



Meeting Minutes 3/12/2025

Board of Directors D155 Predators Hockey Club

Wednesday, March 12th 2025

6:30 PM - Goal Line

Board Members in Attendance:

John Kamph - President
Chuck Haese - Vice President
Jamie Horbenko - Secretary
Candice Wilson - Registrar
Cliff Gossman - Rules & Ethics
Elaine Magel - Treasurer

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Kyle Burge - Hockey Director
Anne Hiles - Board member elect
Joe Coffey - Board member elect
Laura Knigge - Board member elect
Gregg Winkiel - Board member elect
Donna & Tony Kolbusz - Club member

The meeting was opened up by John at 6:36 PM.

Secretary

A motion was made by John for the approval of the February 2025 meeting minutes with no changes, Cliff seconds the motion and all board members approved.

The following Board Member terms expire March 31, 2025, John Kamph (President), Cliff Gossman (Rules & Ethics) and Jamie Horbenko (Secretary) leaving these Board positions open to fill. The following members were voted onto the Board and will be transitioning in for these 2-year term roles & the open 1-year term Fundraising position. Members to be voted in tonight

are Joe Coffey, Anne Hiles, Gregg Winkiel & Laura Knigge. Roles and preferences were discussed, and are as follows:

Candice - staying in current position as Registrar (with expiration March 2026)

Elaine - staying in current position as Treasurer (with expiration March 2026)

Chuck - staying in current position as Vice President (with expiration March 2026)

Joe Coffey - expressed his interest in Rules & Ethics.

Anne Hiles - expressed her interest in the Secretary role.

Gregg Winkiel - Is open to taking on the role as President. He has been involved in hockey for a long time, but does travel a lot for work so asked for some extra support during those busy times.

Laura Knigge - stated that she would take the Fundraiser & Events position.

Motion to approve these members for the roles they requested by John, second by Cliff and Elaine with all other board members approving unanimously.

End of season survey results for 2024/2025 are in and there were 19 families that responded, 6 Varsity & 13 JV families. Jamie provided a high level summary of what was collected and will distribute all of the comments to the newly elected Board Members in the next couple of days to be able to reference for Fall 2025.

JV Coaching feedback:

3 Satisfied

4 Neutral - Individually some players got better, but team didn't develop

6 Dissatisfied - Lack of set lines, unfair punishment, standing around and talking too much of practice made kids disengaged, too many players playing too many positions, wrong players on the ice for the situation.

Varsity Coaching feedback - no specific comments

4 Satisfied

2 Neutral

0 Dissatisfied

Skills/Off-ice - Positive feedback but a couple people stated that they weren't sure it was necessary to have during the season, should be a "pre-season" type thing.

14 Satisfied

4 Neutral

1 Dissatisfied

Kyle stated that he talked with the coaches about this and they were thinking about doing it every other week instead of every week.

Member comments in regards to communication across the board (Coaches, Director, Board of Directors) said they would have liked to see more communication in all areas.

Tournaments

8 Satisfied - Loved Siren

7 Neutral

4 Dissatisfied - Hotels closer to the rink, no tournament should be more than 3 hours away, need only 1 away tournament and the rest local, there should be no tournaments at all

Fundraising

9 Satisfied - liked the brewery

7 Neutral - would like info on how much \$ each event raises, more board members at events

2 Dissatisfied

Comments from Membership

The Kolbusz's asked about the goalie situation for spring. Candice confirmed 3 female goalies and 1 male have registered so far. As for credentials there are 2 that have not played for YJ or Predators, Abby practiced with the varsity team last fall, and Kaitlin was the JV goalie last fall.

Fundraising & Events

End of season, Top Golf party was successful, 25-30 players went.

We discussed Laura setting up a dine-out night date for spring.

Social Media

Spring Season registration is open and we will need to do a final push on social media outlets over the next week. Jamie shared on FB today and will again next week before registration closes. John will send an email again and indicate the "closing date" for registration.

Yearbook team photos and player lists to the schools have been submitted to Central & PR. It was also stated that the yearbook additions are probably closed by now and in production.

Need to begin seeking volunteers for the fall for school liaisons & tech/web support volunteers. Discussed reaching out to members that can help: Chas Pettrone – has expressed interest in helping with the website. Not sure if he would work on the existing website that is powered through TeamSnap or create a whole new platform. If the club went in the direction of creating a whole new website, you would need to leave room for transition and training on how to run it once he is no longer with the Club. Something to discuss further this summer with the new board members.

