

# 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