

KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 18, 2026

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Dennis Whitbeck President; Kristyn Dougherty Treasurer; Caryn Michalak Media Director; Michael Wainwright Vice-President and Girls Director (arrived 7:50pm);

ABSENT: N/A

STAFF/APPOINTEES: Michelle Christ office manager; Mike Johnson appointee; Casey McCreedy appointee (arrived 8:05pm)

MEMBERSHIP/GUEST: None

OPEN CALL: None

MINUTES: February Minutes reviewed, motion to approve made by Dennis Whitbeck, seconded by Michael Wainwright, total votes in favor (4)

TEAM FINANCIALS:

- End of Season Team Budgets – a few received, teams will be reminded to submit
- **Motion to add the following new accounts with the named account holders allowed to conduct business on behalf of the account they are assigned to within KVHA, motion made by Kristyn Dougherty, seconded by Caryn Michalak total votes in favor six (4)**
 - **2017 Rebels:** William Schulz and Brittany Gay will be added to a new account for the 2017 Rebels that will become a sub-account of the KVHA main account ending in 6612. William Schulz and Brittany Gay will be permitted to conduct banking needs for the 2017 Rebels within the KVHA association.
 - **2017 Renegades:** Nicholas Ventrone and Natasha Camp will be added to a new account for the 2017 Renegades that will become a sub-account of the KVHA main account ending in 6612. Nicholas Ventrone and Natasha Camp will be permitted to conduct banking needs for the 2017 Renegades within the KVHA association.
 - **16U Ravens:** Jerry VanGlider and Brendan Schema will be added to a new account for the 16U Ravens that will become a sub-account of the KVHA main account ending in 6612. Jerry VanGlider and Brendan Schema will be permitted to conduct banking needs for the 16U Ravens within the KVHA association.
- **Motion to change the following account holders on existing accounts, motion made by Kristyn Dougherty, seconded by Caryn Michalak; total votes in favor six (4):**
 - **19U Ravens - last four 4465:** Please remove Andrew Christopher from the 19U Ravens account, Kristyn Dougherty will remain on the account. Please add James Cariera. James Cariera and Kristyn Dougherty will be account holders for the 19U Ravens last four 4465 that is an existing sub-account of the KVHA main account ending in 6612. James Cariera and Kristyn Dougherty will be permitted to conduct banking needs for the 16U Ravens within the KVHA association.
 - **10U Ravens - last four 8764:** Please remove Nicole Adams and Russ Holdridge from the 10U Ravens account. Please add Brandyn Mickus and Alaina Harris. Brandyn Mickus and Alaina Harris will be account holders for the 10U Ravens last four 8764 that is an existing sub-account of the KVHA main account ending in 6612. Brandyn Mickus and Alaina Harris will be permitted to conduct banking needs for the 10U Ravens within the KVHA association.
 - **2014 Rebels - last four 5195:** Please remove Brian Burgtorf from the 2014 Rebels account. Please add Clint Babcock. Robert Kelley will remain on the account. Robert Kelley and Clint Babcock will be account holders for the 2014 Rebels last four 5195 that is an existing sub-account of the KVHA main account ending in 6612. Robert Kelley and Clint Babcock will be permitted to conduct banking needs for the 2014 Rebels within the KVHA association.

- **Continued - Motion to change the following account holders on existing accounts, motion made by Kristyn Dougherty, seconded by Caryn Michalak; total votes in favor six (4):**
 - **2016 Renegades - last four 8756:** Please remove Brandon Camerella from the 2016 Renegades account. Please add Dennis Suminski and Amy Studnicka. Dennis Suminski and Amy Studnicka will be account holders for the 2016 Renegades last four 8756 that is an existing sub-account of the KVHA main account ending in 6612. Dennis Suminski and Amy Studnicka will be permitted to conduct banking needs for the 2016 Renegades within the KVHA association.
- **Motion to close the following accounts once the account balances are zero, Motion made by Kristyn Dougherty seconded by Caryn Michalak; total votes in favor six (4):**
 - 2011 Renegades Mailloux - last four 2852
 - 2012 Raiders McFall - last four 3281
 - 2013 Raiders Mynatt - last four 8575
 - 2015 Renegades Baldas – last four 8756

