

**Hopkins Youth Hockey  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2026  
7:00 p.m. PAV**

**Call to Order:** At 7:03 pm, a motion was made to open the meeting by Ms. Shortall. Ms. Lazorik seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Roll Call:**

Officers (4): Almquist, Hillen, Schadow, Shortall

Directors (17): ~~Bisbee, Goff, Mickelson~~, Gustafson, ~~Herby, Huston~~, Klemz, Knight, Larson, Lazorik, ~~Monseth, Palmgren, Quale, Talkovic, Treno~~

Ineligible to vote (due to absences): Talkovic, Pitzl, Mickelson

**Guests:** Nici Nelson, Bryan Hill, Erin Brown, Kelly Johnson, Megan Jolsvay, Morgan Maltby

**Consent Agenda Items**

- Delayed March charitable gambling expenses  
April estimated charitable gambling expenses; (Appendix A & B)
- Approval of HYHA Board Meeting Minutes from March 2026 HYHA Board meeting

At 7:09 pm, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Ms. Shortall. Ms. Hillen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

- Vote on HP Co-Chair
  - From bylaws: Section 5.6 Vacancies: “Any vacancy in the Board of Directors is filled by a nomination by the Executive Committee and an affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors of the Board.”
  - From HP governance document: Section 11.2 Composition: “Co-Chairs and Co-Development Coordinators shall be appointed by their respective associations and may or may not be Board members in their respective associations.”

At 7:13 pm, a motion was made by Ms. Hillen to approve Kelly Johnson’s appointment to the HYHA Board as Hopkins Park Co-Chair (a position that is also part of the Hopkins Park Joint Advisory Committee). Mr. Klemz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- RJ tournament discussion (see Appendix C)
  - Concerns: The boys’ tournament currently loses money for the association. Huge number of teams to host in one weekend across three levels of play.
  - Very uncommon for an association to host a tournament with all levels - see Fargo Squirt only as an example.
  - Note: Girls’ RJ is 10U/12U only so doesn’t have the same issues.
  - Options (see Appendix) - 4 teams per level is difficult for a tournament, likely to garner complaints from attendees. Focus on PW/Bantam only would cut costs, result in better ice times (no early games), and ice available for practices for squirts/girls/mites that weekend; would also leave more options for squirts to play in and experience another metro-area tournament given games-per-season limits.

- Discussed pros and cons of moving to PW/Bantam only. Can we help Squirt families in town still feel involved (invite to games?), see RJ as something to look forward to at PW level? Families with Squirt and younger could travel for Thanksgiving weekend. If Squirt families are out of town, we'll have fewer available volunteers to run the tournament – but also fewer hours needed due to smaller scale. Mite board members did not think Mite parents moving to Squirt would have significant issue with the change.

At 7:36 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Schadow to approve continuing to host the boys' Raspberry Jam tournament, while removing the Squirt level from the tournament. Ms. Lazorik seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Open Forum**

- Election results - all roles filled
  - President - Caitlin Hillen
  - Vice President - Sara Lazorik
  - Treasurer - Bryan Hill
  - Registrar - Heather Discher
  - Tournament Director - Erin Brown
  - Volunteer Director - Nicole (Nici) Nelson
  - Webmaster - Megan Jolsvay
  - Boys Travel Director - Dylan Naumann
  - Girls 6U/8U Director - Morgan Maltby
- Board recruitment
  - HP - interested parents' meeting and updates
- Handovers - contact Jessica for your board replacement's contact information to do handoff
- Charitable gambling presentation (Sean and Jay)
- Concessions - working on figuring out financials, need to look at product pricing
- New rink (Almquist)
- Jersey try-on day: June 7. Parking lot will be torn up; Chris Herby will try to get us the firehouse to use. Discussed hosting at one of our sponsor sites, e.g. Scoreboard.

