

## **Oregon State Hockey Association (OSHA) Meeting Minutes**

**Date: August 18, 2025**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Location: Teleconference**

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### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

**President Andy Potter called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.**

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### **2. Roll Call and Introductions**

**Secretary Sarah Chambers conducted roll call.**

#### **Executive Board Members:**

- **President: Andy Potter – Present**
- **Vice President: Chris Meyer – Present**
- **Treasurer: Carrie Stewart – Present**
- **Secretary: Sarah Chambers – Present**

#### **Board Representatives:**

- **Bend Ice: Kevney Dugan – Present**
- **Klamath Ice Sports: Lynndsi Ray – Present**
- **Lane Amateur Hockey Association (LAHA): Ashlee Dixon – Present**
- **Rose City Hockey Club: Carolyn Goncoe – Present**
- **REHL: Kevin Chambers – Present**
- **Rogue Valley Hockey Association (RVHA): Jeremiah Paladino – Absent**
- **Winterhawks Skating Center – Youth: Jason Vaillancourt – Present**
- **Winterhawks Skating Center – Adult: Ben Stadey – Present**

#### **Non-Voting Members and Guests:**

- **Referee-in-Chief: Toby Wolfe – Present**
  - **Committee Chairs: Aaron Olson – Present, Christy Picard Dimmig – Present, Katie Gootee – Present**
  - **Guests: [None listed]**
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### **3. Approval of Minutes**

Approved October 20, 2025

The minutes from the June 16, 2025 meeting were reviewed.

- **Motion to approve: Carrie Stewart**
  - **Second: Jason Vaillancourt**
  - **Motion carried**
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## 4. Officer Reports

### President – Andy Potter

- Pacific District updates: Kris Kanuss, Lisa McPeter, Wayne Sawchuck, and Rick Hutchinson have resigned. Tom Hancock added.
- There are now 8 voting members in the Pacific District at USA Hockey.
- Western Regional Camp concluded successfully; Oregon players made a strong impression.
- Rule updates: 15U teams may now ice the puck during penalty kills; delayed offsides will be implemented for the 2025–2026 season.
- National Development League will feature 17U teams playing above Tier I.
- OSHA received the 2025–2026 Block Grant.

### Vice President – Chris Meyer

- Continued work on the Guidebook and Bylaws.
- Reminder: State Play for 14U and above will be in the Body Check category.
- Rules Committee reviewed fees and clerical changes. A proxy vote will be sent before the next meeting.

### Treasurer – Carrie Stewart

- Banking transitioned from Joy to Carrie.
- Presented and reviewed the 2025–2026 budget.
  - **Motion to approve: Chris Meyer**
  - **Second: Kevin Chambers**
  - **Motion carried**

### Secretary – Sarah Chambers

- Reviewed updated Association Report.
  - Member Association Quarterly Review dated 9/23/24.
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## 5. District Appointments and Reports

### **Referee-in-Chief – Toby Wolfe**

- Early registration opened; 80 officials registered, mostly in the Portland area.
- Southern Oregon needs more officials.
- Oregon Officials website revamped; new learning management system is effective.
- More local seminars to be announced.
- Minimum age for officials is 12.
  - 12U officials may only officiate 10U games and below.
- Registration deadline: November 30, 2025
- Training completion deadline: December 15, 2025
- Ben Stadey thanked Toby for his work.

### **Coach-in-Chief – Andy Potter (Interim)**

- Coaches with Level 4 or 5 certifications or who were on national-bound rosters must complete additional credits.
- Local registrars should assist coaches with understanding these changes.
- Associations must have approved BOD rosters in the portal before team rosters can be finalized.
- Safe Sport Reps must be included in BOD rosters.
- Coaches should verify their information in the new USA Hockey system due to ongoing glitches.

### **Safe Sport – Jason Vaillancourt**

- Associations must submit Safe Sport Rep names to Jason ASAP.
- OSHA website now includes training links and a live reporting portal.
- Jason is available to attend Association and Parent Meetings upon request.

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## **6. Committee Chair Reports**

- **Adult Hockey: Vacant**
- **Audit: Chris Meyer – Position remains open**
- **Discipline: Chris Meyer**
  - 6 match penalties reported this year (down from 9 last year), mostly language-related.
  - Thanks to officials for their work.
  - Associations should share their discipline committee reps with Chris.
- **Diversity and Disabled Hockey: Vacant**
- **Girls' Hockey: Carrie Stewart**
  - Will contact previous committee members for 2025–2026 participation.
  - Will share Wendy Goldstein's report at the next meeting.
  - Attended 19U Portland Jr. Winterhawks tryouts with Aaron.

- Rose City completed the Lyndsey Fry camp.
  - **Goaltending Development: Christy Picard Dimmig**
    - Successful camp held in early August.
    - Daniel Gomez and Flint provided excellent support.
    - Goalie Bronze Course recommended for practice planning and credit.
  - **Growth: Joy Pendowski**
  - **Membership: Sarah Chambers – No updates**
  - **Nominating: Carrie Stewart – No updates**
  - **Player Development: Aaron Olson**
    - Symposium scheduled in Klamath Falls on August 23, 2025
  - **State Scheduler: Katie Gootee**
    - Andy and Sarah will meet with Katie to establish a tracking system for 2025–2026
  - **Team Oregon: Aaron Olson**
  - **Tournaments and Jamborees: Sarah Chambers**
    - Insufficient 12U teams to support a jamboree or state tournament
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## 7. Association Reports

- **Bend Rapids: [No report]**
  - **LAHA: [No report]**
  - **Klamath Ice Sports: New locker rooms nearing completion – tours encouraged**
  - **REHL: [No report]**
  - **Rose City: [No report]**
  - **Rogue Valley: [No report]**
  - **Portland Winterhawks – Youth:**
    - Bobby Ried appointed as new Hockey Director
    - Former player Bordy G. was part of the gold medal team
  - **Portland Winterhawks – Adult: [No report]**
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## 8. Old Business

- **2025–2026 Season Calendar Finalization**
  - **Officials/Coaches Symposium in Klamath Falls on August 23, 2025**
    - Coaches: Aaron, Daniel G., Andy
    - Officials: Ben W., Cam
    - Focus: Relationships, rules, body contact transition, small space activities
    - Send attendee names to Andy and Sarah
  - OSHA will participate in the tournament
- **State League 2025–2026**

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- Tabled for the season
  - Consider adding a 6U event
  - **Women's Symposium & Affiliate President Meeting – Buffalo, NY (Nov 2025)**
    - Contact Andy if interested in attending
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## 9. New Business

- **2025–2026 Appointed Positions**
    - Interested individuals for Growth, Player Safety, Discipline, or Adult Hockey should reach out
  - **Block Grant 2025–2026**
    - Focus areas: Girls' Hockey, Goaltending, Officiating
  - **Guidebook Updates**
    - Ongoing
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## 10. Next Meeting

**Date: Monday, October 20, 2025**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Location: Virtual**

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## 11. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Jason Vaillancourt
- Second: Carrie Stewart
- Meeting adjourned at: 7:49 PM
- Motion carried