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Jerseys:
 - Biggby Coffee Jersey logo, remove “Hockey Club” from the logo in the 26-27 season
 - Perfect Edge contract in place through 2027-2028 season. Expires May 2028
- IT/Communications/Website:
 - Tryout flyers posted
 - Sydney Small added to social media primarily for Ravens/girls’ content and maximize social media strategy
- Election/Board of Director:
 - Current Board Members with one year left on their term, which expires April 1, 2027:
 - Dennis Whitbeck President
 - Michael Wainwright, Vice President and Girls Director
 - Kristyn Dougherty Treasurer
 - Three two-year spots available, voting will take place March 23-March 31
 - Mike Johnson, Casey McCreedy
 - Caryn Michalak running again
 - Form by-law committee to review language and modify our current policies
- Coaching Selection:
 - Spring 2026 and 2026-2027 Season new Boy’s travel teams, approved in February Board Meeting
 - 2017 Rebels – Brad Schulz
 - 2017 Renegades – Nick Ventrone
 - 2016 Dennis Suminski
 - 2013 Raiders – Bennett Tyler
 - Spring 2026 and 2026-2027 Season new Girls Travel and Tier 3 Coaches – approved in January Board Meeting
 - 10u T2: Brandyn Mickus
 - 16u T2: Jerry VanGilder
 - 19u T2: Jimmy Cariera
 - 8u Girls’ cross-ice: Eric Studnicka
 - 10u Girls T3: Dennis Whitbeck Spring; Neil Coleman Fall
 - Spring 2026 and 2026-2027 Boys’ Tier 3 Coaches
 - **Motion to approve House coaches for the 2026 Spring season made by Caryn Michaak, seconded by Michael Wainwright; total votes in favor four (4):**
 - 6u: Jack Gosselin; Andrew Tamer
 - 8u: Brian Kearns; Kyle Kolasinski; Garrett (Jake) Stripp – seeking one more coach
 - 10u: Derek Overholt; Lucas Puninske; Nick Rosochacki
 - 12u: Mark Dabiero; Mike Johnson
- Charity Event:
 - BIGGBY Fall Season Kick Off event in Brighton August 8, 2026

- House Evaluation/Draft:
 - Spring Evaluations will be held the week of April 6th for all teams
 - Volunteer Coaches will handle all evaluations
- Grow the Game:
 - Try Hockey Free event March 7 - 35 registered, but unsure of # of participants who showed
 - Learn the Game begins April 11, 2026; 13 registered but need to advertise
- House Development:
 - Nothing at this time
- Arena/Ice Conditions:
 - Spring Ice Addendum
 - Fall Ice Contract
- Ice Scheduling:
 - Teams have been provided spring schedules
 - No rink tournaments cancelling ice this Spring except for MGHL April 25-26, in which most of our Ravens teams will attend
- Alumni:
 - Nothing at this time

DIVISION UPDATES:

- House:
 - Spring Begins April 6th through May 22
 - Evaluations the week of April 6th
 - Two 6u teams; Four 8u teams; Three 10u teams; Two 12u teams
- Travel:
 - Tryouts began March 16
- Girls:
 - 10u/12u T2 Team tryouts began March 16
 - 14u-19u T2 Tryouts begin March 31
 - T3 Interest Skates March 18 and March 25; currently

TRAINING/SKILLS:

- Miller Breakaway camp and NAR Camp shared with members
- Hope College camp shared with Ravens turning 15 and older

MAHA/USA HOCKEY:

- Need a Coaching director and a SafeSport Coordinator

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 continuing to skate out of Brighton for the 2026-2027 season
- On Hold - 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 Reynolds agreed to run a course, need to set a date

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ice Hockey Systems (IHS) Association membership 25 teams is a \$1000 membership annually

CLOSED SESSION (at the end of the meeting)

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

- Collections letter and hearing process to be sent to 2015 Renegades player who requested a release and left the team in December without further follow up.

FINANCE/BUDGET:

- 2025-2026 Reconciliation in process

REQUESTS: None at this time

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm