NAHA Board Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2026

Meeting called to order at: 6:03 PM

Board Members in Attendance:

Amy McWilliams, Mike Brown, Jared Ross, Paul Snell, Nick Lavenant, Matt Longley, Tony Guzzo, Eddy Conlon, Tory Tollefson, Ryan Simons, Forrest Merrill

Board Members Absent:

Craig Bushey, Matt Parker

Guests:

Bill Benitez, Dom Procopio, Paul Leigh, Dita Dotson-Bowser, Nathan Bowen, Martin Kubaliak

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve May meeting minutes by Forrest Merrill, seconded by Eddy Conlon. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

- No significant financial updates were reported.
- The financial transition process will begin next week.
- Amy McWilliams motioned to add Aaron Kitchell as an authorized signer on NAHA bank accounts.Seconded by Eddy Conlon. Motion passed unanimously.

Facility Update:

Dita Dotson-Bowser reported the projected opening date for the new sheet of ice has been updated to December 14, 2026. Construction crews are working overtime to recover weather-related delays. The curling rink is projected to open on February 22, 2027. The facility's dehumidifier is currently inoperable due to an obsolete replacement part. Staff are working to retrofit the system to restore full operation.

League Reports:

- House League
    - Summer hockey programming is ongoing.
- Chargers
    - The hockey office is working on the travel schedule and is awaiting final ice confirmations from the Ice Plex.
    - League fees for the 2026-2027 season were presented and discussed.
    - The maximum player fee will remain $3,500. Motion to approve by Eddy Conlon, seconded by Jared Ross. Motion passed unanimously.

- Final registration and season preparations continue for all age divisions.

- Thunder

  - Season dues will begin being collected on July 15.
  - The Thunder Committee will meet later this month.
  - League weekends have been secured for the 14U and 16U teams.
  - Staff continue working with the Ice Plex and Birmingham to finalize High Performance Weekend scheduling.
  - Training Camp is scheduled for August 29-30.
  - A contract has been finalized with TPE for video review services, providing five games per team for a total cost of $2,000.
  - Coaches jackets have been ordered.
  - Huntsville will host playoffs this season for two age divisions.

- Adult Hockey

  - The Wednesday A Division season begins tonight. The division is currently short two skaters. The season start was delayed one week due to low registration numbers.
  - Sunday SOL begins this Sunday and is currently one player short of capacity. Several player inquiries have been received, and the division is expected to reach full enrollment prior to opening day.
  - ADP, ADL, and the 2.0 program all continue to operate at maximum capacity.

Bylaws

- No updates were made during the past month. Ryan Simons reported that the bylaw revisions are complete. The Board plans to open an official review period prior to ratification at the next Board meeting. Ryan will redistribute the revised bylaws to the Board.

Coaches Committee

- A coaches meeting is planned for the first or second week of August once coaches have returned for the season.

SafeSport

- No report.

Disciplinary

- No report.

New Business

TPH Update:

- Nathan Bowen provided an update following the USA Hockey Annual Meeting.
- TPH continues working toward becoming a more comprehensive resource
- Nathan discussed opportunities to strengthen collaboration between hockey markets.
- Nathan introduced Dom Procopio as the new Director of Youth Travel Hockey.

Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn by Amy McWilliams, seconded by Eddy Conlon at 6:47 PM.