Registrar

Candice let the new board members know that they have to get a volunteer USA Hockey number, background check, etc. by April 1, 2025. She also needs Joe's address for R&E to update AHAI.

Spring registration is open and will close 3/16/25 at midnight. There are 28 currently registered 3 goalies, 12 new players. Evaluations are set to take place on 3/18 at 5:00 & 6:10 and 3/20 at 5:00 & 6:10 in the west rink. Results will be posted no later than 3/23, with the season officially starting April 1st, 2025. Practices will be on Tuesday at 5:00 for JV & Varsity at 6:10 and Thursdays at 3:50 for Varsity, 5:10 for JV on the west rink.

Spring jerseys have been ordered blank and names/numbers will be added after rosters are made. Candice still needs to design and order spring t-shirts in order to get them before the season starts. IHSHL North Central season registration is complete and games are scheduled by the league.

Candice and Kyle are still working on summer slots with the ice house.

Treasurer

The Club's current financial position was discussed and the Statement of Cash Flows was reviewed. We ended the year with \$83,000 which was \$20,000 more than we started with. All of the end of season refunds have been issued. Elaine has paid for the full year of PO Box, but Edge Sports Apparel check was returned. Elaine will reissue and give to Candice to give to Mike when she sees him at the rink.

Need to file form NFP 105 with Secretary of State indicating new registered agent for the Club (President or VP) & advise Nancy Gonsiorek of changes from John to Gregg.

Determine date and time to meet with BMO on updating authorization and account access with Gregg. The Financial fundraiser summary with McHenry County needs to be filed and re-apply for a raffle license. License is good through March 31st, but the county must receive the past fiscal year summary by April 30th. Annual raffle license can be applied for once this has been submitted. Forms are on the county website and/or links can be found in the drop box.

Hockey Director

Kyle talked a little about the fall season, JV ended strong and weakened at the end of the season, Varsity struggled in the beginning and improved at the end of the season. Predators are participating in IHSHL Spring League, and players will be either JV or Varsity, no specific divisions for Spring. Because spring is only 8 games, there is no limit on the amount of games a JV player can play up on Varsity, but players cannot play down.

Spring coaching staff will be Eric & Larry on Varsity, and Mike as head coach for JV. Kyle was going to assist JV, but Chris Hastings has reached out to Kyle to coach with the Predators.

There was a motion to add Chris on as staff for Spring, Cliff second, and all board members approved.

New goalie coach, Brad, was supposed to be coming to work with goalies on Wednesdays, but now he needs to change to Thursday, which doesn't work for the current spring schedule. Cole Bruns, reached out to Kyle regarding being a goalie coach for the Club. He started with Team IL, and has played USHL. There is no decision yet, but discussions will continue with Kyle and the coaches to decide which route to take in regards to using Brad or Cole this coming spring. Cole is just starting out, so \$100/hr vs Brad is \$125/hr.

In regards to player letters and awards, the schools will be sending them at the conclusion of spring sports. Kyle currently has them from 2 schools, waiting for the other 2. No recent IHSHL League meetings have been scheduled as of March 9, 2025

Vice President

Nothing to report

President

Spring coaching contracts have been finalized, sent to the existing coaches for signatures & they have all been sent back. If Chris Hastings joins he will need one sent to him.

John has updated and added TeamSnap mailing lists for Alumni, Golf Outing, etc. Go Daddy won't send certain emails so having the emails sent from TeamSnap will eliminate that. In the coming weeks we will need to change over email addresses to the new Board members and instructions will be sent on how to access them and add them to mobile devices. John will provide Drop-Box access for new Board members, Calendar of events, Contracts, contacts, Club accounts, historical files are all stored here. Adobe, DropBox, DocuSign, GoDaddy, LiveBarn, and TeamSnap are tied to the Club credit card. The new President will be assigned a card from BMO. This will require follow-up between John, Elaine, and Gregg.

John spoke some final words about always trying to uphold a great hockey program with great Preds families and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Candice and second by Elaine

Next meeting Wednesday, April 9th, 2025 @ 6:30pm - Goal Line

CLOSED MEETING

Rules & Ethics with Hockey Director

Board Only Discussion

