NAHA Board Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2026

Meeting called to order at: 6:07 PM

Board Members in Attendance:
Amy McWilliams, Craig Bushey, Eddy Conlon, Ryan Simons, Mike Brown, Tony Guzzo, Tory Tollefson, Nick Lavenant, Stephanie Jeffrey, Jared Ross, Forrest Merrill, Matt Parker

Board Members Absent:
Paul Snell

Guests:
Bill B., Dita Dotson-Bowser, Chantay Gonzales, Paul Leigh

Approval of Minutes:
Motion to approve meeting minutes by Stephanie Jeffrey, seconded by Mike Brown. Motion passed.

Financial Report:
December financial report was uploaded.

- Most activity last month included payment of Charger and Thunder coach stipends and tournament registrations.
- Tax return for the fiscal year ending August 31 was filed.
- Amy McWilliams asked about negative LeagueApps charges, which were confirmed to be refunds for various reasons.
- Request was made for access to QuickBooks.

Facility Update:

- Developer continues to work toward staying on timeline for construction.
- Facility is still projected to open in November 2026, barring any additional delays.
- NAHA can begin scheduling ice on Rink 3 starting in June.
- Facility is ready for the Freedom Tournament this weekend.

League Reports:

- House League
    - Approximately 500 players participating in House League.

- All schedules are uploaded through February.
- Outside games scheduled for 6U and 8U teams.
- Holiday 3v3 tournament completed.
- Freedom Tournament scheduled for January 16–19 with 41 teams participating.
- Learn to Play Hockey has 75 participants.
- Goalie training is ongoing.

- Chargers
  - Program is approximately 60% through the season.
  - Coaching applications for Chargers will open the weekend of March 2.
  - 10U AA will host a tournament in February.
- Thunder
  - Coaches Committee will open mid-February.
  - One new practice player has joined due to relocation from Pensacola.
  - Budget planning for next season is in early stages.
  - 16U team signed a new player and equipment has arrived.
  - Selected coaches will be announced March 3, along with tryout dates.
- Adult Hockey
  - A small number of disciplinary items were reported.
  - SOL disciplinary committee is handling these matters at the committee level.
  - ADL and ADP next sessions are preparing to schedule.

Bylaws
Ryan S. has been working on an outline.A draft is expected within the next week, after which discussion will begin.

Coaches Committee

- Coaches Committee met earlier in the day.

- End-of-March meeting planned with Charger and Thunder coaches to discuss tryouts and coaching applications.
- Committee would like to gather parent feedback through a structured survey format that limits long-form responses.
- Further discussion to continue next month.

SafeSport

Two SafeSport incidents were reported and handled locally.

Disciplinary

Nothing to update.

New Business:

SAHA Play-Up Policy

- SAHA is requesting feedback on a proposed play-up policy.
- Mike Brown noted the need for goalie and girls exemptions related to playing down.

Goalie Pegs

- Nick Lavenant and Eddy Conlon spoke with IcePlex staff. Jim agreed to purchase additional goalie pegs. Jim will also review existing pegs and remove those too worn for game play.

Sponsorship

- Request made to distribute a sales sheet to the board.

Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:11 PM by Stephanie Jeffrey, seconded by Eddy Conlon. Motion passed. Board voted unanimously not to share NAHA financial records with TPH.

- Exited Executive Session at 8:03 PM.

Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn by Stephanie Jeffrey, seconded by Amy McWilliams. at 8:15 PM.