



Board of Directors

Via Teams

Monday, June 8th, 8:00pm EST

Board Members

An in-person meeting of the Board of Directors of USA Field Hockey took place on June 8th, 2026. Present were Chip Rogers (Chair), Cheryl Bruttomesso, Katelyn Ginolfi, Alex Grassi, Karissa Niehoff, Stef Fee, Lisa Lazarus, Alison Worthington, Billy King (joined at 8:20pm), Carla Tagliente (joined at 8:18pm), Mikey Barminski, and Stephen Martin (joined at 8:15pm). Attending Board members constituted a quorum of the Board under USA Field Hockey bylaws.

Additional Attendees

At the outset of the meeting, USA Field Hockey staff members in attendance were Simon Hoskins, Janet Paden, Liz Sanders (left at 9:33pm) and Sean Rapaport (left at 9:33pm).

1. Call to Order - The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:09pm EST.
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Declaration of Conflicts Solicitations - There were no conflicts of interest identified based on the approved agenda.
 - c. May Minutes

Motion made by Chip Rogers and seconded by Cheryl Bruttomesso to approve the May Minutes at 8:11 PM. Approved by acclamation.

- d. June Agenda – Moved point 4 Committee Updates to the end, to allow ample time for staff presentations.

Motion made by Chip Rogers and seconded by Lisa Lazarus to approve the June agenda at 8:11 PM. Approved by acclamation.

2. CFO Report – Janet Paden
 - a. We have received confirmation from our travel insurance company that they will reimburse the flights and train costs from the MNT WCQ back in March. However, the hotel in Egypt will not refund the \$22K of unused room nights as the result of the order to evacuate. Hotels are prepaid, and non-refundable.
3. CEO Report – Simon Hoskins
 - a. There is discussion about using wet balls at the MNT Nations Cup as a trial. (note: there was correspondence from FIH on June 9th stating that they had changed their decision on this).
 - b. It looks probable now that the Women's World Cup will be broadcast on CBS Sports Network in late August.
 - c. There is ongoing discussion about the format of the ProLeague.
 - d. Just wrapped up 30 RCCs, and the last Nexus Selection Camp. Now focus shifts to NCCs and Nexus Championships in Virginia Beach.

4. Nexus/Events/Membership Update – Liz Sanders
 - a. Presentation provided prior to the call on Teams.
 - Club Admin Survey results:
 1. Communication needs improvement.
 2. Lack of a platform.
 3. Timing of communication.
 4. How communication reaches various stakeholder groups.
 5. Multi-year calendar is highly sought after
 - Discussion on standard operating procedures for the RCCs
5. Officiating Update – Sean Rapaport
 - a. Umpires were appointed to almost 12,000 slots over the course of the last year.
 - b. Umpire education offerings will continue; have had over 1,000 participate in courses over the past 3 years, and 315 just last year alone. Also looking at Umpire Manager educational opportunities.

Sean and Liz left at 9:33pm

6. Boardspan Board Assessment – Chip Rogers. Only 6 Board members completed the board assessment. Chip will re-open the platform after this meeting. There needs to be 50% completion in order to be compliant.
7. Upcoming meeting July 10-11 in Virginia Beach – Danielle will sent out the survey regarding attendance.
8. Committee Updates – Chip Rogers
 - a. AAC Committee:
 - Chip received a request from the AAC for a motion to be made at tonight’s meeting.
 1. AAC has requested a change to the current Association’s Bylaws, as it relates to the gender of the athlete seats on the Board, as well as the AAC seats with the USOPC.
 - a. AAC is requesting the Board athlete seats are filled equally by gender.
 - i. When the athlete seats are reduced to 4 in 2027, the request is that 2 would be male athletes and 2 would be female athletes.
 - The Board members were not aware of the context of this request in advance of the meeting. Alex Grassi will share with the Board the specific request in advance of the July Board Meeting.
 - This item will be on the agenda for the July Board Meeting.

Motion made by Chip Rogers and seconded by Lisa Lazarus to adjourn the meeting at 9:48pm. All in favor.