

KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

January 22, 2026 7:30 PM

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:41 pm. Minutes recorded by Michelle Christ

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Caryn Michalak, Michael Wainwright, Dennis Whitbeck

ABSENT: Brandon Camerella, Appointee John Popma, Kristyn Dougherty

STAFF/APPOINTEES: Michelle Christ; Mike Johnson

MEMBERSHIP/GUEST: Casey McCreedy 2012 Renegades

OPEN CALL: No other guests

MINUTES: Review November minutes. **Motion to approve November minutes made by Wainwright 2nd by Whitbeck YES votes 3 NO votes 0 , motion passes.**

TEAM FINANCIALS:

- December Ice Invoices transferred 12-2-2025; all teams but one paid in full
- January Ice Invoices transferred 12-30-2025
- February/March Ice Invoices will be sent out on 1-23-2025, Feb due 1-30-2026; March due by Feb 23
- Team Budgets were requested via email to team; Treasurer to report on outstanding budgets

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Jerseys:
 - Review Biggby Coffee jersey logo; Propose removal of "hockey Club" from the logo next season.
 - Consider Breakaway Sports for logo redesign and jerseys next year
 - Jersey samples reviewed, quality product
 - Jerseys ordered online, shipped to the player's home, warmups and apparel also direct ship
 - With Perfect Edge, teams must go to the Howell location to pick up items
- IT/Communications/Website:
 - "25 years of KVHA" campaign. Call to families for old photos and memories, post 2-3 times/week.
 - Addition of paid part time staff to create flyers, manage website content and help with social media content, contests and more.
- Election/Board of Director:
 - Form by-law committee to review language and modify our current policies
 - Board Applications will open on February 1; Michalak is the only member up for election
 - Continue discussions regarding expansion of the board for stability and member representation
- Coaching Selection:
 - Spring 2026 and 2026-2027 Season Boy's travel applicants have been interviewed and will be finalized via email from Travel Director the week of January 26
 - Seeking Two 2017 Squirt A teams
 - New Head Coach for 2013 Raiders – Assistant Coach has expressed interest in taking team
 - Girls Tier 2 coach interviews were completed on 1-22-2026; Seeking approval for the following coaches:
 - 10u Brandyn Mickus
 - 12u Abbie Helminen
 - 14u Drew Domzalski
 - 16u Jerry VanGilder
 - 19u Jim Cariera
 - Motion made by Wainwright, seconded by Michalak, all vote in favor

- Charity Event:
 - Nothing at this time
- House Evaluation/Draft:
 - Nothing at this time
- Grow the Game:
 - Try Hockey Free event March 7 at 830am; USA Hockey National Event
 - New session of Take a Shot at Hockey begins January 10-2026.
 - Learn the Game began third session on January 10, 2026, 58 participants
- House Development:
 - House Goalie Coaching is winding down with the last group session January 31
- Arena/Ice Conditions:
 - Heat continues to be a topic of conversation throughout the building
 - 2014 Rebels/14u Ravens pucks on the ice before practice 1-20-2026
 - 10u Eagles coach complained about being moved from South to the “dumpy” North rink 1-20-2026
- Ice Scheduling:
 - Teams have been provided February and March schedules
 - No teams skate the weekend of March 13-15 due to MGHL
 - Spring Tryout and Ice schedule blocks have been made for the KVHA
 - Last Season hours: Spring Tryouts 48 hours; Spring Travel 290 hours; Spring House 150 hours
- Alumni:
 - Nothing at this time

DIVISION UPDATES:

- House:
 - Discuss Spring House programming with plan of opening registration in February
- Travel: coaching selections underway
- Girls: coaching selections underway
 - Seeking a 10u, 12u and possibly 14u tier 3 head coach

TRAINING/SKILLS:

Nothing at this time

MAHA/USA HOCKEY:

- We need to appoint a coaching director and a SafeSport Coordinator
- Maha District 4 Credentialing meeting took place January 3 at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena
 - Most teams had no issues, one team had to have a hearing for a roster error
- USA Hockey Winter Meeting is scheduled January 15-18, 2026 – I have not had time to review all documents
- MAHA Winter Meeting is January 23-25

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 2026-2027 season
 - Potential USA Hockey violations for mixed use of ice, non-rostered individuals on ice, coach not wearing a helmet
- 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

- 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.
- Student Coaching Clinic
 - Bobby has agreed to run a course, still need to set a date

NEW BUSINESS:

- Requested Spring ice Contract verbally on January 5th and January 12th; no action to date
- Proposed Spring Ice Rate is \$300 per hour per Bobby
 - KVHA to consider additional fee for travel team administration up to \$25/hour as charged in the past.
- BIGGBY Season Kick off Fundraising Event August 15, 2026
 - Meg Slaght, 2016/2013 Rebels is working for BIGGBY and will be coordinating the event
 - Celebrity Hockey game
 - Skills Competition
 - Ticket Sales and Raffles to benefit KVHA teams

CLOSED SESSION (at the end of the meeting)

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

- 2012 Renegades
- 2015 Renegades

FINANCE/BUDGET:

- 2025-2026 Reconciliation in process
- Proposed Budget cuts
 - Travel Coaching Reimbursements – teams should include this reimbursement for coaches in their season budget; Approximately 80 travel coaches, \$4960 for USA Hockey fees alone plus CEP
 - Review House coach Reimbursements
 - USA Hockey coaching registration is \$62/person
 - CEP Classes are \$60 this year for Levels 1-4; Level 5 recertification costs vary
 - Based on only USA and CEP renewal total for house program coaches is \$3438
 - Yearbook, approximate cost of \$9000
 - No tournament fees for house teams except MAHA entry fees
 - Trainers and training sessions in the off season
- New operating budget to determine fair costs for members given increases in costs
- Considerations on profitability of the association for future needs
- PNC opportunities for investment
- Sponsorships and fundraising for the association
 - Lottery fundraiser
 - BIGGBY fundraiser
 - Pizza Kits

REQUESTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm