done, and communications will be going out by the end of week hopefully (just waiting on getting a coach/team manager list) communication will be regarding baskets, schedule for in-house teams to start finding

teams to play, etc. I will also be looking for a silent auction coordinator, carnival coordinator and food coordinator. I'll put together the request for a communication to be sent on that. Meeting with Diane from CGAA Gambling to discuss what we can do this year and if keeping the beer/wine/liquor wall is what we still plan to do.
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- Goalies (Brian Buffie):
    - Try to have teams make more of an effort to get goalies to goalie development.
- Equipment (Nicole Tvedt):
    - Got the 2nd order of equipment, it is in the equipment room.
    - Still looking for a replacement for this position.
    - Have a discussion about rental in the summer. What should we do? Further discussion is needed.
- Fundraising (Andrea Erickson):
    - We have 3 stragglers to pick up calendars and the Junior Gold. There are lots of extra ones to sell.
- Ice Manager (Matt McMorrow):
    - Junior Gold schedules came out so figuring out what they need for ice.
    - Woodbury has open ice and the ice is not the best.
- Tournaments (*Abigail Polson)*:
    - Tournaments were good, and had 4 Thunder Bay teams down here this weekend.
    - Lots of complements on our ice and officiating.
    - For Dibs only one official no show.
    - Potentially doing another district playoffs , Peewee B1.
- Volunteer / Dibs (Linnea Gamache):
    - Nothing to report
- Communications (Sharon Kortus):
    - Should meeting minutes come out within a week of the meeting . Yes.
- Apparel Manager (Ronda Ellevold):
    - Meet with Advanced Sportswear to discuss the issues we have been having with them.
- Tryout Committee (Katie Dalzell):
    - Nothing to report
- Player/Coach Development Coordinator (Dan Ohlman):
    - We had a couple meetings with squirts and mites, boys and girls.
- Webmaster (Andrea Harms):
    - I have updated the coaches page with more clear step by step registration instructions.
    - The Volunteer Page is updated with tabs at the top for gamesheet, clock and scorebook and a direct link is on the homepage.
    - I have cleaned up all old articles - and have sent an email out to Dan, Brian, Dave and Nick with some questions on a few items to see what is current and what is not so I can update those items as necessary.

- Last item - with the change in technology for the locker room assignments this year - there is no way to link it to our website. In the past that linked to the CG Arena page. That page is now the ice schedule and no longer shows locker rooms. The technology is in house and they don't have a way for me to link to it to display on our website at this time. Someone is checking in to see if there is another way.

- District 8 Rep (Jake Benson):
  - No meeting until January

Board Member Reports:

- Registrar/Administrator (Tom Wassmund):
  - Nothing to report
- Budget Director (Tom Johnson):
  - The budget is good.
  - Registration is a little down.
  - Cash is good and expenditures are on track.
  - Lots of tournaments are being canceled and new ones rescheduled. This is a huge hassle.
- Junior Gold Director (Chad Rediske):
  - .JG season starts tonight with JG16 and JGB both having away games. We currently have 28 skaters and 3 goalies. Waivers have been completed on all but 2 (3 from Stillwater, 2 from Prescott, and 4 from Woodbury) - waiting on 1 from Stillwater and 1 from Woodbury.

  - Side question: We have one player not registered yet, Zac Devaan, who is currently injured. Per the family, the doctors will give him clearance to play starting in January. The injury is a head injury and it's possible that he may not get clearance. Because he will miss the first third of the season for sure - can we offer a reduced player fee for the family?

    Reasons why I support this: there are currently 13 skaters on JGB (Zac would be on JGB), an extra body would really help especially later in the season.
    The Devaan's have put 3 kids through CGHA, Mike has been a JG coach even when his kids were not playing JG.
    They are taking a risk as one good hit may end his hockey days and they would still be on the hook for the registration. They would need to register him before they get clearance from the doctors (to ensure he is able to get in, they would need to have him signed up by 12/15).

  - My request would be $500 off their registration (just over a third of the registration cost).
  - Have him fill out a financial form and it will be taken care of through that.

- Bantam Director (Alex Rettof):
  - Working through tournaments.

    - Touch base with coaches in a few player suspensions..
- Peewee Director (Chris Westphall):
    - 4 teams had tournaments this weekend.
    - Happy with the teams and where they are.
- Squirt Director (Chris Johnson):
    - Going well.
    - Possible player suspension and trying to figure it out, because it was entered oddly.
- Mite Director (Zach Paulson):
    - Mites are good, working on Jamborees.
- Mini Mite Director (Tylor Kendle):
    - Everything is going well.
    - Getting ready for the Scheels event. We will need to bring nets that are not full size.
- Girls Program Director (Tyson Terry):
    - Everything is going as well as expected.
    - Had an issue with scrimmage referring.
- Girls Program 8U Director (Chris Kubesh):
    - Scrimmages working through and Jamborees.
    - Can high school girls come on the ice and practice? If they are 16 years old and younger they can go on to USA hockey and register as a volunteer. If 17 and 18 have to do safesport and background checks. We will ask about this.
- Girls Program 10U Director (Nicole Gilman):
    - Issue at Polar with ice being canceled.
    - All teams are working hard.
- Hockey Director (Nick Harris):
    - Over the next 4 weeks, getting out and observing more practices.
- Vice President of Administration (Brian Buffie):
    - Nothing to report
- Vice President of Operation (Dave O'Brien):
    - Nothing to report
- President (Dan Olson):
    - Technically Tria, Tartan and Polar all district 2 rinks. Refs need to be assigned from district 2. If you want a scrimmage using one of those ice sheets, schedule a ref through them and if no ref can be found district 8 can then assign.
    - Meet with Corkish and the high school program, looking to build a JV locker room. Building an Audio/Visual room for everyone to use. So we may get involved and help.
    - Anything to do with a suspension district 8 will not do a review on it.

New Business:

- Conflict of interests form must be filled out for the Voting Board Members along with background checks and sent to CGAA.

General Membership Concerns / Discussion:

- Wording on the calendar raffle is confusing whether you have to be present or not. This will be adjusted for next year.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at: 8:03pm
    - Motion by: Chris Westphall
    - Second by: Dave O'Brien
    - All Approved