

KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

October 15, 2025 7:30 PM

Zoom Meeting called to order at 730 pm. Minutes recorded by Brandon Camerella via AI.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Michael Wainwright; Brandon Camerella; Caryn Michalak; Via Zoom Dennis Whitbk; Kristyn Dougherty

ABSENT: Michelle Christ

STAFF/APPOINTEES: John Popma, Bobby Reynolds

MEMBERSHIP/GUEST: 12u Ravens parents and coaches Chris Williams – Parent; Anthony Corsi – Parent; Jeff Sutton – Parent; Stephanie Sutton – Parent; Jennie Matice – Parent; Abbie Helminen – HC; Lauren Corsi – TM; Kelly VanMarter – Parent; to discuss “BIGGBY Hockey Club” logos on the jerseys

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

MINUTES: Review September minutes. **Motion to approve September minutes made by Dennis Whitbeck 2nd by Michael Wainwright YES votes 5 NO votes 0 , motion passes.**

FINANCE/BUDGET:

- 2025-2026 Budget started, Michelle will report at November meeting

TEAM FINANCIALS:

- October Ice Invoices transferred 10-6-2025; all teams had funds available
- Team Budgets were requested via email to teams on 10-7-2025
- November Invoices will be billed tomorrow; Due November 1

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Jerseys: All travel jerseys have been ordered; House jerseys are starting to arrive in Howell; One box of house jerseys was water damaged in transit and some jerseys fell out of the box. They are working to get those here.
 - 12U Ravens attended the board meeting and voiced concern about the "Biggby Coffee Hockey Club" jersey logo, viewing Big B as a competitor. They propose removing "Hockey Club" or changing the logo.
 - The board admits failure in communicating jersey changes and contract details to teams, causing member frustration and a feeling of being blindsided by decisions.
 - The board faced pressure from Black Bear Sports Group, with 7-14 days to sign contracts. They feared the association's dissolution if terms were not accepted.
 - The board aims for transparency in next year's contract negotiations with Black Bear, seeking to remove "Hockey Club" from jersey logos
- Discipline:
 - 2012 Renegades parent issue addressed via parent meeting 10-4-2025
 - Report of an alleged intoxicated scorekeeper for the 2015 Renegades
- IT/Communications – Social Media Manager Michalak:
- Election: Discussions included expanding the board, reviewing outdated bylaws, and potentially reverting to three-year terms to ensure stability and member representation.
- Coaching Selection – All coaches selected for the 25-26 season
- Charity Event – Pink Out October 19, led by 2012 Renegades; 8 teams participated
 - Pink Out funds raised benefited the Pink Fund

- New Event request approval for Natalia's All Stars, an anti-bullying girls event January 10, 2026 to include a skills competition and charity game- as of 10-15 Michelle has not heard back from them
- House Evaluation/Draft – Inactive until Spring season
- Grow the Game –
 - Try Hockey Free upcoming events are pending; We put our KVHA logo on the TASH program to unify the programs.
 - Learn the Game Registration ongoing, 20 players so far, down from 35 last season at this time of year, but we will build it back up from the Little Wings and TASH programs
- House Development:
 - House Goalie Coaching began 9-20-2025, Group training twice monthly; twice monthly house training during shared practices, going great!
 - Saturday morning training ice is available for the goalie program as well as for coaches to bring house players to work on specific skills; it will also become our 10 and older learn to game as we get older players
- Arena/Ice Conditions:
 - New GM Bobby reported planned improvements in arena cleanliness, organization, and management
 - Perani's opened October 15
 - 10-7-2025 vandalism at the rink – girls sent apology letters; we will determine chores for them to do as community service
- Ice Scheduling:
 - Teams have been provided August – January schedules
 - February – March in process
 - No teams skate the weekend of March 13-15 due to MGHL
 - Considering hosting the Tier 3 MGHL Championships March 8-9
 - Need to work on Spring Ice Needs for BBSG Contract
- Alumni – Appointee Popma:

DIVISION UPDATES:

- House: 6u spots remain open, looking for one more 10u and an experienced 12u player.
- Travel: Nothing to report
- Girls: Still have room on both 10u and 14u T3 teams.
- A few coaches still have outstanding items in each division, and I am continuing to remind them

TRAINING/SKILLS: Bobby Reynolds to run various skills camps during holidays

MAHA / USA HOCKEY: Maha District 4 Meeting recap located on MAHA D4 website with other emails for the season as well as rule changes <https://www.mahad4.org/page/show/9175304-2025-president-s-meeting>

PAST BUSINESS:

- AAA Bigby teams skating out of Brighton for the 2025 season
- White boards for meeting room and board room (approved a \$1,000 budget allowance) – On hold
- Intermediate Goal nets strung from Becker \$1,837.27 – On hold
- Raiders Logo change, will work to redesign this season and have the teams vote before the end of the season

NEW BUSINESS:

- My Hockey Ranking Association Membership approved unanimously by the KVHA Board members for 2026-27 season; \$350 association membership for My Hockey Ranking; All teams will have edit privileges and avoid \$25 individual payments.
- Breakaway Sports Apparel – Raiders and Ravens stores open as of 10-5-2025; Rebels store opened 10-17 and shared with the community; also linked on our website; Renegades store coming soon
 - <https://shopkvravens.breakawaysports.net/>

- <https://shopkvraiders.breakawaysports.net/>
 - <https://shopkvrebels.breakawaysports.net/>
- Student Coaching Clinic
 - Bobby will deliver the course – he will send two dates
 - Sign up to help with all Saturday morning development programs
- The board aims for a positive relationship with Black Bear, rebuilding member trust, and addressing the 25% membership drop via improved communication and transparency.

REQUESTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm