

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CLUB HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Agenda August 19th, 2026

RP Lumber Center, Edwardsville, IL 62025

I. Meeting shall be called to order at 6:00 pm

a. Board members roll call: John Arbeiter, Will Catalano, Matt Boutelle, Mark Pecararo, Brady Green, Jen Connoly, Jeni Timmons, John Criswell, Sandy Mercille (virtual)

b. Additional attendance: Mike Heffner, Craig Bittenbach, Chrissy Ross (Columbia)

c. Approval of minutes: July 15th, 2026 Meeting Mark with motion, John C with 2nd all in favor

b. August 3rd, 2026 Special Meeting

c. August 12th, 2026 Committee Meeting

d. Approval of financial reports Jeni with motion, Brady with 2nd all in favor.

a. July 2026 - Provided August 7th, 2026

e. Membership request to address the board (may be time limited): Columbia mentioned that they plan on attending our meetings. They received their fines and will be meeting tomorrow (8/20) Mrs Ross also mentioned that there was an open item from last year that someone was supposed to get back to her, but no one ever did. Regarding a streaming incident during a Columbia game.

II. Administration & Operation

a. Disciplinary Committee Report

b. Rules Committee

i. Discussion and consideration of 2026-27 MVCHA Rule Book Mark sent the proposal this afternoon. Hitting the high points. Made adjustments to each line as we marked up. Mark will finalize the rules as written so they can be presented to the all schools. John C with motion, Jeni with 2nd to adopt the rules as discussed and written. All in favor.

c. Website, Marketing, Communications

d. Draft Committee

i. Update of results – there were 8 players, EAWR & Mascoutah were granted 4 players each. Only 1 varsity eligible goalie, that went to Belleville.

ii. Player & Team Responses

iii. Discussion of setting a date for a potential “Supplemental Draft”. How do we guide teams on how to address the issue on goalies and players that are still needed in a draft situation.

e. Scheduling Committee

i. Discussion and consideration of the 2026-27 MVCHA Schedule EA is the last rink to send the schedule to dbi check before it can go out to distribution. She will schedule the email to go out after the all schools meeting.

f. Varsity Competition & JV Development Committee

g. All Star Game Committee – Sat march 13.730 to 10pm at EA for JV

Sunday Rp march 14 – 5pm – 730 for varsity.

h. Game Day Responsibilities

i. Presentation (Trainer Proposal - Mike Heffner)
Mike has been a trainer for over 30 years. Has been doing Midstates since 2010. Does most all CSDHL, AAA and other leagues. He has a committed staff of 15 trainers, that preliminary is completely covered at this time. To get licensed in IL, its \$250 per person. He has an IL list of people. For some injuries, the trainer on site has last & final say as to a player continuing to play or not depending on an injury. For example, on concussion protocol. Trainer says go/no go and that's final. 15 min before and 15 min after each game. Will give a report to Refs if necessary for their game report. USA Hockey has a consent to treat imbedded in their paperwork. His company has insurance and he requires his trainers to also carry their own. Bill at \$1 per minute. Only bill for game time. 50% billed at sending of schedule, 25% in December and final at end of regular season. He has

an EAP for each ice rink in MO, he will need to create one for the IL rinks.

Jen C motioned to accept the trainer situation and John A with 2nd. All in favor. Jenn C will create a notice to clubs so they all know what is happening.

Craig Buttenbach – has been a board member at the beginning and a coach in the league in the past. Has a long history of coaching at all levels in the area. He is looking to help a team in some fashion. Asking if there are any teams in need of help, not to run the team but help.

ii. Discussion and consideration of 2026-27 game day trainers

i. Finance & Audit... Brady with motion to accept Sandy recommendations John C with 2nd all in favor.

i. Results of “Reduction of Ice” calculation

j. Scholarship Committee

k. By Law Review

i. Discussion. Old Business

a. Board Member Topics:

a. Review of key dates for 2026-27 roster information

b. Next Board Meeting:

c. Next Committee Meeting(s):

IV. Closed Session (only if required)

a. Specific financial matters b. Specific player(s) disciplinary matters c. Specific member(s) disciplinary matters d. Specific coach(es) personnel matters e. Specific and imminent legal matters V. Motion to adjourn

Jeni with motion to adjourn, Brady with 2nd all in favor. 810pm