

## KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Monday February 17, 2025**

President Clement called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. Minutes recorded by Secretary Galloway.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** President Clement, Secretary/VP Galloway, Girls Director Wainwright, House Director McFall, Treasurer Dougherty, Member and Social Media Manager Michalak, Appointee Popma

**ABSENT:** Travel Director Vedder, Appointee McNeil, Appointee Mainhardt

**STAFF:** Office Manager Christ; LTP Director Whitbeck

**MEMBERSHIP/GUEST:** Amanda Vizzini, Mary Rumple, Kira Damusis, Mike Degg, Kristen Bridge, Tonya Emerson – 12U Destroyers, Kylie Frenger – 12U Destroyers, Casey Mcready - 12U Generals, Bob Rechul – 14U Admirals, Bob Hamel, Brandon Camerella, Kristy Holmstrom, Tom Rumple – 12U Destroyers

**OPEN CALL:** Limit to 5 minutes per person, no discussion (for timeline sake)  
- Concerns about 14U house teams for next season, 2 teams?  
House teams are formed in the fall, travel in the spring. 14U numbers for next year are good for two house teams and possibly one low level travel team.  
- 6-7+ House kids are ready for Howe 3 travel, Casey Mcready is willing to coach  
With sale of the rink, lost ice to Hartland splitting off. BBSG also schedules tourneys and take ice. KVHA will have less ice in the 25-26 season, and BBSG has not provided information about how much ice KVHA will have. Further information will be provided this week from BBSG.

**MINUTES:** Review January minutes. **Motion to approve January minutes made by Social Media Manager Michalak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by House Director McFall, YES votes from All NO votes from None: PASSED.**

**FINANCE/BUDGET:** Treasurer Dougherty reported balance within expected range. Expense credit card purchase update.

**TEAM FINANCIALS:** Treasurer Dougherty reported no late payments. Need to start gathering year end budgets. Some teams have high balances. Two accounts have balances from two years ago.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- **Jerseys:** House Director McFall to discuss 2025 jersey designs
- **Discipline:** 18U Rebels player GM for slew footing; 18U Rebels player GM (4) penalties in a game; 2010 Raiders player GM for (4) penalties in a game; 2010 Raiders coach (5) game suspension and (1) year probation for hosting an ineligible player at an interest skate in November; 2013 Raiders coach cleared of allegations of playing an ineligible player; 14U

coach (3) game suspension for playing games prior to having an official roster; 2011 Renegades issue with player not serving a GM; 10U Brigade complaint received from Livonia Hockey Association regarding a coach (investigated and suspension issued); 10U Eagles coach GM for persisting in any conduct where previously assessed misconduct

- IT/Communications – Social Media Manager Michalak - Nothing to report\_.
- Election – Office Manager Christ: To date 5 applications have been received. President Clement is not seeking re-election.
- Finance –Treasurer Dougherty:
- Coaching Selection –
  - House Director McFall: Nothing to report
  - Travel Director Vedder: Not present to report. Michelle reported tryout dates are scheduled.
  - Girls Director Wainwright: Will hold a Ravens program meeting in April.
- Charity Event – Committee temporarily inactive.
- House Evaluation/Draft – House Director McFall- Nothing to report
- Grow the Game – House Director McFall – Looking to purchase a new set of pads. Learn the Game and Learn to Play will continue. Learn to Skate will be taken over by BBSG. Kurt Gosselin has been offered job as BBSG Hockey Director. Looking at Take a Shot at Hockey as well.
- House Development: Nothing to report
- Arena/Ice Conditions – Repair planned for leak in locker room.
- Ice Scheduling – Sydney will handle KVHA scheduling and tournaments
- Alumni – Appointee Popma - Nothing to report

#### **DIVISION UPDATES:**

- Learn to Play: Nothing to report
- Mini-Mite/Mite: Nothing to report
- House: Nothing to report
- Travel: 16U Renegades may not have had a coach at practice.
- Girls: Nothing to report

#### **TRAINING/SKILLS:**

- Update on House goalie training: Jim Blanchard will do two more sessions. Plan to do spring and summer sessions.

#### **MAHA / USA HOCKEY:**

- 8u Hockey Plus Program launch

#### **PAST BUSINESS:**

- KVHA Intern Application
- 14U T3 Ravens issue (resolved)
- AAA Biggby teams skating out of Brighton for the 2025 season?

- KVHA is unable to effectively plan 2025 season
- 14U Admirals requested a penalty review for additional discipline
- 10U Eagles requested a penalty review for additional discipline
- 14U Admirals – outside note received regarding an alleged racial slur during a game on 1-5-2025
- 2014 Raiders – outside complaint received regarding a parent who was scorekeeping using disrespectful and disparaging remarks directed at a player on the opposing team during a game on December 20, 2024.
- Website issue – MAHA discovered the KVHA website had information about AAU Brighton ICE
- District playoff Credentialing issues with 2015 Renegades, 10U Eagles, 2013 Raiders, 12U Generals, 2011 Renegades, 2010 Rebels, 16U Renegades, 18U Rebels, 10U T2 Ravens, 14U T2 Ravens, 14U T3 Ravens, 16u T2 Ravens, 19U T2 Ravens
- 12 Destroyers coach complaint
- Discussion of committees – Caryn Michalik
- White boards for meeting room and board room (approved a \$1,000 budget allowance)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 14U Admirals MAHA District 4 Champions. Congratulations to the hard work of the coaching staff and players. Best of luck in the State Tournament.

