

Eastern Shore Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes

December 8th, 2025

I. Call to order

Jonny B. called to order the regular meeting of the board at 6:05pm, 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
Vice President – Shawn Miller	8U Coordinator – Tom Crotti
Secretary – Lauren Stoltzfus	Chief Manager – Ali Toepfer
Treasurer – Patty McNeal	CBHL Rep – John Schwaninger
Scheduler – Paul Sullivan – Called in	CCHL Rep –Todd Cranwell
Registrar- Dave Levasseur- Called in	EJEPL Rep- Shawn Miller
Hockey Director- Sam Gerdano	

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from November were submitted for approval. Motion for approval by Chris T , 2nd by Sam G, all in favor, none opposed.

IV. Director and Officer Reports

- a) President - Discusses the float that was to be in the town parade this past week. Unexpected cancellation, not related to ESHA. A letter, apologizing, will be sent out to those who showed up at the parade to participate in the float.
- b) Vice President - nothing to report
- c) Secretary - nothing to report
- d) Registrar - Emails were sent to coaches today regarding CEP certifications that expire 12/31.
- e) Treasurer- Current Checking Balance: \$426,065.60

Donations for scholarship: \$19,669.78

Subtotal: \$406,395.82

Crabs \$4,722.65

Balance: \$401,673.17

Paid to date: \$47,680.34

Balance to date: \$353,992.83

- f) Hockey Director - Clinics going well, coaches helped, players seemed to enjoy it.

Mentioned that he will assist Dave in keeping up with the coaches who need the certifications completed by 12/31. Discussed spring options to look at. Also, idea for future, suggests that teams should go to a tournament at least once a year- paid for and factored into tuition- or team pay/split. This gives these teams experience in championship experience for future playoff situation/scenarios.

- g) Scheduler- nothing to report

- h) Chief Manager - nothing to report

- i) Communications Director- Would like to discuss the idea of sending an email monthly to coaches, communicating requirements and or listing who needs what completed. 10u red and 12u red are sending a lot of content for social media.

- j) 8U Director- nothing to report

- k) CCHL Rep - nothing to report

- l) CBHL Rep- Last meeting they pushed out try out dates. Grant for leveling festival. Play off dates- there are scheduling conflicts with EJ, they are watching and aware of this. 16u AA they are discussing having leveling festival in future seasons.

- m) EJEPL Rep- Krach ratings come out on Wednesday

V. Committee Reports:

- a) Fundraising Committee - Jonny mentions there are some volunteers that he has spoken with that are willing to assist with this committee and have experience.
- b) Disciplinary Committee - nothing to report
- c) Bylaw Committee - nothing to report

d) Rostering Committee - nothing to report

VI. New Business:

a) Dave is working on spring and summer plans. Also looking into signs for the locker rooms, regarding locker room policies- these signs he would have a company finish.

**Vote- Chris T motion to approve up to \$150 total cost for the signs, second by Ali T, all in favor non opposed.

b) Chris T discussed options of an interest bearing account if the rink does not want bill until the end of season

c) Skills Shark system, discussed last meeting, need to vote on option to purchase. Cost is \$10/kid. Will be used for assessments. It can be presented as a report card to the players showing what they need to work on throughout season. Chris T mentions that it would be ideal for the player at assessments to wear their practice jersey, with their player number, to continue with the same number all season for organized assessments. Tom C brings up that when the report card is presented to the players with what they should work on - how will those players be able to work on those areas of improvement. Also mentioned that the report cards do not have to be presented to players, the system could be used only for assessment purposes.

**Vote- Chris T motioned to purchase skill shark system, 2nd by Shawn M, all in favor non- opposed.

e) Roster Caps- needs to be discussed moving forward for future seasons. There is no availability of ice to add more teams to limit some teams from having 18-20 players. Paul mentions the skill level difference in red team teams, from top to bottom. Sam mentions an in between, having a house league. Chris T mentions example with - roster of 20- splitting to A, B, C and schedule games to allow for more ice team with traveling, etc. Ali mentions that assessments should be advertised as a "tryout". Jonny says we need to continue the discussion of roster caps and have a vote soon regarding red and blue team roster caps. Patty also mentions practice only membership.

f) Parent present mentions combining blue and red, to help push the red players. More skating drills are needed.

g) Ali mentions having a mid-year coaches meeting.

h) Dec 28th is the next winter break session- Jonny may have an additional session, to be determined.

- i) Gear swap date- Jonny will have Paul look at the schedule and see when we have a lot of teams with home games to schedule the swap date. It will be after the holidays.
- j) Chris discusses Navy youth hockey girls' team. They have 80% of the inventory needed for girls level- we currently have some girls playing with NYH. Chris would like to have a meeting with their hockey director, providing our ESHA schedule, to see if any additional girl players from ESHA could play with NYH. Jonny thinks this is a good idea for the girls.
- k) Jonny mentions there is someone who would like to donate to ESHA. There is a cash and or stock donation discussion, the stock option would be about \$2000 more than the cash donation. Chris T mentions the cash option would be the better option for our members and tax status.

Next Meeting: January 12th 6-8pm

Adjournment:

Chris T., motioned to move to a closed meeting at 8:09 pm. 2nd by Shawn M., all in favor, non-opposed.