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# Oregon State Hockey Association (OSHA)

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 5, 2026

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Teleconference

### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Andy Potter called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

### 2. Roll Call and Introductions

Secretary Sarah Chambers conducted the 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 – Absent
- **Klamath Ice Sports:** Lynndsi Ray and Micheal Blazati – Present
- **Lane Amateur Hockey Association (LAHA):** Ashlee Dixon – Present (Joined late)
- **Rose City Hockey Club:** Carolyn Gencoe – Present
- **REHL:** Kevin Chambers – Absent
- **Rogue Valley Hockey Association (RVHA):** Jeremiah Paladino – Absent
- **Winterhawks Skating Center (Youth):** Jason Vaillancourt – Present
- **Winterhawks Skating Center (Adult):** Katie Gootie (for Ben Stadey) – Present

#### Non-Voting Members and Guests:

- **Referee-in-Chief:** Toby Wolfe – Present
- **Committee Chairs:** Aaron Olson (Present), Christy Picard Dimmig (Joined late), Katie Gootie (Present)
- **Guests:** None
- **Persons to be Heard:** None

### 3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 20, 2025, meeting were reviewed.

- **Motion to approve as submitted:** Chris Meyer
- **Second:** Carolyn Gencoe

Approved February 8, 2026

- **Outcome:** Motion Carried

## **4. Officer Reports**

### **President – Andy Potter**

- Preparing for the President's Winter Meeting in Nashville.
- Primary topics will include Tier I changes and new legislation. Proposed changes may impact player eligibility and levels, with tighter residency requirements potentially being implemented.
- The development league will be borderless; leadership is considering making it tuition-free.
- The board discussed Tier II (TII) residency borders and classifications.
- Provided updates on neck laceration rules and regulations.

### **Vice President – Chris Meyer**

- Updated the website with a dedicated player development page and a petition form for those unable to attend.
- Added the official Guidebook to the site and is currently evaluating individual pages for further updates.

### **Treasurer – Carrie Stewart**

- Will request an extension for the charitable tax form.
- Spring fees for 12U and 14U have been paid.
- Development camp fees are currently being received.

### **Secretary – Sarah Chambers**

- Nothing to report.

## **5. District Appointments and Reports**

### **Referee-in-Chief – Toby Wolfe**

- There are 154 registered officials in the state, with 134 having completed all course requirements. This represents a 10% increase from last year.

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

- A temporary card option is available for coaches who have not yet completed their required courses. Affected coaches should have received an email with application instructions.
- Noted that there is some confusion regarding continuing education requirements that needs further clarification.

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

- Activity has leveled off after a busy start to the season. Associations are encouraged to remain diligent in using the system.

- Reminder: Families should send reports directly to Jason Vaillancourt rather than the Center for SafeSport to ensure proper local handling.

## 6. Committee Chair Reports

- **Adult Hockey:** Vacant
- **Audit/Discipline (Chris Meyer):** Match penalties are down, though misconduct penalties have increased. One player is currently pending supplementary discipline. There are ongoing issues with the USA Hockey system updating player information.
  - *Andy Potter:* Thanked everyone who has supported the recent hearings.
  - *Toby Wolfe:* Noted that coaches are doing a commendable job managing player behavior this season.
- **Girls' Hockey (Carrie Stewart):** Sarah and Carrie attended the Girls' Hockey Summit in Buffalo. Key topics included growing the number of female players and coaches. The Girls' Camp will be held in Eugene from February 6–8, concurrent with the youth camp.
- **Goalie Development:** The 2012 Combined Camp is scheduled for July 31 – August 2 in Las Vegas.
- **Membership (Sarah Chambers, Chris Meyer, Lynndsi Ray):** Further information will be provided at the February meeting.
- **Nominating (Carrie Stewart):** Information regarding elections will be sent out shortly. The Annual Meeting is set for April 25.
- **Player Development:** (See Section 8).
- **State Scheduler/Team Oregon (Aaron Olson):** Tryouts are scheduled for March 7 in Medford. Practice jerseys will be available for purchase.
- **State League/Tournaments and Jamborees (Katie Gootee/Sarah Chambers):** (See Section 8).

## 7. Association Reports

- **Bend Rapids:** No report.
- **LAHA:** Nothing to report.
- **Klamath Ice Sports:** Nothing to report.
- **REHL:** Not in attendance.
- **Rose City:** Nothing to report.
- **Rogue Valley:** Not in attendance.
- **Portland Winterhawks:**
  - *Youth:* The 16U Nationally Bound team participated in Alumni Week. A jamboree is scheduled for Presidents' Day weekend.
  - *Adult:* A new 50+ league has been established.

## 8. Old Business

### 2025–2026 Season Calendar Finalization

- **Development Camp (Eugene, Feb 6–8):**
  - Jerseys and swag have been ordered.
  - Coaching roster is being finalized; pending names from Bend and Medford.

- The schedule is nearly complete.
- Waivers and required documentation are due by January 18, 2026.
- Successfully lobbied for additional at-large bids.
- The next Board Meeting will follow the conclusion of the camp.
- **State Jamboree/Tournament Locations:**
  - *8U/10U*: Medford and Klamath Falls have volunteered to host.
  - *Motion*: Jason Vaillancourt moved to approve these locations for the 8U/10U Jamboree. Seconded by Carolyn Gencoe. Outcome: Motion Carried.
  - *12U/14U/18U*: Chris Meyer moved to approve Portland as the location for the state tournaments. Seconded by Carrie Stewart. Outcome: Motion Carried.
  - *Fees*: Once the final number of teams is determined, proposed fees will be sent via email for a board vote.
- **State Tournaments:**
  - Credentialing and standings results will be updated and published online.
  - Ineligible players must be scratched at the start of the game. Toby Wolfe will provide standardized language to associations regarding scratching players.
  - OSHA will use the National format for player game counts. Individual Google Drive folders will be shared with each association for scoresheet uploads.
- **Guidebook Updates:**
  - Chris Meyer will share a submission sheet for items requiring review.

## 9. New Business

- None.

## 10. Next Meeting

**Date:** Sunday, February 8, 2026

**Location:** Hybrid (Eugene/Online). The meeting will commence following the conclusion of the Development Camp.

## 11. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn:** Carrie Stewart
- **Second:** Lynndsi Ray
- **Outcome:** Motion Carried – Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.