

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

**Date: October 20, 2025**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Location: Teleconference**

**1. Welcome and Call to Order:** President Andy Potter called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 – Present
- **Klamath Ice Sports:** Lynndsi Ray and Micheal Blazati – Present
- **Lane Amateur Hockey Association (LAHA):** Ashlee Dixon – Absent
- **Rose City Hockey Club:** Carolyn Goncoe – Present
- **REHL:** Kevin Chambers – Present
- **Rogue Valley Hockey Association (RVHA):** Jeremiah Paladino – Present
- **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 (Absent), Katie Gootee (Absent)
- **Guests:** None
- **Persons to be heard:** None

**3. Approval of Minutes** The minutes from the August 18, 2025, meeting were reviewed.

- **Motion to approve as submitted:** Carrie Stewart
- **Second:** Jason Vaillancourt

Approved January 5, 2026

- **Outcome:** Motion carried

#### 4. Officer Reports President – Andy Potter

- Portland is hosting a PGHL weekend in January.
- The next District Meeting is February 6th. Upcoming camps include the Girls District Camp (May 8-10), the Boys District Camp (May 15-16), and Las Vegas multi-district camps (June 18-20).
- Nominations for all camps are due by March 1st.
- **Player Safety:** The goal is to gather basic concussion data (age, division, date of incident, and return date) to submit to the district office. Sarah will create a Google Form for submissions to OSHA.
- Medical trainers or support are recommended for all USA Hockey-sponsored events. Starting in the 2026/2027 season, these may be required, pending a vote at the next USA Hockey meeting. OSHA will budget for trainers at the 14U and 18U State Tournaments.
- The National Development League may undergo revisions and a name change. Recent rule changes regarding college-level play may impact how this league develops.
- **Girls District Camps:** All girls must attend camp at the location where they reside. A proposed date change was made to accommodate PGHL league play; further clarification and communication on this rule is necessary.
- Total registration numbers (youth and adult) are currently at 103%. The deadline to register as an official for the 25/26 season is November 20, 2025.
- The Frozen Four will be held in Las Vegas, offering continuing education opportunities.
- **Continuing Education:** Level 4 or 5 certifications will now list expiration dates and required credits. Five credits are needed; these will not be deducted from the total until 12/31. Coaches will be "redlined" if they do not meet these requirements. OSHA is looking into providing options for these credits.
- California requires all adults and youth to take an anti-bullying course; OSHA may look into adding this.

#### Vice President – Chris Meyer

- Efforts continue to review and refine rules and bylaws.
- The website is being updated; please submit new content. The rule book and bylaws will be added soon.

#### Treasurer – Carrie Stewart

- Closing out the 2024/2025 season. The final 24-25 block grant check and the first 25/26 block grant check have been received.

### **Secretary – Sarah Chambers**

#### **5. District Appointments and Reports Referee-in-Chief – Toby Wolfe**

- Registration is currently at 116%, with 45 new registrants. Growth is particularly strong in the Klamath and Medford areas.
- Ben has done a great job involving youth officials.
- **Deadlines:** November 20th (last day to register for a seminar), December 15th (last day to take a seminar), and December 31st (final day to complete all requirements).
- Working on improving consistency across the state.
- Starting January 1, 2025, the 18U Travel State League will move to a 4-official system. While this will increase fees, it will result in a better officiating system. A 2-official system may still be used if there is a lack of officials.
- **Next Steps:** Analyze the total number of 18U travel games to determine costs and financial support.

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

- The symposium in August went well, emphasizing the reintroduction of body checking at the 14U/18U levels.
- Some misconceptions remain regarding how to best address this at the team/association level.

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

- We are in season. Please ensure coaches have completed background checks and Safe Sport training.
- Please focus on locker room monitors; Jason will be checking in to ensure they are performing their duties.
- **Q&A:** A question was raised regarding how long background checks take to clear; Jason can check the status of specific cases.

#### **6. Committee Chair Reports**

- **Adult Hockey:** Vacant

- **Audit/Discipline:** Chris Meyer – The audit position remains open. No match penalties were reported for September through early October. Youth penalties are low.
- **Adult Penalties:** Research is being conducted on when penalties occur in adult leagues; they often seem to happen late in games. Portland (with over 1,000 adult players) is looking at antecedents and adding its own discipline steps. There has been excellent collaboration between adult league representatives.
- **Girls' Hockey:** Carrie Stewart – Wendy Goldstein will run the report. A committee meeting will be scheduled, and Sarah and Carrie will attend the Women's Hockey Symposium.
- **Membership:** Sarah Chambers, Chris Meyer, and Lynndsi Ray will join the committee.
- **Nominating:** The process for the 26/27 season will begin in January.
- **Player Development:** Coaches at all levels should prepare players for body checking. Combining youth and girls' development camps is under consideration.
- **State Scheduler:** League play is underway. Chris, Katie, and Sarah will meet to discuss better facilitation and identify an online system for the 26/27 season.
- **Team Oregon:** Focused on Spring Teams and the High School Showcase.
- **Tournaments and Jamborees:** Sarah will request team counts for the 8U/10U levels.

## 7. Association Reports

- **Bend Rapids:** Ice is being installed, and practices begin this week. 8U is small but growing; 12U consists of one large team. The association is updating its [vision and mission](#).
- **LAHA:** Fielding teams at 8U (1), 10U (1), 12U (1), 14U (2), and 18U (2).
- **Klamath Ice Sports:** Locker room renovations are finished. A recent "Try Hockey" event was successful. Tournaments are planned for 10U through 18U.
- **REHL:** Fall league is going well. Winter teams at the 6U-12U levels practice and play games weekly, providing great experience for youth players.
- **Rose City:** Currently forming teams; 12U and 8U have the highest numbers. There is significant interest from Washington associations for girls' games. Registration information can be found on their website.
- **Rogue Valley:** Teams are active at the 8U-14U levels, with a 16U travel team. Efforts are focused on building numbers at younger levels.
- **Portland Winterhawks:** Youth teams are back in the VMC, and the 12U Black team is performing well. Adults are looking to optimize ice usage for 2026.

## 8. Old Business

- **2025–2026 Season Calendar:** Development Camp is Feb 6-8; Jamboree is Feb 27-March 1; State Tournament is March 13-14.
- **Girls' Camp:** Discussions held on whether to combine with the youth camp or hold a separate session in December.

- **Motion:** Carolyn moved to move the Girls' Development Camp to the same weekend as the Youth Development Camp in February. Seconded by Jeremiah; motion carried.

## 9. New Business

- **Game Management:** It is the off-ice official's responsibility to confirm lineups and cross out players once a game starts; injured players should be noted.

**10. Next Meeting Date:** Monday, December 15, 2025, **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Virtual

## 11. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn:** Carrie Stewart
- **Second:** Carolyn Goncoe
- **Outcome:** Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM