



# Juneau Adult Hockey Association

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Juneau Adult Hockey Association

- Held: March 14, 2020 10:00 am
- Meeting chair: Jason Soza
- Location: Teleconference
- Board members present: Jason Soza, President  
Rick Driscol, Vice President  
Thomas McKenzie, Registrar  
Ryhana Akhund, Member at Large A  
Matt Reece, Member at Large B  
Michele Drummond, Secretary  
Adam Bryan, Treasurer  
Andrew Dimond, A Tier Representative  
Chris Coutu, 40+ Tier Representative  
Tyler Ferrin, C Tier Representative  
Claire Baldwin, Women's Tier Representative
- Board members absent: Brian Thomason, B Tier Representative  
Andrew Ainsworth, Tier D Representative
- Visitors present: None

1. Call to order at 10:10 am: (Soza) Special Session to discuss Coronavirus action plan  
In reaction to the pandemic of the Coronavirus, JAHA wants to act in the best interests of the hockey community and the greater community of Juneau.

2. Rink Statement: (Lauren Anderson)  
CBJ parks and Recreation and Facilities managers will be meeting later in the day (1:00 pm) to discuss the rink's plan of action. Lauren will meet with the JAHA Board to discuss the outcome, post meeting. Plan on phoning in again at 3:00pm to further discuss.

3. Board Discussion: If the rink remains open what would you decide to do?

Driscoll: Continue playing as long as the rink remains open, but doesn't want to put people at risk unnecessarily. Wait for CBJ response on rink closure.

Drummond: Keep playing unless the rink closes, remind players of best hygiene practices. Wipe down benches post game, social distancing in locker rooms.

Ferrin: Keep things as is. Perhaps going to single elimination for the playoffs, and allow similar skill level subs during playoffs with prior approval of opposing teams.

Coutu: With my job I have been working with USCG on a plan for cruise ship visits to Juneau. This plan is still evolving. For limiting group sizes, allow subs, no showers, wipe down common areas. Keep things as they are for now unless the rink closes.

Bryan: Feels similar to Driscoll. Suspend season for 2 weeks, then meet again. Caution people about not contributing to the problem, be mindful of their wellness, travel and the rink. Come up with steps for a message to the hockey community.

Dimond: Agrees with Driscoll and Drummond, the membership that he has heard from wants to continue to play. Follow Treadwell's decision.

McKenzie: Fine with whatever the decision is made. Possibilities: finish the season, cancel the season and refund the membership for the missed games and playoffs, suspend the season and work from there.

Baldwin: Agrees with Driscoll, Drummond, Ferrin, Et al. Wait to hear from the rink.

Reece: Make sure that teams have played the same number of games, follow Coutu's recommendations to limit groups, social distancing and hygiene practices.

Akhund: Suspend the season now to avoid spreading the virus. Public safety should be the first concern.

Soza: This presents very unusual circumstances, I would be horrified if I was responsible for passing along the virus if I could have prevented the spread.

Discussion tabled until the group reconvenes at 3:00 pm.

Board members present for the afternoon phone in:

Soza

Bryan

Baldwin

Akhund

Drummond

McKenzie

Dimond

Reece

Ferrin

Driscoll

Lauren Anderson

Rink Update: Anderson- The result of the CBJ Meeting: Rink to remain open until further reevaluation by the facilities manager. Juneau Skating Club has cancelled their spring show, JDIA has no plan to give up ice time.

Board discussion:

Soza: In light of the following information: ASHA has made no preference statement as of now. Youth tournaments have been cancelled. And after a conversation with a JAHA member who works in the medical community he feels that we should do our part to deter the spread of the Corona Virus by cancelling games. Tentatively suspend games for 2 weeks. Unless the rink closes before that time arrives. We haven't talked with JHO, but since they bill after games their payment should not be a problem. Since the banquet hasn't been firmly set, we can cancel until further notice. The JAHA Board will have to work out elections and jersey retrieval.

McKenzie: We should close now to get a plan together on reimbursing player fees.

Dimond: Would like to keep playing, waiting on the rink to close.

Reece: Continue playing , wait for the rink to shut down.

Ferrin: Continue until the rink closes.

**Motion by Soza: Postpone the season until March the 27th, effective immediately games will be suspended indefinitely. Watch for updates after the 27th of March.**

**Second by: McKenzie**

**Motion passes 6 yay, 4 nay**

Soza will draft a notice to the membership and contact JHO. There will be no money returned until after March 27th. Thomas can draft playoff schedules for April.