

Meeting summary for AAHA BOD (06/17/2025)

Quick recap

The board meeting began with administrative matters including attendance and agenda approvals, followed by detailed discussions of DC committee records and official registration updates. The group covered various hockey-related topics including rule changes, tournament requirements, and roster approvals, with specific updates provided on adult hockey tournaments and the upcoming Labor Day event. The conversation ended with reports on advertising credits and the Coaching Development Academy, with the next board meeting scheduled for August 19th and USA Hockey reports to be distributed shortly.

Next steps

- [Jim Hertle to organize a subcommittee meeting to review the effectiveness of the advertising campaign and prepare a summary for the August board meeting.](#)
- [Melissa to distribute the 10 new rule books she received to board members.](#)
- [Board members to reach out to Jim if they can help at the adult tournament rinks.](#)
- [Association boards to submit their board rosters to Melissa for approval before team rosters can be approved.](#)
- [John to communicate the Labor Day tournament schedule to the board by the end of July.](#)
- [Larry to post the 21 tentatively scheduled coaching clinics online for coaches to attend.](#)
- [Tim to send out the U.S.A. Hockey annual meeting reports to organizations within the next week.](#)
- [Bruce and Tim to finalize and distribute guidelines for DC committee reports to ensure thorough documentation.](#)
- [Russell to conduct Zoom sessions in July and August regarding rule changes for coaches.](#)

Summary

Meeting Agenda and Proxy Votes

Tim opens the meeting and notes several absent members, including Jim Curley, Christy, Mimsy, and Ken Hammond. The group discusses proxy votes and confirms they have a quorum. They approve the agenda for the June meeting and the minutes from both the April annual meeting and the April monthly meeting. Tim then moves on to discussing reports, starting with the DC report.

Committee Records and Rule Updates

Tim and Bruce discussed the need to improve the professionalism of DC committee records, ensuring detailed documentation of meetings, committee members, and decisions for future reference. Russell provided updates on the off-season registration for officials, noting a new minimum age requirement of 13 and upcoming on-ice training sessions. He also mentioned that rule changes would take effect on

August 1st, with coaches' sessions scheduled to explain these changes via Zoom in July and August. Jim Hertle inquired about new rule books, but Russell did not have an immediate answer.

Hockey Tournament and Roster Updates

The meeting covered several topics, including the distribution of rule books, tournament requirements, and roster approvals. Melissa confirmed she received 10 rule books and will distribute them before the August meeting. She reminded everyone about USA Hockey tournament requirements, including sanctioned tournaments, USA Hockey memberships, and verified teams. Tim highlighted the need for help at rinks for an upcoming adult tournament, urging volunteers to contact Jim. Melissa also clarified that board rosters must be submitted and approved before association rosters can be approved, a new requirement for this year.

Adult Hockey Tournament Updates

Tim reported on adult hockey, noting that Jim had significantly expanded the tournament from 16 to 36 teams and was working with Melissa to complete sanctions and rosters. Melissa confirmed she was still working through team lists and rosters, with some teams still pending submission. Jon provided an update on the upcoming Labor Day tournament, mentioning that rosters were due by Friday for the hockey Ops meeting, after which schedules would be released and ice booking would begin.

Board Updates on Advertising and Academy

The board discussed two main items: Jim Hertle reported on an advertising credit received that will be reviewed in a subcommittee meeting before the August board meeting, and Larry provided an update on the Coaching Development Academy, which will include 21 virtual clinics with two tracks (levels 1-4 and 8U and under) and will be consolidated with USA Hockey's learning management system. The next board meeting was confirmed for August 19th, and Tim agreed to distribute USA Hockey's annual meeting reports within the next week.

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