Rivercats Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2025

In attendance: Jackie Daglish, Jackie Lise, Heather Grenville, Karen King, Marcy Jones, Mike Grenville, Corey Spaxman, Jason Topp, Bill Yates, Hugh Greenfield, Mike Shirton, Lauren Spaxman

Call to order 7:05pm Jay, 2nd Corey

**Next Meeting Wednesday April 9th or April 10th (whichever day Heather can book) 7pm Remax Room**

1. **2025/2026 Fees-** Hockey Canada fees are increasing by $18.63 which will bring cost to about $70 per registrant which includes players as well as bench staff. There is a 3% increase to ice fees as well.

**Rivercats registration fees will increase by $50.** HL goalies registration fee will be $100.

1. **Tryouts -**One time fee of $75 which guarantees 2 hours of ice time. Goalies will receive a credit for the $75 if they sign with a team.

Do not need to attend A tryout if participant only wants to try out for B/BB.

Evaluators on the ice need to be registered with the association.

$250 commitment fee will be due 48 hours after accepting.

Jay will order pinnies for tryouts- 2 48 packs with 4 colours with numbers up to 12.

1. **Opening Day/Rivercats Day-** Saturday October 18th would be a fun day to open up the season, day full of Rivercats games, have activities such as photo booth, 50/50 draws, food trucks etc. Heather will request a special event day for ice time for this day.
2. **Logos-** Logos have been ordered and will be going in under the ice in Cayuga, Dunnville and both Caledonia ice pads.

Some designs have been made for 25th anniversary patches to put on jerseys and on pucks to be used as the game pucks.

1. **Banquet and Awards-**Mike Grenville has taken the lead for the awards committee and scholarship, a good number of nominations have been received.

There will be a cash bar at the banquet.

Bottles of water and bags of chips will be provided for the teams on the tables(Marcy will get)

Is there something the players could be given at the banquet such

As lanyards?

1. Corey will draft up a process for picking players, evaluation form, checklist, something in writing that is more streamlined and transparent, it can be tried for upcoming tryouts to determine if this process should be used going forward.
2. **Board Positions-** VP, Fundraising/Sponsorship and Development are current open positions. A couple people have recently reached out about joining the board for next season.

Positions could be advertised by email, on website, meetings dates/times could also be posted on the website

1. **Ice Time-** Heather will put in a request for maximum hours of ice for the fall. Could a request be made for more hours in Cayuga on Saturdays, and request ice time to host a HL tournament the weekend of Jan 18th 2026, with a couple late games Friday and the rest Saturday and Sunday at the Caledonia arena. Request is due in April and should have a response by July.

For next season would it be possible to have more consistent ice times for teams?

Will teams want ice times in August? Ice will be in for August 15th

1. **U9-** Could an option of rep be offered for this age group? May attract more girls, would have to gauge interest. Tryouts can’t be until the Tuesday following Labour Day.

1. **Development-**Victoria Bach from the PWHL is available in the summer for development sessions.

Motion to adjourn 9:10pm Mike, 2nd by Lauren