**Motion by President Clement to pay the State Tournament Fee for the 14U Admirals, Girls Director Wainwright second, Yes votes from all, Passes.**

- 14U Admirals - contribution toward cost of the State Tournament.
- 10U Brigade - multiple issues surrounding alleged abusive actions of players and lack of disciplinary action taken by head coach
- 10U Brigade - complaint received alleging team manager has publicly threatened to get a coach suspended as he has sought accountability of her son's behavior
- 12U Destroyers complaint filed against head coach for allegedly sitting players for extended periods of time and giving extra ice time during games to select players and not rotating players into various positions (investigated);
- 2015 Raiders head coach requested a meeting to resolve a conflict
- 2015 Raiders - complaint filed against coach regarding alleged bullying by a player along with fairness when it comes to playing time
- 2015 Renegades complaint filed against head coach regarding favoritism of certain players leading to a request to remove him as a coach
- Complaint filed against Hockey Director
- 2015 Renegades player release
- 2012 Rebels granted a release to move from the KVHA to HHC

#### **REQUESTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**      The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 PM

Updated 02/16/2025.

# KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Monday March 17, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM. Minutes recorded by Michelle Christ.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Via Zoom: Secretary/VP Galloway, Girls Director Wainwright, Travel Director Vedder, Social Media Manager Michalak

**ABSENT:** President Clement, House Director McFall, Treasurer Dougherty, Appointee McNeil, Appointee Mainhardt, Appointee Popma

**STAFF:** Office Manager Christ (in-person); LTP Director Whitbeck (zoom); Safety Advocate Bob Hamel (in person)

**MEMBERSHIP/GUEST:** None

**OPEN CALL:** None

**MINUTES:** Review February minutes. **Motion to approve February minutes made by Michael Wainwright 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caryn Michalak YES votes 4 NO votes 0 motion passes.**

**FINANCE/BUDGET:** Treasurer Dougherty not present to report.

**TEAM FINANCIALS:** March Ice invoice transfers were processed 3-11-2025. Kristyn will work to close old accounts and teams who are not returning and open new accounts for those we added.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- Jerseys: House Director McFall to discuss 2025 jersey designs
- Discipline: Awaiting hearing decision from MAHA on 2011 Renegades; 10u Brigade and 12u Eagles decision sent to parties
- IT/Communications – Social Media Manager Michalak:
- Election – Office Manager Christ: To date 5 applications have been received for 2025-2027 terms. One application was withdrawn, leaving 4 applicants. Board elections will commence March 24 with voting from March 24 through April 7 Annual Board-Meeting postponed until April 21; President Clement is not seeking re-election. Chris Vedder and Michael Wainwright are seeking/not seeking re-election; Patrick McFall is stepping down leaving a vacation one-year term.
- Finance –Treasurer Dougherty: see above
- Coaching Selection –
  - House: Returning coaches for the Spring, no need for selections
  - Travel: Adding 16u Rebels team, head coach Dominic Mackson; Tryouts will be held in May
  - Girls: Request for new 14u Ravens Tier 2 Gary Bolton; approved, will see how tryouts go. We have 32 14u aged players in house which is enough for two teams.
- Charity Event – Committee temporarily inactive.
- House Evaluation/Draft – Not active until August
- Grow the Game – House Director McFall – Approval received to purchase a new set of pads will be purchased this week. Learn the Game and Learn to Play will continue as is through KVHA for the time being. Learn to Skate will continue with Harmony Skating.
- House Development: Nothing to report
- Arena/Ice Conditions – Not present to report
- Ice Scheduling – Spring is almost final; will begin working on finalizing. Fall once the high school schedules are received

- Alumni – Appointee Popma: New submissions to the Alumni Carter Korpi Union College; Cameron Korpi U of M

#### **DIVISION UPDATES:**

- Learn to Play: New session begins April 12; 45 registered
- Learn the Game: New Session begins April 12; 8 registered, we moved 7 kids from Learn to Play to this program for more proper development by age
- Mini-Mite/Mite: Spring evals begin April 6 ; 84 players – sold out 6 teams
- House: Spring 10u and older begins March 31 with evaluation skates ; Two Squirt teams (28 players registered to date); Two 12u teams (23 players registered to date) ; One 14u Team (18 players registered to date)
- Travel: Tryouts ongoing
- Girls: 16u and 19u Ravens received large bids for 2025 Nationals; As in years past, consider \$500 per team as a KVHA Contribution. **Motion to approve a \$500 KVHA contribution to each team for Nationals expenses made Michael Wainwright, seconded by Josh Galloway** YES votes 4 NO votes 0 motion passes.

#### **TRAINING/SKILLS:**

- House goalie training: Spring and summer sessions pending with Jimmy Blanchard

#### **MAHA / USA HOCKEY:**

- 8u Hockey Plus Program launch; 8u Rebels participated in EoS MAHA Plus tournament; Great experience, good benefit for the players

#### **PAST BUSINESS:**

- KVHA Intern Application – On hold pending several items
- AAA Biggby teams skating out of Brighton for the 2025 season
- Discussion of committees – Caryn Michalik
- White boards for meeting room and board room (approved a \$1,000 budget allowance)
- 10U Brigade - multiple issues surrounding one family, addressed in disciplinary section
- 2015 Renegades; multiple complaints and allegations continue to come in related to head coach

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 14U Admirals attended 14u MAHA State Tournament in Iron Mountain; Complaint from Escanaba parent alleging foul language and hand gestures by 14u Admirals head coach with law enforcement called but no ejection from the game, no game misconduct or match penalties assessed by the officials, no report from MAHA
- Ice contract received from Blackbear Sports Group LLC
  - Proposed ice rate is \$375/hour for the 2025-2026 season
  - Discuss review with legal counsel and USA Hockey
  - Determine appropriate counter proposal

#### **REQUESTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Updated 4/21/2025.

# KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

July 21, 2025

Zoom Meeting called to order at 730pm. Minutes recorded by Michelle Christ.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Brandon Camerella, Kristyn Dougherty, Caryn Michalak, Dennis Whitbeck, Michael Wainwright, Appointee Popma, Chris Vedder (8:00pm)

**ABSENT:** N/A

**STAFF:** Michelle Christ

**MEMBERSHIP/GUEST:** None

**OPEN CALL:** Limit to 5 minutes per person, no discussion (for timeline sake)

**MINUTES:** Review March minutes. **Motion to approve March minutes made by Michael Wainwright 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Whitbeck YES votes 6 NO votes 0, motion passes.**

### **FINANCE/BUDGET:**

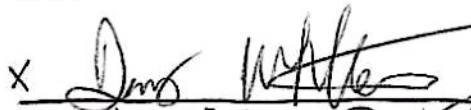
- 2024-2025 Budget Reconciliation was sent to KVHA Board 6-18-2025 with recommendations on expense cuts.
- 2025-2026 registration fees increased from \$220 to \$250, with a \$50 increase for July 1, \$300 and August 1, \$350 increases.
- 2025-2026 6u/8u team registration fee was raised from \$125/player to \$150/player.
- Monthly Ice fees for the 8u program were increased to \$175/month
- Monthly Ice fees for the 10u and older teams were raised \$10 per month, 10u is \$245/month, 12u is \$285/month, 14u is \$335/month
- Thank you to the Bob England foundation and the England family, who have generously helped so many kids in our association. Craig recently reached out to me, and they had to close the foundation as it was getting harder to get donations and harder to decide who to provide funding to
- BBSG /BIGGBY Sponsorship coordinator reached out to me on June 14<sup>th</sup> and they will be sending our \$20,000 BIGBY sponsorship check from the 2024-2025 season; Our BIGGBY Sponsorship is \$22,000 for the 25-26 season.

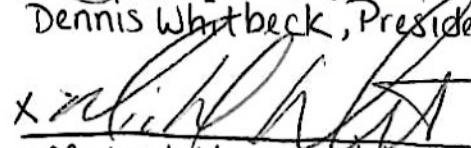
### **TEAM FINANCIALS:**

Final Spring transfers completed 7-21-2025; August Invoices pending the new Ice Contract.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- **Jerseys:** BBSG request to switch to Breakaway sports; Jerseys are in process with Perfect Edge ; Per Ice Contract negotiations, new BIGGBY Shoulder logos are required for BBSG BIGGBY club rinks. Working on mocks with Perfect Edge
- **Discipline:** Awaiting hearing decision from MAHA on 2011 Renegades?
- **IT/Communications** – Social Media Manager Michalak:
- **Election** – Board roles the 2025-2026 season
  - **President:** Dennis Whitbeck (Michael Wainwright approved, Chris Vedder Seconded, no "no" votes)
  - **Secretary:** vacant position
  - **Treasurer:** Chris Vedder will take over for Kristyn Dougherty
  - **Vice President / Girls Director:** Michael Wainwright
  - **Travel Director / BBSG Liaison:** Brandon Camerella
  - **House Director:** vacant position

X   
Dennis Whitbeck, President

X   
Michael Wainwright, Vice President

- Coaching Selection – 8u and 10u coaches need to be interviewed once a house director is selected
- Charity Event – Committee temporarily inactive.
- House Evaluation/Draft – Not active until August
- Grow the Game –
  - BIGGBY sponsorship funds purchased a new set of green 22" pads for the south rink.
  - Learn the Game and Learn to Play programs continue through KVHA.
  - Rink is adding Take a Shot at Hockey
    - 4 week try hockey for free program leading into Little Wings.
  - Rink is adding a Little Wings program, free equipment and 6 weeks of ice for \$250
    - Two 6 week sessions will be added to the schedule this season.
  - Fall Learn to Skate will continue with Harmony Skating.
- House Development:
  - Coach Dennis summer training, next session begins 7-26 for three Saturdays.
- Arena/Ice Conditions:
  - Zamboni arrived last week, older but low mileage in good condition
  - Rink will be closed August 6-8 to repair plumbing in the Zamboni room.
- Ice Scheduling:
  - Scheduling was on hold due to ice contract should have full schedule from August through October in tomorrow, we will work on conflicts for MDHL Sat and Sun and then release actual dates and time to teams and invoice them for August.
- Alumni – Appointee Popma: nothing to report

