NAHA Board Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2025

Meeting called to order at: 6:04 PM

Board Members in Attendance:
Amy McWilliams, Tony Guzzo, Nick Lavenant, Paul Snell, Ryan Simons, Eddy Conlon, Matt Parker, Forrest Merrill, Jaren Ross

Board Members Absent:
Tory Tollefson, Stephanie Jeffrey, Mike Brown

Guests:
Bill B., Paul Leigh, Martin K.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion to approve the September and October meeting minutes by Jared Ross, seconded by Eddy Conlon. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:
Bill uploaded the current financial reports to the Google Drive. Tournament registrations have been processed, and the ice bill has been paid through September. To update signers on the Servis First account:

New Signers: Tony Guzzo, Liz Martin, Amy McWilliams

Motion by Eddy Conlon, seconded by Matt Parker. Passed unanimously.

League Reports:

- House League
    - Just under 500 kids are participating.
    - A 4th high school team is being added, but there are issues accommodating ice time.
    - Martin has asked SOL to move 10 minutes on Wednesdays.
    - High school teams currently have one hour of practice with 61 players. More time is needed.
    - 8U: 10 teams, 10U: All-star tryouts ongoing, 7 teams expected.
    - Goalie training is held on Fridays.
    - The holiday 3x3 tournament is scheduled for December 27th.
    - Learn to Play has over 60 kids. Power Skating sessions are also underway.
    - Note: Dita emailed Martin that NAHA photos are no longer allowed to be in the lobby as they have been in previous years. NAHA will be required to rent the multipurpose room.

- Chargers
    - No update
- Thunder
    - Sponsorship: Dasher board sponsorship confirmed with a 16U family.
    - Thunder Committee is planning spring programming and 2026 timeline.
    - HPW for December is scheduled, no skating over Thanksgiving break.
    - Social media engagement is strong with player highlights and weekly schedules.
    - 16U: Host weekend scheduled. Paul managing hockey office and scorekeepers.
    - Alex Albee experienced a season-ending injury. He participated in 2 tournaments, 1 league weekend, 2 exhibition games, and 4 HPWs. Family requested a partial refund. Paul recommended a $2,700 refund. Motion by Amy McWilliams, second by Matt Parker. Approved unanimously.
    - Full report attached from Thunder director.
- Adult Hockey
    - Six weeks in with no major issues.
    - Penalties are up 22% from last year, but there have been zero suspensions.
    - Ten skaters are waitlisted across divisions.
    - ADL: 2 weeks into the session.
    - ADP: New session has started at 2/3 capacity. Cost is covered.

Coaches Committee
Coach's committee structure is complete. Meeting to be rescheduled.

SafeSport
Nothing new to report.

New Business

- Bylaws: Ryan Simons will lead the effort to revise and update the NAHA Bylaws. The goal is to bring them up to date with current practices.
- 8U Jamboree Proposal: Proposal to start an 8U league jamboree to increase game play. Positive feedback received.
- High School Hockey: Forrest shared that there are currently 61 kids in the high school league, practicing once a week on 1/4 ice. Board discussed where additional ice time could

be found to accommodate the growth. Emphasis on prioritizing youth for earlier ice slots. Amy McWilliams recommended looking at all ice availability to see where we can shift ADL instead of postponing this session.

Adjournment:
Motion by Matt Parker, second by Ryan Simons. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Monthly Update Report

Date: October 2025
Submitted By: Martin Kubaliak – Director of Hockey

Accomplishments for the Month

NAHA / YHL Program Overview

- **Registrations:** YHL registrations continue to come in, with **489 players** registered as of **October 31**.
- Added a **4th High School team**, which is an excellent milestone for the growth of the program.
- In addition to our YHL numbers, our **Travel Hockey Program**—including **Chargers** and **Thunder** teams—has **153 players** currently participating, bringing our total player involvement across all programs to **642 players**

Breakdown by Division (YHL):

- **6U:** 57 players – 6 teams
- **8U:** 116 players – 10 teams
- **10U:** 96 players – 6 teams
- **12U:** 90 players – 6 teams
- **Middle School:** 69 players – 4 teams
- **High School:** 61 players – 4 teams

Scheduling & Operations

- Finalized **Travel and YHL schedules** for November.
- Hosted **YHL All-Star Tryouts** on **October 17**, resulting in the selection of **7 All-Star teams:**
    - (3) 8U Teams
    - (1) 10U Team
    - (1) 12U Team
    - (1) 14U Team
    - (1) 16U Team

Hosted Events

The Hockey Office successfully staffed and hosted the following events in October:

- **12U A2 Chargers** – October 11–12
- **10U AA Chargers** – October 18–19
- **12U AA Thunder** – October 25–26
- **YHL Opening Weekend Jamboree** – October 24–25

Upcoming Logistics

- **YHL Team Photos:** Scheduled for **November 7–8**.
- Launching **In-Season Goalie Training** for all program goalies beginning **November 7**.
- Opened **registration for the Holiday 3-on-3 Tournament** on **December 27** for both youth and adult divisions.

Player Development Programs (October)

- **Learn to Play Hockey (Session #9):** 61 players participating
- **Power Skating:** 39 players participating
- **Fall Break Camp:** 22 players participated

Upcoming Programming & Events (November–December)

- **Learn to Play Hockey (Session #10)**
- **Holiday 3-on-3 Tournament – December 27**
- **In-Season Goalie Training** (continuing through the winter)

Thunder Director Meeting Notes

Sponsorship/Donations

- Strong interest from a 16U family company. Following up next week.

Thunder Committee

- Meeting before the end of month to discuss Spring Program, timeline for next year.

Weekday/HPW Skates

- Weekday skates going well, can see development from players.
- HPW has been scheduled for December - all teams have schedule.

TPE Video

- All teams have used the program multiple times thus far.
- Players/Parents seeing benefits - 16U had player/parent video review.

Thanksgiving Week

- No team in each city will skate during Thanksgiving Break.

Social Media

- Instagram account growth continues.
- Content expanding and generating increased engagement.

Operations

- **16U Host Weekend:** Paul will be working the hockey office, scorekeepers are set and the league has been notified of who is scorekeeping.

October Review

- **12U:** Strong showing at first league weekend, 2-1-1.
- **14U:** Strong showing at league weekend, 3-1-0.
- **16U:** Strong showing at TPH Nashville event, 2-2.

30-Day Outlook (Nov-Dec)

12U:

- Nov 1 – HPW Birmingham
- Nov 7-9 – CCM Chicago - 2-2-1 - Lost in QF
- Nov 22–23 – League Weekend Atlanta
- Dec 13-15 – Ohio Tournament
- Dec 20 - HPW Huntsville

14U:

- Nov 1 – HPW Birmingham
- Nov 7-9 – CCM Chicago - 1-2-1 (played in 2011 division)
- Nov 15-16 – League Weekend Atlanta
- Nov 22-23 – TPH Atlanta
- Dec 6-7 - League Weekend Nashville
- Dec 13 - HPW Huntsville

16U:

- Nov 1 – HPW Birmingham
- Nov 7-9 – CCM Chicago - 0-3-1 (1GF 4GA)
- Nov 15-16 – Host Weekend Huntsville
- Nov 22-23 – TPH Atlanta
- Dec 6-7 - HPW Huntsville
- Dec 20-21 - League Weekend Knoxville