

Eastern Shore Hockey Association

Meeting Minutes

May 6th, 2025

I. Call to order

Jonny B. called to order the regular meeting of the board at 6:03pm on May 6th at Talbot County Community Center.

II. Roll call

Jonny Brown conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

President – Jonny Brown	Communications Director – Chris Thomas (not present)
Vice President – Shawn Miller- Called in	8U Coordinator – Tom Crotti
Secretary – Lauren Stoltzfus	Chief Manager – Ali Toepfer- Called in
Treasurer – Patty McNeal	CBHL Rep – John Schwaninger
Scheduler – Paul Sullivan	CCHL Rep –Vacant Role
Registrar – Dave Levasseur (not present)	EJEPL Rep – Shawn Miller- Called in
Hockey Director- Sam Gerdano	

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from April were submitted for approval. Motion for approval by Jonny Brown, 2nd by Paul Sullivan, all in favor, none opposed

IV. Director and Officer Reports

- a) President – Nothing to report; however, wants to further discuss what things look like, i.e. identity as an organization. How to offer better coaching and development, getting family and kids involved. Start to develop ideas.
- b) Vice President – Nothing to report
- c) Secretary – Nothing to report
- d) Registrar – All registrations are closed but will reopen 5/7 at 12pm and will close 5/23 at midnight. Once registration closes and we reassess numbers and teams, will reopen the teams that have available spots. 8u will never close.

Current numbers: 125 out of a potential 173 (excluding 14 and 18 red teams)

15 for 8u- expect this number to grow.

10 Red-14, 10 Blue-14, 12 Red-18, 12 Blue-16, 14 Red- 26(assessed but not registered), 14 Blue-14, 16 Blue-17, 18 Red-22 (assessed but not registered), 18 Blue-16.

Jersey requests are trickling in. The web site is open for ordering until 5/14. Uniforms are only guaranteed to be delivered on time if done in the first order. Uniform store will reopen in July to catch new players, due to the amount of 8u players that come in over summer.

Parents to be reminded that the official jersey list will be shared with the vendor and numbers verified. If a number is chosen other than the one approved, the order may suffer delays or cancellation. If an unauthorized change is made and does not get through processing causing a roster conflict, the unauthorized number will be responsible for re-ordering at their cost.

- e) Hockey Director – Try outs went smooth. Blue teams completed. Number of teams at 14 level, to be determined. Received emails from outsiders looking to get on teams who did not make tryouts. Will assess at practices. Will be lower A in most age groups exception to 14u and 18, possible to be upper A. Practice schedules to come- will notify coaches on plan for practice schedule.
- f) Scheduler – Nothing at this time
- g) Chief Manager – Nothing at this time
- h) Treasurer- Checking account balance is \$276,316.06 ; Donations for scholarships \$ 19,669.78 ; Operating balance- \$256,646.28
- i) Communications Director – Not present
- j) 8U Director – Learn to play Caps reached out, will try to get two sessions.
- k) CCHL Rep – Looking for replacement for this position
- l) CBHL Rep – Rule changes; 3 rounds of shootout instead of 5 for play offs. Handshake before the game vs after, they voted no. Girls can dual roster on tier 1. Play-off dates will be Feb 7 & 8th 12u/14u/16u/18 AA ; Feb 21 & 22 for 16u/18u; Feb 28-March 1 will be 10/14u Upper/Lower A/Whales.
- m) EJEPL Rep – Nothing to report

V. Committee Reports:

- a) Disciplinary Committee – Jonny still working on, will discuss with Shawn
- b) Fundraising Committee – Louise will work with whoever steps into this role to continue organization for this role. Jonny to reach out to Callahan signs.
- c) Bylaw Committee – Jonny has someone in mind to look at Bylaws to review.
- d) Rostering Committee – nothing at this time

VI. New Business:

1. 10U leveling festival June 7/8th, Jonny to send out more information to teams
2. 14u- 18u try outs went well. Blue teams are registered. Jonny mentions revamping notification process after try outs for future, open to suggestions. Tom C mentions at assessments he noticed the better skaters had the puck mainly vs red players, making it difficult to assess the red level players. Discussions on a process of notifying the kids after assessments regarding their “grading” and how they scored during assessments.
3. Registration for red teams, need to send emails to 14-18u who have been selected for red teams.
4. Jonny mentions how to get ice time for clinics throughout the year. Paul S trying to get ice time prior to season starting, and during, skaters would need to pay if attending session. Paul mentions power skating clinics. Will discuss this further once the teams/coaches are complete, may replace a practice once a month to add power skating. Jonny will send emails to team coaches to get their opinions on the idea.
5. Looking for CCHL rep- John S. suggests someone who has a player on CCHL team.
6. Need to find someone for social media posting. Jonny mentions getting an ESHA back drop and posting weekly player of the week interviews and what that would look like, posting to social media page. Also discussed the idea of having player of the month from the ESHA organization to interview and post to social media. Also, posting videos on ice skills and skills for the players to work on, on ice or at home. Paul mentions tagging sponsors in videos posted of player(s) of the week/month.
7. Jonny mentions doing a preseason banquet. Looking at companies that would cater for free as sponsorship. Time frame- possibly August. Jonny discussed doing a silent auction as well.

8. Goalie coaching- Jonny will continue to investigate options.

9. Tom C discussed the need for investments ideas for the organization to keep players here. Also adding improvement to the red teams to improve skill levels.

10. Improvement to fundraising, ideas to raise more money for organization.

11. Jonny mentions an idea of in-house league during the summer time. Paul will talk to Emily for July/Aug for ice time slots to possibly hold clinics.

Next board meeting will be June 10th, 2025, 6-8pm at Talbot County Community Center.

Adjournment:

Jonny B., motioned to close the meeting at 7:15pm. Sam Gerdano, 2nd, all in favor, non-opposed.