#### DIVISION UPDATES:

- Fall Learn to registration just opened
- House Registration
  - Mini-Mite/Mite: 48 Mites; 32 Mini Mites players – will keep pushing on socials
    - Mini Mite Directors Michael McFall and John Rossi
      - Head Coaches Kyle Kolasnski; John Rossi; One more TBD
    - Mite Director Lucas Puninske and Nick Ventrone
      - Head Coaches Lucas Puninske, Nick Ventrone, Nick Cunningham and one TBD
  - Two 10u teams (27); Jeff Cooke and Brad Harris are returning head coaches, and we have two candidates to interview to be a head coach: Mike Johnson and Gordon Belcher
  - One 12u team (14 registered); Shawn McCreedy Head Coach – returning Assistant coach from 12u Generals the last two seasons
  - One 14u Team (18 players); Robert Rechul Head Coach
- Travel: Tryouts seemed to be a success; Note 2011 and older teams can now roster effective August 1
- Girls: Tier 3 program will be difficult- 8u/10u T3 currently has 5 players registered; 12u T3 has 6 players; 14u T3 has 4 players; We will have three tier 3 goalies this season.

#### TRAINING/SKILLS:

- Jimmy Blanchard lined up for goalie training in the Fall and a few teams will be working with him and his guys, on their own, the association is not involved other than an endorsement. Jimmy will also provide monthly group goalie training for our house players and some house goalie instruction during shared practices throughout the season for more individual attention. We will use the BIGGBY budget as we have traditionally done for these sessions.

#### MAHA / USA HOCKEY:

- USA Hockey rule change for the 2025-2029 seasons. Of note:
  - 304(g) Requires HECC certified neck laceration protectors for all Youth, Girls and High School players. With note allowing BNQ certified NLP's for 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons.

- 307(c) Adds cameras and microphones to list of devices prohibited to be worn by a player during games. Any violation results in a misconduct penalty.
- 624(b) Icing the Puck Allows teams at the Youth 15-Only and above, and Girls 16U and above, to ice the puck while playing shorthanded.
- 624(c) Icing the Puck Requires center-ice face-off location if game officials err in calling icing.
- 630(d) Offside Allows teams at the Youth 15-Only and above, and Girls 16U and above, to play with Delayed/Tag-up Offsides.
- MAHA Summer Meeting in Frankenmuth, information sent to the Board along with Rule proposals
  - There are no longer out of district rules for house players so that means that the boys' travel district borders are likely to go away soon, as shown by the rule proposals - there are several different proposals to make it 4 OOD players per team, 5, 6, 50% and rules for abolishing district boundaries all together.
  - Eliminating Game Counts in the 26-27 season
  - Change of the 72-hour rule for when a player is eligible to play for a new team after being released from another to a 24-hour rule – good rule!
  - Clarification on electronic score sheets and ensuring penalties are reported properly
  - 18u BB game change request to allow them to play more AA teams.
  - Tournament and Jamboree sanctioning proposed

#### **PAST BUSINESS:**

- AAA Biggby teams skating out of Brighton for the 2025 season – part of ice contract negotiation
- White boards for meeting room and board room (approved a \$1,000 budget allowance) – On hold

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Meeting with BBSG via Zoom on 7-16-2025 re Breakaway Sports and Ice Contract
  - Ice would be \$365/hour if we use Breakaway for all jerseys and team apparel
  - \$380/hour if we do not use Breakaway this season.
  - Negotiating a compromise, perhaps use Breakaway for Team Apparel for a lower rate
  - KVHA contract in place with Perfect Edge until 2028 and the process is underway for this season.
  - More money would have to be collected from families, as the jersey markup is about 60% compared to what we are paying now.
- Rink Rat Rentals partnership: They partner with over 70 organizations in 16 different states, and their mission is to offer affordable and practical ways for families to get into the sport.
  - No cost to us
  - They offer high-quality rental equipment packages for youth hockey players aged 3–12
    - including beginner-friendly options like 'Learn to Skate' sets
    - full equipment rentals
    - flexibility to rent individual items
    - They do not rent sticks but everything else is available.
  - Orders are done online and they are delivered to their home and when they are ready to return, there is a prepaid return label. We don't get involved at all, just post their info on the site.
- Purchase of two intermediate Goal nets strung and ready to go from Becker for a cost quoted on June 4, 2025, total cost of \$1,837.27. This could come out of the 2025-2026 BIGGBY Budget for the LtP and 8u programs
- Travel and Ravens Coach and Manager Kick Off Meeting will be held August 5 or 6<sup>th</sup> In the upstairs space.

#### **REQUESTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 915 PM

# KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

August 20, 2025

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm. Minutes recorded by Michelle Christ.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Michael Wainwright, Chris Vedder, Brandon Camerella

**ABSENT:** Caryn Michalak, Dennis Whitbeck, Kristyn Dougherty **NO QUORUM**

**STAFF:** Michelle Christ

**MEMBERSHIP/GUEST:** None

**OPEN CALL:** Limit to 5 minutes per person, no discussion (for timeline's sake)

**MINUTES:** Review March minutes. **Motion to approve July minutes made by \_\_\_\_\_**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by \_\_\_\_\_ YES votes \_\_\_\_ NO votes \_\_\_\_, motion passes.**

### **FINANCE/BUDGET:**

- 2024-2025 Budget Reconciliation was sent to KVHA Board 6-18-2025 with recommendations on expense cuts. REVISIT
- Treasurer transition from Kristyn to Chris

### **TEAM FINANCIALS:**

- August Invoices: Most teams were transferred on August 18 except one
- September will need to be deducted quickly to get us on track for invoicing from BBSG at the first of the month
- Signed meeting minutes dropped at PNC 8-19-2025 to switch treasurer from Kristyn to Chris
- 16u Rebels still need an account and other general housekeeping that will be part of the transition

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- Jerseys: Jerseys are in process with Perfect Edge; BBSG request to switch jerseys to Breakaway sports – Team apparel store to start; BIGGBY Shoulder logos will be added to all jerseys. 25<sup>th</sup> KVHA anniversary logo is on the upper chest
- Discipline:
- IT/Communications – Social Media Manager Michalak:
- Election: Should we expand the board?
- Coaching Selection –
  - 10u Coaches pending, candidates Jeff Cooke, Jeff Ducharme, Brad Harris; Mike Johnson
  - 6u: Approve new candidate Danny Thomas
  - 8u: still seeking candidates for a fourth team
- Charity Event – Pink Out October 17-19, led by 2012 Renegades; 6 teams interested so far
  - Approval from rink/Top Shelf for Food Trucks
  - Raffle License for basket and 50/50 Raffle
- House Evaluation/Draft – 6u and 8u evaluations begin August 24; 10u teams began skating 8-19-2025 and will work together to form their teams based on draft rules
- Grow the Game –
  - Try Hockey Free on September 13 from 9-945am, 6 registered, will post this week
  - Learn the Game Registration open, 10 players so far, will post out this week
- House Development:
  - Goalie Coaching dates pending

- Arena/Ice Conditions:
  - Zamboni pit drain work completed
  - Keypad lock installed on the KVHA loft door
  - New key lock installed on the KVHA office door
- Ice Scheduling:
  - Teams have been provided August – October
  - MDHL schedule changed slightly so teams are being moved off the East rink on those weekends
  - High School games were mostly scheduled at 5pm or later on Saturdays-lost ice on weekends is minimal
  - November – March in process now that high school games are final
- Alumni – Appointee Popma:

#### **DIVISION UPDATES:**

- House Registration
  - 6u: 39 registered, 3 teams so we are almost sold out, 15 per team
  - 8u: 60 Mites – Full @15 per team but coaches are okay adding one more – two kids on the waiting list
  - 10u: 28 registered, Two teams; adding one more skater from the waiting list; Coaches pending
  - One 12u team (15 + 1 goalie registered); Shawn McCreedy Head Coach
  - One 14u Team (18 players); Robert Rechul Head Coach
- Travel: 16u Rebels having tryouts next week; they have 9 players registered
- Girls: 8u/10u T3 has 8 players registered (6 are 10u and 2 are 8u and we have more 8u girls to get together); We are trying to get one 8u team together also – will keep recruiting; 12u14u T3 has 2 spots remaining; One of the T3 goalies may move to the 14u T2 Ravens

#### **TRAINING/SKILLS:**

- Saturday morning training ice will be available for the goalie program as well as for coaches to bring house players to work on specific skills; it will also become our 10 and older learn to game as we get older players
- **MAHA / USA HOCKEY:**
- 8-11-2025 Maha District 4 Meeting recap
  - Select a representative from KVHA to attend in the future
- Tier II and Tier III committees, send representative info to Joe Barone, deadline is September 1

#### **PAST BUSINESS:**

- AAA Biggby teams skating out of Brighton for the 2025 season
- Ice Contract signed at \$370 per hour on August 5; Perfect Edge will provide jerseys per contract; Breakaway Sports will provide an apparel store.
- White boards for meeting room and board room (approved a \$1,000 budget allowance) – On hold
- Intermediate Goal nets strung from Becker \$1,837.27 – On hold
- Travel and Ravens Coach and Manager Kick Off Meeting held August 5

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Breakaway Sports Apparel Store
- Raiders Logo change
- Student Coaching Clinic
  - Need someone to deliver the course – recommend two dates
  - Sign up to help with all Saturday morning development programs

#### **REQUESTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ PM

# KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

September 17, 2025

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. Minutes recorded by Michelle Christ.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Michael Wainwright, Dennis Whitbeck, Caryn Michalak

**ABSENT:** Kristyn Dougherty, Brandon Camerella, Appointee Popma **NO QUORUM**

**STAFF:** Michelle Christ

**MEMBERSHIP/GUEST:** None

**OPEN CALL:** Limit to 5 minutes per person, no discussion (for timeline's sake)

**MINUTES:** Review August minutes. **Motion to approve August minutes made by**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **2<sup>nd</sup> by** \_\_\_\_\_ **YES votes** \_\_\_\_ **NO votes** \_\_\_\_,  
**motion passes.**

### **FINANCE/BUDGET:**

- Budget Reconciliation will begin this month using a new spreadsheet

### **TEAM FINANCIALS:**

- Kristyn will remain as treasurer until we find someone interested in the role.
- Banking is in good shape, all new teams have accounts
- For Sept all teams have enough to cover their ice bills, will be transferred 9/20 as planned.
- We're up to date on all sponsorship transfers to teams

