

**2024-2025 Cottage Grove Hockey Association
CGHA Board Meeting**

November 4, 2024 – Cottage Grove VFW

Board Members (X = Present):

President: Chris Rudh	X	Bantam Director: Josh Munger	x	Girls Program Director: Tyson Terry	x
Vice Pres. Ops: Dave O'Brien	x	Peewee Director: Chris Westphall	x	Girls 10U Director: Nicole Gilman	
Vice Pres. Admin: Brian Buffie	x	Squirt Director: Alex Rettof	x	Girls 8U Director: Chris Kubesh	x
Registrar: Tom Wassmund	x	Mite Director: Jake Benson	x	Junior Gold Director: Chad Rediske	x
Budget Director: Tom Johnson	x	Mini Mite Director: Zac Paulson	x	Hockey Director: Nick Harris	x

Non-voting (X = Present):

Communications: Sharon Kortus	x	Fundraising: Andrea Erickson	x	Tournaments: Abigail Polson	
D8 Liaison: Dan Olson	x	Ice Manager: Matt McMorrow		Mite Equipment: Nicole Tvedt	x
Apparel Manager: Ronda Ellevold		HockeyFest: Shauna Paulson	x	Volunteer/Dibs: Linnea Gamache	
Webmaster: Andrea Harms	x	Recruiting: Nicole Gilman		Tryout Committee/ Katie Dalzell	

Meeting Start:

- Meeting called to order 7:01pm

Approve Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- Motion by: Brian Buffie
- Second by: Nick Harris
- All Approved

Committee Reports:

- Recruiting (Nicole Gilman):
 - o No new updates
- Equipment (Nicole Tvedt):
 - o Off and running, 2 checkouts in October. Still 5 or 6 girls are still signing up.
 - o 2 orders for equipment and we have gone through almost all the equipment.
 - o Went over budget and completely out of equipment. 182 kids have equipment. Spent \$12,207 this year, we will need to increase the budget for next year.
 - o Have an extra 6 neck guards to be used if available.
 - o **Brian Buffie makes a motion to increase the equipment budget for up to \$3000 over. Alex Retoff seconds. All approved.**
- Goalies (Brian Buffie):

- o Clinics have been a strong showing. All bags are accounted for and should be ready for hand out in a week or so.
- HockeyFest / Jamboree(s) (Shauna Paulson):
 - o Started donation letters and started a mock schedule.
 - o Propose a coaches game instead of chuck a puck.
- Fundraising (Andrea Erickson):
 - o Working on opting in and out families. Hoping to order this week.
- Ice Manager (Matt McMorrow):
 - o All traveling schedules should be loaded now, with the exception of 15s. They need to wait until HS tryouts are completed this week and then those should be out 11/5. C and B2 Bantam changed again today 10/30 and coaches were notified.
 - o Jr. Gold schedules will be out sometime in late Nov. Game slots are due 11/19 and the season begins 12/2. Somewhere between those dates it will be out. Again dependent on HS tryouts.
 - o Once the 15 schedules come out the remaining ice should be completed and pushed out to the team pages. U4/U5/Tier 1 are complete and pushed out by the time of this meeting.
 - o If anyone has to reschedule league games please have them reach out and I will point them in the right direction. At this point, if we are the team initiating the reschedule we will have to pay the change fee. That info can be found on the D8 Website.
 - o I will also get out the bad weather info in the coming weeks. Based on the weather we should be good.
- Tournaments (*Abigail Polson*):
 - o No new update.
- Volunteer / Dibs (Linnea Gamache):
 - o No new update.
- Communications (Sharon Kortus):
 - o Should we do a newsletter? Would we do it weekly or monthly? What would you like to see in the newsletter? Ex. reminders, accomplishments, important dates (what would these be)
 - o Sent an email out to all coaches for trophy case to send information about accomplishments and trophies won. Please encourage coaches to send information.
- Apparel Manager (Ronda Ellevold):
 - o Done about \$53,000 in the apparel store.
 - o Jerseys took a little longer than expected, but no mistakes.
 - o Doing their best to keep up on orders and organize.
- Tryout Committee (Katie Dalzell):
 - o No new updates

- Webmaster (Andrea Harms):
 - Put information on the home page about Dibs. Updating other areas that needed to be updated.
- District 8 Rep (Dan Olson):
 - Asked to update coaches and managers.
 - Lakeville North moved up a level because they were playing at the wrong level.
 - District playoffs needing hosts for lots of levels. If associations don't volunteer then District 8 will assign.
 - District 8 has asked that for clock and game sheet volunteers for any regional and state playoff games that the volunteers have a good amount of experience doing so.

Board Member Reports:

- Registrar/Administrator (Tom Wassmund):
 - 695 players and 173 coaches signed up. 53 teams rostered through USA hockey, not including junior gold.
 - Still need 35 birth certificates.
- Budget Director (Tom Johnson):
 - Overall looking good. Invoices going out soon mites and mini mites move ups.
 - Up \$37,000
- Junior Gold Director (Chad Rediske):
 - Started information sessions, waiting on high school tryouts to be done. Tryouts begin 11/15
 - Anticipating less players than last year, but expect enough for 2 teams
 - Season starts 12/2
- Bantam Director (Josh Munger):
 - District games started, B1 won Pumpkin Bash.
- Peewee Director (Chris Westphall):
 - District games started
 - Fielding questions about tryouts.
- Squirt Director (Alex Retoff):
 - 7 teams, everything looking good.
- Mite Director (Jake Benson):
 - 11 teams formed with coaches for all. Just working on jamborees.
- Mini Mite Director (Zach Paulson):
 - Opening weekend went well and there are new players still signing up.
- Girls Program Director (Tyson Terry):
 - Started district play.
- Girls Program 8U Director (Chris Kubesh):
 - Evaluations done. Jamborees mostly booked
- Girls Program 10U Director (Tyson Terry):

- B1 opted out of the district and picked up another tournament.
- Hockey Director (Nick Harris):
 - Dryland schedule sent out to coaches. The rest of the schedule will come out after ice is finalized.
- Vice President of Administration (Brian Buffie):
 - No new update.
- Vice President of Operation (Dave O'Brien):
 - Connie at VFW asked if they could have volunteers help out with Santa breakfast on December 8th.
- President (Chris Rudh):
 - Do a coach/manager meeting on November 14th, before the Stop the bleed Training at the VFW.

New Business:

- Picture dates that are available have lots of conflicts. Maybe try two weeknights or one Saturday and one week night. Possibly 11/23 and a week night is our best option.

General Membership Concerns / Discussion:

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Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at: 8:03
 - Motion by: Chad Rediske.
 - Second by: Alex Rettorf
 - All Approved