

Eastern Shore Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes

June 10th, 2025

I. Call to order

Jonny B. called to order the regular meeting of the board at 6:05 pm on June 10th at Talbot County Community Center.

II. Roll call

Jonny Brown conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

President – Jonny Brown	Communications Director – Chris Thomas (called in)
Vice President – Shawn Miller (not present)	8U Coordinator – Tom Crotti (called in)
Secretary – Lauren Stoltzfus	Chief Manager – Ali Toepfer- (called in)
Treasurer – Patty McNeal	CBHL Rep – John Schwaninger
Scheduler – Paul Sullivan (called in)	CCHL Rep – vacant role
Registrar – Dave Levasseur	EJEPL Rep – Shawn Miller- (not present)
Hockey Director- Sam Gerdano	

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from May were submitted for approval. Motion for approval by Jonny Brown, 2nd by Dave L , all in favor, none opposed.

IV. Director and Officer Reports

- a) President – Will discuss in new business
- b) Vice President – nothing to report
- c) Secretary – nothing to report
- d) Registrar- 179 registered. Requesting all USAH numbers by June 30th need to submit by July 31. All 18u players with birth years 2008 are required to take a safe sport training, link will be on website. Board members need 25-26 USAH/safe sport/ and background check. Coaches need to provide their team staff info for assistants/volunteers to be able to verify certifications. If there are changes throughout the season, must notify the registrar to update. Adults in locker room need to have volunteer application/USAH

number/safe sport and background check and on team roster as manager/lock room monitor. If anyone expires during season you will be redlined and removed until completed.

- e) Treasurer – Checking balance \$309, 593.86 Donations for scholarship \$19,669.78
Subtotal- \$289,924.08
Expenses to date- crab ice budget- \$22,575
Balance- \$267,349.08

- f) Hockey Director – Final declaration by June 30ths from leveling festival this past weekend. We have ice for end of July- not sure the plan for it yet.

- g) Scheduler – practice schedule will be out hopefully this evening.

- h) Chief Manager- Needs a list of each team’s managers- Dave L is working on obtaining team info for all teams.

- i) Communications Director – Nothing to report. Requesting to review what specific job duties entail as taking over this new position.

- j) 8U Director – Needs to be able to view 8u on sports engine, Dave L looking into this. Try hockey for free for girls- Sept 13th, unsure of the turnout and will likely decline. Recommend waiting for the regular try hockey for free date. Discussing the option of having a 6U team, currently have 8 players that could play 6U from the 28 registered for 8u.

- k) CCHL Rep – still a vacant role, Jonny B will cont to work on.

- l) CBHL Rep – A lot of teams in the upper A, currently only 5 in the 18u lower A. Will be sending over link for 8U declaration, assuming will be lower A.

- m) EJEPL Rep – Not present

V. Committee Reports:

- a) Disciplinary Committee – Shawn is working on putting this together

- b) Fundraising Committee – Jonny is working on this.

- c) Bylaw Committee – Jonny will have someone look over our by-laws, working on

- d) Rostering Committee – Nothing currently

VI. New Business:

-10U red needs assistance coach.

-Jonny B discusses assessments, need to come up with a better plan for team rostering and the need to possibly make cuts for the future assessment/try outs due to limited ice slots. However, would like to avoid having to go this route.

-Tom C brings up the idea of creating a tournament team during the regular season for those who don't make the red team. We would need to find house level tournaments as most of these kids are new to hockey/skating. For practice, they could still practice with red teams.

-Discussion of having the rink providing the in-house hockey options. ESHA could help with providing coaching needs.

-Coaching aides/tools- Jonny discusses new shooter tutor, training tool ideas. Any ideas forward to Jonny B.

-Crease markers requested.

-AHF discussion. Jonny investigated the league. Owned by Black Bear. They offer AA to in-house levels for teams. Not USA hockey sanctioned. The league is like EJ. League fees are approx. \$1200 a team. They accept any team. No major/minor rule. They have a leveling festival.

-Tom discusses if would ever go this route, request to not play the same teams we play in season.

-Jonny B likes the idea of remaining CBHL/EJ.

Next board meeting will be July 15th, 2025, 6-8pm at Talbot County Community Center.

Adjournment:

Jonny B., motioned to close the meeting at 7:01pm, Lauren Stoltzfus, 2nd, all in favor, non-opposed.