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- **Jerseys:** Jerseys are in process with Perfect Edge; BBSG request to switch jerseys to Breakaway sports – Team apparel store to start; BIGGBY Shoulder logos will be added to all jerseys to save \$15/hour on ice costs for the 2025-2026 ice contract. 25<sup>th</sup> KVHA anniversary logo is on the upper chest
- **Discipline:**
- **IT/Communications** – Social Media Manager Michalak:
- **Election:** Should we expand the board?
- **Coaching Selection** – Coaches approved via email September 3 and 4.
  - 10u Jeff Cooke and Brad Harris
  - 6u: Danny Thomas
  - 8u: Brian Kearns
- **Charity Event** – Pink Out October 19, led by 2012 Renegades; 6 teams interested so far
  - KVHA receives a charitable solicitations approval each season that covers our activities unless we use a professional fundraiser, which we are not
- **House Evaluation/Draft** – 6u and 8u final evaluation was on September 7. Teams formed
  - **6U BIGGBY:** Barracuda – Bulls – Bullfrogs
  - **8U BIGGBY:** Badgers – Bengals – Bobcats - Bulls
- **Grow the Game** –
  - Try Hockey Free on September 13 – 10 participants
  - Learn the Game Registration open, 15 players so far
- **House Development:**
  - House Goalie Coaching begins 9-20-2025 8-9am; 9-27-2025 845am-945am
  - Will be scheduled twice monthly

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- Girls: 8u/10u T3 has 11 players registered (9 are 10u and 2 are 8u and we have more 8u girls to get together); We are trying to get one 8u team together also – will keep recruiting; 12u/14u T3 has 2 spots remaining; One of the T3 goalies had a good opportunity to move to the 14u T2 Ravens

### **TRAINING/SKILLS:**

- Saturday morning training ice will be available for the goalie program as well as for coaches to bring house players to work on specific skills; it will also become our 10 and older learn to game as we get older players

### **MAHA / USA HOCKEY:**

- 8-11-2025 Maha District 4 Meeting recap
  - No information received
  - If D4 is not holding Zoom calls, we need to have a representative from KVHA to attend in the future and bring back the information that was received
- Tier II and Tier III committees, send representative info to Joe Barone, deadline is September 1

### **PAST BUSINESS:**

- AAA Biggby teams skating out of Brighton for the 2025 season
- White boards for meeting room and board room (approved a \$1,000 budget allowance) – On hold
- Intermediate Goal nets strung from Becker \$1,837.27 – On hold
- Travel and Ravens Coach and Manager Kick Off Meeting held August 5 , quick, good attendance and no issues

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Breakaway Sports Apparel Store per contract
- Raiders Logo change, will work to redesign this season and have the teams vote before the end of the this season
- Student Coaching Clinic
  - Need someone to deliver the course – recommend two dates
  - Sign up to help with all Saturday morning development programs

**REQUESTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**      The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

# KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

October 15, 2025 7:30 PM

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. Minutes recorded by Brandon Camerella via AI.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Michael Wainwright; Brandon Camerella; Caryn Michalak; Via Zoom Dennis Whitbeck; Kristyn Dougherty

**ABSENT:** Michelle Christ

**STAFF/APPOINTEES:** John Popma, Bobby Reynolds

**MEMBERSHIP/GUEST:** 12u Ravens parents and coaches Chris Williams – Parent; Anthony Corsi – Parent; Jeff Sutton – Parent; Stephanie Sutton – Parent; Jennie Matice – Parent; Abbie Helminen – HC; Lauren Corsi – TM; Kelly VanMarter – Parent; to discuss "BIGGBY Hockey Club" logos on the jerseys

**OPEN CALL:** Limit to 5 minutes per person, no discussion (for timeline's sake)

**MINUTES:** Review September minutes. **Motion to approve September minutes made by Dennis Whitbeck 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Wainwright YES votes 5 NO votes 0 , motion passes.**

### **FINANCE/BUDGET:**

- 2025-2026 Budget started, Michelle will report at November meeting

### **TEAM FINANCIALS:**

- October Ice Invoices transferred 10-6-2025; all teams had funds available
- Team Budgets were requested via email to teams on 10-7-2025
- November Invoices will be billed tomorrow; Due November 1

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- Jerseys: All travel jerseys have been ordered; House jerseys are starting to arrive in Howell; One box of house jerseys was water damaged in transit and some jerseys fell out of the box. They are working to get those here.
  - 12U Ravens attended the board meeting and voiced concern about the "Biggby Coffee Hockey Club" jersey logo, viewing Big B as a competitor. They propose removing "Hockey Club" or changing the logo.
  - The board admits failure in communicating jersey changes and contract details to teams, causing member frustration and a feeling of being blindsided by decisions.
  - The board faced pressure from Black Bear Sports Group, with 7-14 days to sign contracts. They feared the association's dissolution if terms were not accepted.
  - The board aims for transparency in next year's contract negotiations with Black Bear, seeking to remove "Hockey Club" from jersey logos
- Discipline:
  - 2012 Renegades parent issue addressed via parent meeting 10-4-2025
  - Report of an alleged intoxicated scorekeeper for the 2015 Renegades
- IT/Communications – Social Media Manager Michalak:
- Election: Discussions included expanding the board, reviewing outdated bylaws, and potentially reverting to three-year terms to ensure stability and member representation.
- Coaching Selection – All coaches selected for the 25-26 season
- Charity Event – Pink Out October 19, led by 2012 Renegades; 8 teams participated
  - Pink Out funds raised benefited the Pink Fund

