

Meeting Minutes - 7-7-2025

In Person - JohnK, KyleB, JoeC and AnneH

Remote - GreggW, LauraK, ChuckH

Absent - CandiceW

Opening

- Meeting called to order at 6:39 p.m.
- Motion to approve prior meeting minutes: John motioned, Joe and Anne seconded
- August Meeting scheduled for 8-11-2025 6:30 pm

New Business

Charitable Organization Request

- Kyle was approached by an organization supporting inner-city kids having greater access to hockey.
- Potential option: Preds could donate ice time to support eligible families.
- Consensus: Consider for next year. Cost is prohibitive for this season.

Fall Season Updates

Goalie Status

- Goalie #1: Committed for Fall. Preds are her priority despite playing with the Leafs.
- Goalie #2: In the process of registering.
- Goalie #3: Reached out, expects to play ~50% of games. Kyle to seek league approval since she is AAA; will contact Jack.
- Goalie #4: Played AAA, now pursuing all high school sports. Will join summer skates starting July 15. Attends PR and comes highly recommended by Preds families.

Varsity Slotting:

- Gregg asked about the potential to move up to the Champions division. If the 4th goalie joins, this becomes a possibility.

Davis Speed Center

- John previously managed the contract. Someone needs to confirm intentions with Pat.
- Plan to start sessions on Sept 10, running every other week.
- Gregg will take ownership of this.

Key Dates (Confirmed)

- **Uniform Sizing:** July 8, 15 and 22. Kyle has everything ready. Need a sign-in sheet for jersey numbers and sizes. Kyle doesn't need extra help tomorrow but may in the future.
- **Mini Camp:** August 12 & 14
- **Tryouts:** August 19 & 21

Season Kickoff Meeting

- Very helpful last year; consensus is to hold again.
- Kyle is in the process of aligning with coaches on team rules and player expectations. He will present a proposal to the Board. Hope would be to have this in place by our Kickoff meeting
- Tentative Date: September 3 at 7:00 p.m. (after tryouts). Chuck to coordinate PR auditorium reservation.

Coaching & Compliance

- Belief is that we are up to date on requirements.
- John requested that all compliance confirmations be sent to the registrar email.
- John and Gregg to meet this weekend (7-12/7-13) to review coach contracts.

Practice Squad Agreement

- Board agrees that a written agreement is needed for players on the practice squad.
- Kyle recommends JV operate like Varsity—no guaranteed playing time - spots are earned.
- An alternative to the practice squad was discussed: Refund players on a per-game basis if they don't play.
- Expecting enough players to field two full teams. Goal is to play top talent on each team.

Tournaments

- Tournament schedule still pending.
- Chuck and Kyle will meet after summer skates on July 8 to finalize.
- If not resolved tomorrow, they will inform the Board so it doesn't remain open for another month.

Volunteer Program

- Based on Anne's model, there is ample opportunity available to fill volunteer hours.

- To be managed in TeamSnap

Attire & Spirit Wear

- **The Edge:** Can design custom gear.
- **Squad Locker:** Open 24/7 but lower quality.
- Kyle got quotes for jackets, lightweight warm-ups, pants, and joggers.
- Consensus: Joggers are preferred over warm-up pants, replacing formal game-day attire.
- Last year's dress code was player-led but became inconsistent over time.

Monthly IHSHL Meeting Update

- Minimal updates.
- Both teams placed in Gold division, largely due to goalie considerations.
- Barrington also dropped to Gold. No teams dropped from the league this season.

Roles & Responsibilities

Opportunities for cross-training in key areas:

- TeamSnap registration
- Uniform ordering
- Game scheduling
- Ice House scheduling (Kari)
- Referee scheduling
- Assignments to be made at the next meeting.

Kickoff Party

Promotion & Registration

- Email and social media posts have gone out. Four families registered so far.
- Action needed: Broader promotion.
- Coach attendance: Club will cover 50% of the cost for coaches only. Guests of the coaches will need to pay full price.
- Laura suggested outreach to school ADs and boosters. Possibility of reciprocal volunteer or social media support. Laura to follow up.

Family Outreach

- Kyle suggested promoting auction and raffle items to boost interest.
- Possible outreach to summer skate families.

Raffle Baskets

- Currently have 5 baskets (LaruaK, DonnaK [2], AnneH and JohnK)
- The target is 10 baskets.
- Reimer coordinated most baskets last year.

Auction Items

- Laura has an appointment on Sat, July 12 at 10 a.m.
- Laura, Kyle, and Joe will attend. Meeting point: Ice House.
- Goal: Gather a range of price points and items.

Additional Donations

- Laura has other contacts to approach.
- Board members asked to each secure at least one donation.
- John asked whether we have specific fundraising goals (e.g., locker room upgrades, alternate jerseys).

Day-of Logistics

- Laura to assess what decorations we have and what's needed.
- Park prohibits taping items to walls—will need freestanding décor like table centerpieces.
- Possible reuse of the locker room banner and feather flags.
- Kyle will contact Edge about the feather flags.

Games & Activities

- Park District has two sets of cornhole.
- Kickball game possible across the street.

Budget

- Budget approved.
- Most spending will be on food and liquor.
- At 60 attendees, projected profit is ~\$5,000.

Closed

- Open meeting concluded at 7:55 p.m.