

**KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Monday January 20, 2025**

President Clement called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Minutes recorded by Secretary Galloway.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** President Clement, Travel Director Vedder, Secretary/VP Galloway, Girls Director Wainwright, Treasurer Dougherty, Member and Social Media Manager Michalak, , Appointee McNeil, Appointee Mainhardt

**ABSENT:** House Director McFall, Appointee Popma

**STAFF:** Office Manager Christ; LTP Director Whitbeck

**MEMBERSHIP/GUEST:** \_Tammy Barnowski, Tim Barnowski, Gage Barnowski, Brandon Camerella

**OPEN CALL:** Limit to 5 minutes per person, no discussion (for timeline sake)

**Tammy Barnowski, 12u Eagles**

Been away from the association for 15 years. Since been back things are different but not for the better. Less house teams, more travel teams. They have been at HB and things seem good there. Want to know what the future plan for KVHA is. Have talked to current KVHA families that are not happy and looking to move to other association.

Hockey landscape is entirely different now. Travel teams are the focus, there are 5 divisions of travel in LCHL. House programs have been depleted and the number of players in the association 15 years ago is not sustainable anymore due to the lack of ice.

Player discipline discussed and explained. Coaching selection process explained.

**MINUTES:** Review November minutes. **Motion to approve November minutes made by Social Media Manager Michalak, 2nd by Girls Director Wainwright, YES votes from All, NO votes from None: PASSED.**

**FINANCE/BUDGET:** Treasurer Dougherty reported balance within expected range. Expense credit card purchase update.

**TEAM FINANCIALS:** Treasurer Dougherty reported no late payments.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- Jerseys: House Director McFall to discuss 2025 jersey designs
- Discipline: 2010 Raiders alleged tampering complaint and hearing; 2010 Raiders player GM for head contact and cross-checking; 2010 Rebels player GM for fighting; 12U Destroyers

player GM for checking from behind; 2013 Raiders hearing for alleged credential review issue of player not serving a GM; 10U Brigade player GM for unknown offense

- IT/Communications – Social Media Manager Michalak nothing to report.
- Election – Office Manager Christ: To date 1 application has been received.
  
- Finance –Treasurer Dougherty: nothing to report
- Coaching Selection –
  - House Director McFall: nothing to report
  - Travel Director Vedder: 5 interviews for 2016 level. Two are front runners for one yzerman level team, one howe level team.
  - Girls Director Wainwright: interviews went well. Still need to figure out 19U coach
  
- Charity Event – Committee temporarily inactive.
- House Evaluation/Draft – House Director McFall-
- Grow the Game – House Director McFall - Try Hockey on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, added Learn the Game. TASH (Take a shot at hockey) is a Black Bear program that offers free hockey with full equipment.
- House Development: 8U Plus, need to focus on house players moving to full ice.
- Arena/Ice Conditions – Discussion on various upgrades including multiple complaints in December 2024 from membership about overall conditions of the facility. Heat repair took time to schedule time to get lifts on the ice. Zamboni parts are hard to get but good zamboni is now up and running. Lots of money has been put into KVIH and East Lansing. Agree that the relationship between the association and the rink needs to improve.
- Ice Scheduling – Discussion on scheduling conflicts and issues that continue to occur
- Alumni – Appointee Popma – Nothing to report

#### **DIVISION UPDATES:**

- Learn to Play: Nothing to report
- Mini-Mite/Mite: Nothing to report
- House: Nothing to report
- Travel: Nothing to report
- Girls: Nothing to report

#### **TRAINING/SKILLS:**

- Update on House goalie training

#### **MAHA / USA HOCKEY:**

- 8u Hockey Plus Program launch

#### **PAST BUSINESS:**

- 12U T3 Ravens player issue
- 2013 Raiders parent issue
- 2013 Rebels player release

- Goalie training
- White boards for meeting room and board room (approved a \$1,000 budget allowance)
- Biggby coaching jackets and pants
- Nationals host spot application
- 19U Ravens player left for injury
- 16U Renegades player left for different opportunity
- 2010 Raider player left for Tier 1 opportunity

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- KVHA Intern Application
- 14U T3 Ravens issue (resolved)
- AAA Biggby teams skating out of Brighton for the 2025 season?
  - KVHA is unable to effectively plan 2025 season
- 14U Admirals requested a penalty review for additional discipline
- 10U Eagles requested a penalty review for additional discipline
- 14U Admirals – outside note received regarding an alleged racial slur during a game on 1-5-2025
- 2014 Raiders – outside complaint received regarding a parent who was scorekeeping using disrespectful and disparaging remarks directed at a player on the opposing team during a game on December 20, 2024.
- Website issue – MAHA discovered the KVHA website had information about AAU Brighton ICE
- District playoff Credentialing issues with 2015 Renegades, 10U Eagles, 2013 Raiders, 12U Generals, 2011 Renegades, 2010 Rebels, 16U Renegades, 18U Rebels, 10U T2 Ravens, 14U T2 Ravens, 14U T3 Ravens, 16u T2 Ravens, 19U T2 Ravens
- 12 Destroyers coach complaint
- Discussion of committees – Caryn Michalik

#### **REQUESTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM

Updated 02/16/2025.