- New Event request approval for Natalia's All Stars, an anti-bullying girls event January 10, 2026 to include a skills competition and charity game- as of 10-15 Michelle has not heard back from them
- House Evaluation/Draft – Inactive until Spring season
- Grow the Game –
  - Try Hockey Free upcoming events are pending; We put our KVHA logo on the TASH program to unify the programs.
  - Learn the Game Registration ongoing, 20 players so far, down from 35 last season at this time of year, but we will build it back up from the Little Wings and TASH programs
- House Development:
  - House Goalie Coaching began 9-20-2025, Group training twice monthly; twice monthly house training during shared practices, going great!
  - Saturday morning training ice is available for the goalie program as well as for coaches to bring house players to work on specific skills; it will also become our 10 and older learn to game as we get older players
- Arena/Ice Conditions:
  - New GM Bobby reported planned improvements in arena cleanliness, organization, and management
  - Perani's opened October 15
  - 10-7-2025 vandalism at the rink – girls sent apology letters; we will determine chores for them to do as community service
- Ice Scheduling:
  - Teams have been provided August – January schedules
  - February – March in process
  - No teams skate the weekend of March 13-15 due to MGHL
  - Considering hosting the Tier 3 MGHL Championships March 8-9
  - Need to work on Spring Ice Needs for BBSG Contract
- Alumni – Appointee Popma:

#### **DIVISION UPDATES:**

- House: 6u spots remain open, looking for one more 10u and an experienced 12u player.
- Travel: Nothing to report
- Girls: Still have room on both 10u and 14u T3 teams.
- A few coaches still have outstanding items in each division, and I am continuing to remind them

**TRAINING/SKILLS:** Bobby Reynolds to run various skills camps during holidays

**MAHA / USA HOCKEY:** Maha District 4 Meeting recap located on MAHA D4 website with other emails for the season as well as rule changes <https://www.mahad4.org/page/show/9175304-2025-president-s-meeting>

#### **PAST BUSINESS:**

- AAA Bigby teams skating out of Brighton for the 2025 season
- White boards for meeting room and board room (approved a \$1,000 budget allowance) – On hold
- Intermediate Goal nets strung from Becker \$1,837.27 – On hold
- Raiders Logo change, will work to redesign this season and have the teams vote before the end of the season

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- My Hockey Ranking Association Membership approved unanimously by the KVHA Board members for 2026-27 season; \$350 association membership for My Hockey Ranking; All teams will have edit privileges and avoid \$25 individual payments.
- Breakaway Sports Apparel – Raiders and Ravens stores open as of 10-5-2025; Rebels store opened 10-17 and shared with the community; also linked on our website; Renegades store coming soon
  - <https://shopkvravens.breakawaysports.net/>

- <https://shopkvraiders.breakawaysports.net/>
  - <https://shopkvrebels.breakawaysports.net/>
- Student Coaching Clinic
  - Bobby will deliver the course – he will send two dates
  - Sign up to help with all Saturday morning development programs
- The board aims for a positive relationship with Black Bear, rebuilding member trust, and addressing the 25% membership drop via improved communication and transparency.

**REQUESTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**      The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm

# KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

November 19, 2025 7:30 PM

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. Minutes recorded by Michelle Christ

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Dennis Whitbeck, Michael Wainwright, Brandon Camerella; Caryn Michalak (via ZOOM)

**ABSENT:** Kristyn Dougherty

**STAFF/APPOINTEES:** Michelle Christ, Bobby Reynolds, Mike Johnson

**MEMBERSHIP/GUEST:** Liz Thompson Multi Lakes Conservation Club to discuss their daily raffle fundraiser

**OPEN CALL:** Limit to 5 minutes per person, no discussion (for timeline's sake)

**MINUTES:** Review September minutes. **Motion to approve October minutes made by** Michael Wainwright **2<sup>nd</sup> by** Brandon Camerella **YES votes 4 NO votes 0 , motion passes.**

### **TEAM FINANCIALS:**

- November Ice Invoices transferred 11-7-2025; all teams but two paid in full
- Team Budgets were requested via email to teams on 10-7-2025 and again on 10-28-2025; Treasurer to report on outstanding budgets
- December Invoices will be sent to teams on 11-20-2025; Due December 1
- Jersey upgrade fees also due December 1, 7 teams opted for fully sewn jerseys

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- Jerseys:
  - All travel jerseys have been ordered; House jerseys have been received except for a few late additions.
    - 10 missing and damaged jerseys were received
  - Review Biggby Coffee jersey logo; grateful for partnership, but they are a rival team/association. Propose removal of "hockey Club" from the logo next season.
  - The board aims for transparency in next year's contract negotiations with Black Bear
  - Consider Breakaway Sports for jerseys next year, logistics and reduction in customer service are two considerations.
    - Jersey samples provided
    - Breakaway jerseys are ordered online, shipped to the player's home, and apparel is also direct ship
    - Now that Perfect Edge is not in the building, people must go to the Howell location to pick up jerseys and warm ups
- Discipline:
  - Nothing to report
  - Going forward Committee will meet in a closed session when there are matters to discuss
- IT/Communications/Website –
  - "25 years of KVHA" campaign. Call to families for old photos and memories, post 2-3 times/week.
  - Discuss paid staff to create flyers, manage website content and help with social media content, contests and more. Currently Michelle is managing and creating all content on websites, all flyers, and some social media. Media director posts on social media and answers social media inquiries.
- Election/Board of Director:
  - Form by-law committee to review language and modify our current policies
  - Board Applications will open in January; Michalak is the only member up for election
  - Continue discussions regarding expansion of the board and potentially reverting to three-year terms to ensure stability and member representation.

