

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

### **Temecula Valley Inline Hockey Association [TVIHA]**

**Date:** August 6, 2025

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Margarita Community Park

#### **Board Members:**

**Present:** Joe Wittenberg, Curtis Larson, Jon Stephens, Todd Galeana, Danielle Ciullo, Eulerra Capreece-Page

**Absent:** Jim Day

**Quorum present?** Yes

**Others Present:** Kaila Stephens (registrar), Zac Lippard, Robert Brown (Rink Manager)

#### **Proceedings:**

- Board of Directors Meeting called to order at 5:08pm by Vice President Joe Wittenberg.
  
- **President's Report** : None
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Treasurer's Report** : They are still working on Eulerra getting access to the account and switching it over. Geoff is staying on the account until stuff can be worked with the bank.
  
- **Public Comments** : None
  
- **OLD BUSINESS**
  - Fall Coaching update: We are keeping the 9U/12U structure and restructuring Premier, Advanced, and 13+ and combining. The new structure helps out so we have coaches spots filled for each division. Going to continue to establish good communication with this season's coaches so it translates to their teams.
  - Fall Pre-Season Wrap Up: Went very well. They saw great growth amongst the attendees, especially a couple skaters that could not skate at the beginning and are not skating and stopping! One change for next time is to have a check-in sheet for

players so we can be aware of our attendance numbers as well as avoid players that are not registered showing up.

- Fall Registration Update: Total registration as of right now:
  - 6U - 28
  - 9U - 64
  - 12U - 57
  - 13+ - 22
  - Premier - 13
  - Advanced - 15
  - Out of these numbers 31 are new players and 162 returning.
  - For next season registration - have a registration incentive ( i.e. hockey tape, registration discount) with the intention to get people to register in a more timely manner and not the last few days of registration being open.
- Committee/Officer Openings: After talking to the individual that was recommended for our Special Events/Volunteer Coordinator they informed us that they are unable to fulfill the position, so we are looking for another one. Someone recommended Kari Lippard - someone will be reaching out to her.
- Rule Book Update: Both the TVIHA Rule Book and the USARS Rule Book are now available on our website to make them accessible for everyone to see and read.

- ***NEW BUSINESS***

- Fall Season Structure:
  - 6U & 9U are staying the same
  - Combining Premier/13+ & Advanced/13+ - Testing out a new format. Multiple divisions on the same team. Each team will be divided by skill level into Line 1 & Line 2. During the games there will be 2:00 minute shifts, so the whistle will blow every two minutes. Line 1 from one team will only play Line 1 from the opponent's team and Line 2 will only play Line 2.
    - This structure will accommodate the registration numbers along with rink availability. The league's intention is to establish a structure where players are learning from their peers, have mentorship, and ensure equal playing time.
    - Absent players? There will be a pre-approved "sub list" created by the DPD and or the Competition Committee so an absent player can be replaced with an equal skilled level player.
  - Rink Availability : As of right now we have availability for 15 game slots throughout the week. In terms of creating the master schedule; ask Tom if he would be interested in still offering his help.

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- Goalies : We are in need of more goalies for the upper divisions (Advanced) and have gotten interest from individuals that are over the age of 18. After doing research one way to do this the right way is
- Live Draft Day :
  - Date/Time: Saturday August 9, 2025 - drafts on the hour for each division starting at 3pm
  - Who: Coaches only! No assistant coaches or extra guests.
  - Who to draft if absent: Curtis and/or someone from the Competition Committee
  - Structure: Snake draft, Randomize coaches pick to create draft order. Opposite order to pick jersey color.
- Sponsorships : Jon got approached at assessments inquiring about sponsoring. So we now see the need to develop clear opportunities for people and businesses to support TVIHA in this manner.
  - Ways to sponsor: Banners, Live Streaming ads
    - Create price breakdown to each opportunity
  - Pechanga Opportunity: Jon is going to inquire about them sponsoring, because they have opportunities to sponsor local sports organizations and we would qualify.
  - Website : Update the ad space on our website as none of it is current.
- Warriors : Tom stepping aside, Curtis stepping in. Tom will still assist in communications for tournaments if needed.
  - Idea for older kids : Older kids (14, 16+...) are looking for a team.
  - Try-outs ; September 20th - will start posting information soon.
- AAU Membership Renewal : Its almost that time to renew our AAU Membership. Kaila and Eulerra will get together to renew and pay the coordinating fees so we are up to date.
  - TVIHA players/coaches: We will start sending reminders soon to renew their own AAU Membership so they are prepared to start the fall season in September. They will have a deadline of September 13, 2025 to send us their AAU membership number.
  - Other option than AAU - we discussed looking into getting insurance/membership through USA Hockey because they provide a variety of resources for coaches and players on their app/website that AAU does not offer. We will continue to look into the specifics and see if this is something that will be beneficial to do moving forward.

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- ***OPEN FORUM***

- TVIHA Storefront - Zac Lippard came and presented the website he created that would house items we could sell as a league; t-shirts, hats, etc.
  - The website is a work in progress, but it would be a one stop shop for all things TVHIA
  - GoDaddy to host the site would be about 1.50/month
  - He will train someone to manage the site
- Head of Officials (Todd)- Needs more referees.
  - Will be hosting a Ref. Clinic at the end of Aug/September with Matt McCaffrey
  - 6U Junior Refs - will seek interest to get the spots filled.
- Helmet Stickers - We need to order helmet stickers for 6U, 9U, and 12U.
  - Need by September 15th
  - Joe Wittenberg will discuss pricing with sticker vendor asap.
- Winter Ball Tournament- Chris Gomez has reached out to multiple board members and is putting together a proposal to host a Family Day Ball Tournament. This could be a great opportunity to get TVIHA families together. Will update when the proposal is sent.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday September 3, 2025 at 5pm

- Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm by Joe Wittenberg
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Danielle Ciullo