



CHELSEA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION - BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPRING RETREAT DAY 2

5/27/2025

Attendance

Board

- **Present**

- Josh Barron (President)
- John Vlnka (Immediate Past President)
- Nick Vetter (Vice President)
- Tom Coyne (Director of Coaches)
- Liz Zwick (Secretary)
- Dave Tefft (D6 Representative)
- Eric Janz (Travel Director)
- Mike Hoonhorst (Apparel Coordinator)
- Laura Sayers (Registrar)
- Doug Neal (Finance Director)

- **Absent**

- Pat McDonald (ADM Coordinator)

Guests

- Arlene Tefft

Called to order 7:03 pm

Meeting Notes

Tom Coyne: Black Bear Updates

- Optimistic about improvements to the facilities, glad that hockey will stay in this building
- Pro Shop changes are coming
- In other Black Bear facilities fundraising goes to LTP and House teams and remains independent from Black Bear
- Black Bear has its own apparel company for warm ups, jerseys, and apparel
 - Sample jerseys will be in within 2 weeks
 - Ordering may be done through QR code.
 - Scott Goldstone is the apparel contact, states jerseys come in within a month of ordering
- Plans to invest in upgrade to facility include the off-ice room

- Going cashless
- Biggby is investing in Black Bear owned rinks all over the state

Split Season Presentation: created by Matt Crawford

- Timeline for the entire season is outlined
- Fee collection has happened already for registration services and use of organization
 - They require limited ice as they are essentially a tournament team
- Overall a beneficial program for high school hockey in the area
- They will need to added to SportsEngine
- Action Item: Split-Season needs to be added to the bylaws

Hardship Fund/ "1 Chelsea" Initiative

- Hardship fund v Scholarship program
 - Need to form a committee to define what it is and what the funds will be used for
 - How will it work, will there be an application process?
 - What does the budget look like?
- "1 Chelsea" Initiative
 - Also needs a committee
 - Recognizes that a Bulldogs, Chiefs, and High School divide exists among programs and age groups
 - Goal is to bridge that divide, how do we implement?
 - From the top down; Board to Coaches/Managers to players and families
 - Get the high school kids more involved with the younger programs, also an opportunity for more senior players to give back
 - Special consideration to each role; Coaches need to be coaches and parents need to be parents
 - We need to reinforce that our behavior/conduct inside an outside the rink is a reflection upon the entire association
 - Utilize parts of the Be Nice program if still available
 - This will help improve shared practice situations
 - Dave Tefft volunteers to take the lead

Equipment needs/Budgeting

- Eric Janz compiled an inventory and preliminary list of needs to bring the space up to par
 - Inventory of CHA gear reviewed
 - We need process for monitoring the gear
 - Get a large lock box with a key that is signed out by coaches only
 - Do weekly inventory v. have someone review before the coach leaves/sign out process?
- Wish list: who buys and who gets to use what
 - Is the rink able to help with inventory
 - Need to respect the space
 - Need to have a sign-up process for reserving use of the space
 - Create a google sheet for time reservation

- Cost for use of the room?
- Ideally we provide 2-3 training sessions for the coaches to ensure proper and safe use of space and various equipment
- The association needs more team locker space

Dates/Deadline Planning

- Open registration July 1 for house with announcement of ice times and fees
- Aug 23rd House registration skate
- July through June is Fiscal year

Outstanding Action Items Reviewed

- Board members need to utilize/sync their association email and in some cases transfer to new owner
- Need a policy that states ice trades are done within the association only

Try Hockey/Try Goalie for Free

- A need to promote goalie development exists
- Important that we encourage more continuity across coaching staff and work improve overall quality
- Plans for coaching development are in the works by Director of Coaches Tom Coyne

Travel team numbers reviewed

- 2012 Blue 10 skaters 2 goalies at present, is this enough to continue on
- 1 team per birth year unless a special circumstance

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