- Coaching Selection –
  - MAHA 8u Plus – For consistency, the Mite directors, Nick Ventrone and Lucan Puninske will head coach each teams; 8u Rebels Nick Ventrone; 8u Renegades Lucas Puninske
  - 2026-2027 Coaching application will open in December
- Charity Event –
  - Pink Out October 19, led by 2012 Renegades; 8 teams participated
    - \$2450 raised during Pink Out benefiting the Pink Fund; \$1200 raised last season will be added to this.
- House Evaluation/Draft –
  - Two 8u Plus teams this season (12 players each); they begin skating 11-22-2025 with two draft skates, players being evaluated by the coaches. Striving to create two even teams as we do in our house program.
- Grow the Game –
  - Next KVHA Try Hockey Free event March, will schedule an event for January 3, 2026
  - New session of Take a Shot at Hockey begins January 10, 2026.
  - Learn the Game Registration ongoing, 27 players so far, down from 35 last season at this time of year, but we will build it back up from the Little Wings and TASH programs, receiving several inquiries
- House Development:
  - House Goalie Coaching continues twice monthly as a group and twice monthly during shared practices
- Arena/Ice Conditions:
  - General Manager Reynolds nothing to report
- Ice Scheduling:
  - Teams have been provided August – February schedules
  - March in process
    - No teams skate the weekend of March 13-15 due to MGHL
  - Work on Spring Ice Needs for BBSG Contract
    - Last Season hours: Spring Tryouts 48 hours; Spring Travel 290 hours; Spring House 150 hours
- Alumni – Appointee Popma: nothing reported

#### **DIVISION UPDATES:**

- House:
  - Two 8u MAHA plus teams forming
    - 23 players registered, we have a few more 2017s in the program not registered
  - Discuss Spring House programming
  - 14U Admiral's player suffered concussion during a game in Indiana, no contact, fell on his own. Return to Play form provided
  - 19u Raven's player suffered concussion during CCM tournament, light contact causing her to fall, transported to ER via ambulance, Return to Play form provided
- Travel:
  - 2014 Renegades player release
  - 2012 Raiders three players released
  - Details of the release have been discussed with both coaches, awaiting feedback from parents directly
- Girls:
  - Still have room on both 10u and 14u T3 teams; Recently added one player to 10u T3 team
- Coaches:
  - A few coaches still have outstanding credential items, reminders are being sent monthly now

#### **TRAINING/SKILLS:**

- Bobby Reynolds will host various skills camps during holidays
- Thanksgiving training has been posted on KVHA socials and website

### **MAHA/USA HOCKEY:**

- Need to appoint a coaching director and a SafeSport Coordinator
- Maha District 4 Credentialing meeting January 3 at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena
  - Credentialing paperwork has been provided to teams and is saved in their TeamSnap
  - Will follow up with teams when there is an update.
- KVHA is not required to host MAHA second round district games this season; we start hosting again next season
- KVHA is not hosting a MAHA state tournament this season
- USA Hockey Winter Meeting is scheduled January 15-18, 2026; MAHA Winter Meeting is January 23-25, 2026

### **PAST BUSINESS:**

- The board looks toward a positive relationship with Black Bear, rebuilding member trust, and addressing the 25% membership drop via improved communication and transparency.
- AAA Biggby teams skating out of Brighton for the 2025 season
  - Recent MAHA letter to BIGGBY has vague wording, they have chosen not to take this up so far
  - Reports of these teams utilizing ice for mixed use – figure skating, HHC teams and siblings on the ice in violation of USA Hockey rules
  - We can expand offerings and fill the ice if it is made available to KVHA
- White boards for meeting room and board room (approved a \$1,000 budget allowance) – On hold
- Intermediate Goal nets strung from Becker \$1,837.27 – On hold
- Raiders Logo change, will work to redesign this season and have the teams vote before the end of the season
- My Hockey Ranking Association Membership approved unanimously for 2026-27 season; \$350 association membership for My Hockey Ranking, giving teams edit privileges and avoiding \$25 individual payments.
- Student Coaching Clinic
  - Bobby has agreed to run a course, will set a date for Sprin session

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Ideal Photos at the rink November 20-24 for team and individual photos
- BIGGBY Season Kick off Fundraising Event August 2026
  - Meg Slaght, 2016/2013 Rebels is working for BIGGBY and will be coordinating the event
  - Celebrity Hockey game
  - Skills Competition
- 10u Ravens request for yard sign fundraiser and request to use BIGGBY logos

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**DISCIPLINE:** Nothing to report

### **FINANCE/BUDGET:**

- 2025-2026 Reconciliation in process
- Proposed Budget cuts
  - Travel Coaching Reimbursements
  - Yearbook
  - No tournament fees for house teams except MAHA fees
- New operating budget to determine fair costs for members given increases in costs
- Considerations on profitability of the association for future needs
- Sponsorships and fundraising for the association

### **REQUESTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm