



## **CPHL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

**In Attendance:** Kevin Lawson, Chase Petruska, Sharon Blackwell, Tracy Petruska, Ishan Manerikar, Jacob McGregor, Jeff Barrett, Kent Barrett, Reegan Zacharias, Ben Thorne

**Missing:** Rhonda Thorne, Justin Scott.

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Agenda and Minutes** - the agenda was approved and Kevin read the minutes from the prior meeting of March 31, 2025. ***Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes, Jeff seconded, all were in favour.***

**Lethbridge Tournament** – Chase provided an update on the tournament. The tournament dates were August 8-10, 2025. Chase reported that the tournament went well and the feed back from the players was that it was a good tournament, game play was good. Chase indicated that he is hopeful that the tournament could happen bi-annually. Chase also has ideas of expanding the game in other cities.

**Partnership with Calgary Flames** – The Calgary Flames supported the Lethbridge tournament and since then Chase has been in contact with the Flames in discussions around a partnership which would include the Flames providing a table at a Flames game to increase awareness, other ideas are, the Selects name change to Flames. Sharon mentioned that Michael Blackwell could assist because he already has connections to the Flames and the Fan960. Chase will continue to have discussions with the Calgary Flames.

**Hockey Canada Try Outs** – Chase has been in conversation with Frank from Power Hockey Canada, PHC would like to work together in order to have try outs for Alberta players in Calgary. However, due to time constraints, it will not be possible this year so instead they ask that any players interested in trying out for Team Canada submit names and video. Next Team Canada event is in Helsinki, Finland, March 2026. The cost is \$4k per person. Chase and Jeff will work on this.

**Player and Ref Recruitment Efforts** – Chase has been working on player recruitment and has sent out information to other groups, Ben would like to add a digital addition to this. Chase and Ben will work together on recruiting players for this upcoming season and future seasons. Chase and Ishan are working on recruiting refs, Chase posted an advertisement on Indeed and received 8 responses, Ishan is not doing interviews in hopes of adding more referees. Ishan advised that he would like the refs to attend the camps.

**New Boards** – Discussion around the boards used in Lethbridge was brought up, some discussion around the possibility of CPHL changing to these plastic boards was had and input from players was had, Jeff was concerned about the safety of the boards, Ben was concerned about the change

of boards when attending tournaments. Chase reported that most players really liked the plastic boards due to the height of the boards and how the ball was kept in play longer, as well as the round corners. Ishan indicated that he felt the game was much better and safer with the plastic boards. It was decided that the Ops Committee would review and discuss the boards. At this time there was no motion to approve the change of the boards.

**Lowering the Age Requirement** – discussion around lower the age requirement for membership, it was discussed that it could be case by case basis depending on ability and driving experience. A motion to lower the age requirement to 11 was made. ***Kevin made a motion to lower the age to 11 years old, Chase seconded the motion, and all were in favour.***

**League Supplied Power Chairs** – the league would like to explore the option of supplying power chairs for individuals who do not have power chairs, this could increase our enrolment. Currently, the league has one chair in the storage room for use. Jacob will discuss the option of getting additional storage at Vivi so that there would be the option of getting more chairs. Discussion around players taking league chairs home was discussed and it was decided that if this happens we would require a contract with terms and conditions. Ops committee will take this on with the assistance of Kent and Kevin. Kent and Sharon both have contacts that could assist with the preparation of the contract.

**League Supplying Safety Equipment** – discussions on this topic happened and it was decided that the players would be responsible for their own safety equipment.

**Operations Committee Update** – Jacob provided the update and indicated at this time we have 20 registered players and is expecting 14 more registrations, bringing the total to 34 players which would be 2 teams of 8 players and 2 teams of 9 players. Discussions around adding a 5<sup>th</sup> team was had and mixed opinions were had. Some concerns around the 5 teams include, some dates there are lower player attendance, the addition of the bye-week and less games, some concerns around 4 teams were, less playing time for players. It was decided that the Ops Committee would make a decision once player registrations are closed.

**Financial update** - Sharon provided a financial update. Bank balance to date is, there is \$22,158.68 in the general bank account and \$70,519.68 in the casino account. Sharon advised that all tournament expenses have been paid except for some gas reimbursements. Sharon advised that our year end is at the end of this month. September 30 and she will be working on the year end file.

**Other Leagues and Tournaments** - Jeff provided an update on some of the other Canadian Leagues, he indicated that there are not set tournaments for next summer at this time. Jeff indicated that CEWHA is interested in discussing our insurance and maybe joining in with their insurance and will be in discussions. Sharon indicated that this has been discussed in the past but there are concerns.

**Bylaws**- Kent advised that we still need to finalize our Bylaws and will advise of this in future meetings.

**Next Meeting: TBD.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

