



# Juneau Adult Hockey Association

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## Meeting Minutes

Called by: Dom Pannone, President  
Purpose: Regular Board Meeting  
Date: Feb 10, 2026  
Location: 1016 3rd St, Douglas, AK, 99824/Google Meeting  
Schedule Time: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM  
Started: 6:05 PM  
Ended: 7:17 PM

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/eky-ahcp-cvb>



**Members present:** Dom Pannone, Michelle Morris, Christy Baseden, Thomas Mckenzie, Deb Lee (online), Simon Marks, Jonas Lamb, Caitlin Cardinell (online), Lauren Duehring (online), Chris Coutu (online), Aaron Surma

**Excused absence:** Karsun Newport, Eli Barsy

**Guest:** Chris Mertl

## Agenda:

1. **Call to Order - Dom Pannone**
2. **Approval of Minutes - Deb Lee**
  - a. Motioned to approve minutes from previous meeting by Deb Lee; unanimously approved
3. **35/40+ League Suggestion - Guest Chris Mertl**
  - a. Lots of older players dropping out of JAHA, reason being that older experienced players wanted to play with others w/their experience and better attitude >> hence formation of 40+ league. Was formed as a space for those wanting to retire out of more competitive leagues.
  - b. Cause behind 40+ league was muddled in part by COVID - how do we bring this back?
  - c. Possible solution:

- i. Limit 35+ league registration to those who are only going to play in one tier.
- ii. Raise age limit for 35+ back to 40+
- iii. Also limit double registration for all players. Give everyone a chance to register before allowing others to register for a second tier.

#### **4. Financial Report and Balances - Christy Baseden**

##### **a. New Format Overview (in progress)**

- i. Christy has provided updated budget report. Does not include JDIC yet. Rainforest tournament is included (but only budget as of yet).
- ii. Projected to have \$8000+, to be discussed at next meeting to allocate funds for end-of-year banquet.

##### **b. Michelle Morris - Taxes? CBJ reports?**

- i. Christy has tax & report deadlines. May have to submit additional paperwork since our season will end in May this year instead of April.

#### **5. Current season tier rep issues & scheduling matters (all tier reps, registrar)**

- a. Jonas - Trying to manage the repercussions of Chrissy Coan leaving JAHA due to injury. No trades made yet.
- b. Simon - Thane Outlaws feel like they may be underskilled. Also had two people interested in joining A tier, currently on waitlist. Could potentially bring one of these players onto Thane Outlaws.
- c. Dom - One goal for next season would be to come up with a streamlined process for adding players to a team (currently involves lots of steps and people, including tier reps, collecting fees, changing/updating rosters, etc.)
- d. Michelle - 35+ waitlist was quite long. Are we backfilling players from the waitlist? Coutu - yes we are.
- e. Caitlin - No trades, some players added to even out teams. Several D tier games were postponed during the heavy snow, which has made even trading difficult
  - i. Coaching - A few coaches have dropped out. Have had some issues with coaches showing up late.
    1. Deb - Have heard some mixed reviews on coaching this season. Should create some baseline for coaching so that it's fairly even across teams, especially if there is reimbursement.
  - ii. Caitlin's last board meeting. Oliver Scheufelt interested in D tier rep.
- f. Deb (regarding scoresheets)
  - i. Request to have players write their names better / clearer if they want online stats to accurately reflect their game stats
  - ii. Whoever is updating scores on SportsEngine (who's not Chrissy Coan / Wade Chappell) - please stop. Scores and game statuses are inaccurate, takes a lot of time to find and fix mistakes.

#### **6. Tournaments**

- a. Proposal for Rainforest Tournament

- i. Budget - break-even budget. \$90 surplus as of now.
  - ii. Surma: Any tournament that is not all-inclusive should aim to break even, not make a profit.
  - iii. Surma motions to set \$6000 cap for tournament >> unanimously approved.
- b. Douglas Island Cup
- i. Players sign up as individuals, first weekend in May. Budget assumes that ice is \$250/sheet. \$125/skater,
  - ii. Coutu - If the goal is to raise money for gear, are we also going to do a gear drop-off for those wanting to donate gear?
  - iii. Those using rental gear will not be allowed to participate in JDIC, for purposes of collecting gear post-tournament
  - iv. Jonas moves to approve Surma's JDIC proposal >> unanimously approved

#### **7. USA Hockey participant eligibility policy**

- a. USA hockey recently changed rule set in 2019 regarding transgender athlete eligibility. Previously, trans & non-binary athletes were allowed to compete in any league. New rule - which comes into effect April 1, 2026 - participation in leagues based on sex is only allowed for those assigned that sex at birth; essentially limits participation by trans / non-binary players.
- b. If we want to respond to USA Hockey, we decide as a board to send a letter to USA Hockey.
- c. Dom - We cannot ignore the rule from USA Hockey. Something to potentially consider is relabeling or being more intentional in our description of the Women's tier, as the new rules would also apply to male goalies in the Women's tier.
  - i. Very little flexibility in our ability to be non-compliant with USA Hockey. We rely on them for insurance; there are other options but they are much more expensive.
- d. Christy - Could potentially speak to ASHA first since they represent the state, could perhaps "get" a louder voice when speaking to USA Hockey
- e. Proposition to form a committee to further discuss / come up with potential solutions to keep JAHA as it currently is.

#### **8. Adjourn**

- a. Other meeting agenda items (listed below) were not addressed due to time constraints but will be addressed at next meeting
  - i. Update on substitute jersey rule & policy
  - ii. Letter to Parks & Rec, signatures
  - iii. JHO matters (if JHO representative is present) >> no rep present at time of meeting
  - iv. Closing comments from board members

These minutes are a true and accurate record of actions taken on February 10, 2026 and have been approved during the board meeting on March 10, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several vertical strokes and loops, positioned to the left of the date.

03.10.2026

JAHA Secretary

Date