

Eastern Shore Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025

I. Call to order

Jonny B. called to order the regular meeting of the board at 6:05pm on April 8th at Talbot County Community Center.

II. Roll call

Dave L. conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

President – Jonny Brown	Communications Director – Louise Howie
Vice President – vacant	8U Coordinator – Tom Crotti
Secretary – Lauren Stoltzfus & Outgoing-Angie Broll	Chief Manager – Alison Toepfer
Treasurer – Patty McNeal	CBHL Rep – John Schwaninger
Scheduler – Paul Sullivan	CCHL Rep – Jeff Simmons – not present
Registrar – Natalie Holmes	EJEPL Rep – Shawn Miller

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from March 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 – Jonny has mentioned that we will be doing the leveling festival in June that is hosted for our “blue” teams so that if we need to void the major/minor rule we will be fine. The leveling festival for the CBHL is June 7th and 8th and our teams will be registering for this as we missed it last year.
- b) Vice President – vacant position as Jonny Brown is the new President.
- c) Secretary – Past Secretary Angie was present and gave a “thank you” for the years she served on the board. She is present to help the new current secretary Lauren prepare for her term.
- d) Registrar – nothing new to report at this time.

- e) Hockey Director – Sam stated that we had a great turnout at tryouts for 10U and 12U a few weeks ago. The jerseys all worked as well. The tune-up skill sessions were all well received and was well attended. Tomorrow April 9th starts 14U and we had 21 registered. For 16U and 18U combined we have 18 players registered.
- f) Scheduler – Paul has been in contact with Emily to get ice time, and is looking to have some skate sessions open for the EJ teams. Tuesdays are looking like the most promising days to have these. Paul also has our schedule in for the fall with only minor conflicts. The skating sessions prior to the season starting will be primarily used for the EJ teams so that we can combine the teams as well. Emily also has the holidays in and blocked off on the calendar as well.
- g) Chief Manager – nothing new to report at this time.
- h) Treasurer- I will update this just as soon as I have the report. Thank you.
- i) Communications Director – Louise will continue to send communication out to the membership.
- j) 8U Director – nothing new to report.
- k) CCHL Rep – nothing new to report.
- l) CBHL Rep – leveling festival should be the same price as last year. The Cbhl is considering doing a 4 weekend playoff system. The Cbhl is still trying to work out a contract with SHOA and for everyone is agreement. There were a few rule changes such as icing on the penalty kill. John is also going to update our contact list for them so that our new president and secretary are listed on there.
- m) EJEPL Rep – The annual EJ meeting is June 4th. The league fees are going up by \$50. The first EJ showcase is August 22-24th. Shawn will also forward all of this to Patty so that she knows about the league fees so that she can properly bill all the blue teams.

V. Committee Reports:

- a) Disciplinary Committee – Jonny mentioned that he will be looking for a better way to keep track of the disciplinary actions. Dave L mentioned that he will be happy to assist with this as the reports come in on Mondays. Shawn Miller is asking that at what point should a coach take action on the reports as far as taking actions go, and is suggesting that we make sure all coaches are educated on the rules of player suspension etc. Jonny wants to have a coach's meeting prior to the start of the season so that all of the coach's are aware of rules, what we expect, and when things arise we are all on the

same page. He is also suggesting that maybe putting together a “coach’s handbook” so that all of the coach’s have this to look back on.

- b) Fundraising Committee – Louise has a proposal for the board; a vision for sponsorships to be displayed around the rink. Louise was also able to get various quotes for this. She is asking the board to vote on this so that the fundraising committee can move forward with this. The board has motioned to approve a budget of \$1000 for this. Jonny Brown motioned to approve, Shawn Miller 2nd, all in favor and non opposed.
- c) Bylaw Committee – Jonny stated that Mr. Hockmeyer is willing to help be on this committee. Jonny is going to ask Stephanie Kevan for the drafts that she and Colin were working on for the changes they made to the by law committee
- d) Rostering Committee – nothing new to report at this time.

VI. New Business

The new secretary will be Lauren and she was present this evening.

Jonny spoke on the new position that Dave L will be holding on the board. Which will be a Board Agent so that he can help continue doing the various tasks that he was already doing.

Dave gave an update for the Crabs – we currently for the first time have a team at every age group. So it is growing. 8U has 17. 10u has 11 players. 12U has 8 players. 14U has 14. 16U has 13 players. 18U has 15 players. Total 78 players. All teams have a goalie. The jerseys will be ordered soon after 1 player registers.

Adjournment:

We moved to a closed session at 6:48pm. Jonny motioned to approve, Shawn Miller 2nd in favor, all in favor non opposed.

Next meeting is May 6th from 6-8pm at the Talbot County Community Center.