NAHA Board Meeting Minutes – April 08, 2026
Meeting called to order at: 6:08 PM

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

Board Members Absent:
None

Guests:
Paul Leigh, Dita Dotson-Bowser, Chantay Gonzales, Heath Ware, Karen Thompson, Stephanie Jeffrey, John Farr, Tommy Blackwell, Katie Edmiston, Martin Kubaliak

New Leadership Appointments:

The following leadership appointments were presented and approved unanimously:

- **President:** Tony Guzzo
  Motion by Matt Parker, seconded by Eddy Conlon
- **Vice President:** Eddy Conlon
  Motion by Amy McWilliams, seconded by Forrest Merrill
- **Secretary:** Amy McWilliams
  Motion by Tony Guzzo, seconded by Ryan Simons
- **Travel Director:** Tory Tollefson
  Motion by Matt Parker, Second Eddy Conlon
- **SOL Director:** Stephanie Jeffrey
  Motion by Forrest Merrill, Second by Craig Bushey
- **Treasurer:** Bill Benitez
- **SafeSport Director:** Craig Bushey
  Motion by Forrest Merrill, Second by Mike Brown

Approval of Minutes:
Motion to approve March meeting minutes by Eddy Conlon, seconded by Mike Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:
- No financial report presented this month.

Facility Update:
- Dita Dotson-Bowser reported that NAHA leadership recently met regarding facility scheduling and future ice availability. Additional ice availability is expected, with the tentative opening date for the new sheet of ice projected for November 25.

League Reports:

• House League

- Ice has been requested for the next six months.
- Spring and summer teams have been formed.
- Thunder and Chargers tryout registrations are now open.
- “Try Hockey for Free” event had 56 participants.
- All-Star teams attended the Country Western tournament and were competitive.

• Chargers

Coach selections for the upcoming season were presented:

- 10U A – Tim Flynn
- 10U AA – Martin Kubaliak
- 12U AA – Brett McWilliams
- 14U AA – Tony Guzzo
- 16U AA – Mike Brown
- 18U AA – TBD

Discussion included allowing expressions of interest for the 18U AA coaching position without charging applicants.

Motion to approve by Eddy Conlon, seconded by Jared Ross. Motion passed with Amy McWilliams abstaining.

• Thunder

- Budget expected to be finalized within the next week.
- Planning for nine team slots with three tryout sessions this year.
- Video contract is expected to continue next season.
- Increased interest from regional markets outside Birmingham has been noted.
- Working with vendors to secure quotes for new coaching jackets.

• Adult Hockey

- ADP has returned to full capacity.
- ADL registration will open soon.
- SOL regular season has one remaining game before playoffs and championships over the next two Sundays.
- A summer SOL survey will be distributed to gather member feedback.
- Women’s program continues development, including discussions with Chris George regarding coaching support.

Bylaws

- Ryan Simons distributed updated bylaw revisions to the board and requested review and approval consideration.

Coaches Committee

A draft agenda is being prepared for an upcoming coaches meeting and development session tentatively scheduled for April 22 or April 29. A separate House League coaches session is also planned.

SafeSport

- No report.

Disciplinary

- No report.

TPH

Eddy Conlon distributed a packet regarding TPH contract discussions. Board members were asked to provide feedback by Monday.

New Business

Karen Thompson App Proposal: Karen Thompson presented a proposal for a NAHA-specific communication application with potential future licensing opportunities for other organizations.

- Estimated design phase cost: $30,000 over 6–8 weeks
- NAHA would retain ownership of all developed assets
- Estimated total project investment: approximately $150,000

Tony Guzzo stated that NAHA is not currently in a position to vote on the proposal.

Social Media Policy: Amy McWilliams distributed a proposed social media policy for board feedback and review.

Conference Communication: Discussion was held regarding telecommunication and conference call solutions to improve accessibility for volunteer board participation.

Grants & Fundraising

- Eddy Conlon continues pursuing grant opportunities, including discussions with Iron Mountain Solutions.
- Forrest Merrill and Ryan Simons met with Drew Davenport regarding involvement with the Fred Hudson nonprofit board.
- Board members requested that future meeting minutes include fundraising reporting, including allocation details and receipts documenting fund usage.

Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:32 PM by Eddy Conlon, seconded by Tory Tollefson.

Motion to exit Executive Session and adjourn at 7:54 PM by Amy McWilliams, seconded by Tory Tollefson.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Amy McWilliams seconded by Tory Tollefson at 7:55 PM.