### **Officer Reports**

- President – Dave Almquist
- Vice President – Matt Schadow
- Secretary – Jessica Shortall
  - [Board code of conduct](#) - for May meeting signoff
  - Note on voting eligibility
    - New bylaws - must attend  $\frac{2}{3}$  of past 6 meetings
    - Currently ineligible to vote: Talkovic (May & June), Goff (May), Herby (May)
- Treasurer – Caitlin Hillen

### **Director Reports**

- Registrar – Sean Palmgren
- District 3 Representative – Tim Klemz
- Charitable Gambling Manager – Jay Quale
- Director of Hockey Development – Anthony Goff

- Youth/Boys Travel Coordinator – Trevor Knight
- Goalie Coordinator – Andy Treno
- Girls Administrative Coordinator – Alex Bisbee
- Girls Development Coordinator – Joe Pitzl
- Girls 8U Coordinator – Brandon Mickelson
- Mite Coordinator – Emily Larson
- Assistant Mite Coordinator – Annie Gustafson
- Webmaster – Sara Lazorik
  - Posted coach application on HYHA website - all travel levels
  - Canceled spring/summer travel clinics - low participation, fees refunded
- Tournament Director – Ashley Monseth
- Director of Operations – Jocelyn Herby
- Volunteer Coordinator – Coriann Huston
- Coach in Chief – Dylan Talkovic
- Equipment Coordinator – Mike Minick
  - Coming up on 50 years of Hopkins Hockey - discussed helmet stickers, ice, window wraps at PAV

At 8:42 pm, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Knight. Ms. Hillen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Appendix A: Charitable Gambling Report (Prior - not received in time for March meeting)**

HYHA CHARITABLE GAMBLING  
REPORT

MARCH 16,  
2026

FEBRUARY 2026	Tuttles	Mainstre et	JJ's Clubhous e	Scoreboard	Golden Nugget
Gross Receipts	305,761	530,030	848,521	424,449	158,074
Net Receipts	45,729	75,729	111,905	49,716	20,367
Allowable Exp.	24,101	35,130	58,770	16,675	10,160
Gambling Taxes	15,241	25,402	37,595	17,273	6,096
Net Income	6,387	15,197	15,540	15,768	4,111

The total of all actual approved expenditures for the period was \$314,338.

(Allowable Expenses + Lawful Purposes + Gambling Taxes)

ESTIMATED MAR 2026 EXPENSES FOR  
PRE-APPROVAL:

COMPENSATION	\$40,000	to	\$50,000
SITE RENT	\$22,500	to	\$27,500
ACCOUNTING	\$3,550		
GAMING PRODUCT PURCHASES	\$53,000	to	\$65,000
GAMBLING TAXES AND FEES	\$95,000	to	\$115,000
MISC. EXPENSES & BANK CHARGES	\$2,500	to	\$10,000
CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY REQUIRED DON.	\$0	to	\$4,000
HOPKINS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	\$0	to	\$100,000
MHIF			

The balance in the checking account as of FEB 2026  
was: \$252,454.13

The balance in the checking account as of FEB 2025  
was: \$157,439.52

Copies of the entire FEB tax return, as well as all supporting documentation are available for

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peruse.

**Appendix B: Charitable Gambling Report (April 2026)**

HYHA CHARITABLE GAMBLING  
REPORT

APRIL 20, 2026

MARCH 2026	Tuttles	Mainstreet	JJ's Clubhouse	Scoreboard	Golden Nugget
Gross Receipts	374,074	615,283	954,995	468,973	131,718
Net Receipts	54,111	77,911	118,210	61,296	11,234
Allowable Exp.	24,509	32,403	53,896	23,067	8,211
Gambling Taxes	18,636	27,406	40,561	20,829	2,193
Net Income	10,966	18,102	23,753	17,400	830

The total of all actual approved expenditures for the period was \$279,466.

(Allowable Expenses + Lawful Purposes + Gambling Taxes)

ESTIMATED MAY 2026 EXPENSES FOR  
PRE-APPROVAL:

COMPENSATION \$40,000 to \$50,000

SITE RENT	\$22,500	to	\$27,500
ACCOUNTING	\$3,550		
GAMING PRODUCT PURCHASES	\$58,000	to	\$68,000
GAMBLING TAXES AND FEES	\$95,000	to	\$115,000
MISC. EXPENSES & BANK CHARGES	\$2,500	to	\$10,000
CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY REQUIRED DON.	\$0	to	\$4,000
HOPKINS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	\$0	to	\$100,000
MHIF			

The balance in the checking account as of MAR 2026 was: \$309,504.33

The balance in the checking account as of MAR 2025 was: \$150,136.12

Copies of the entire MAR tax return, as well as all supporting documentation are available for

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## Appendix C: Raspberry Jam discussion

- Boys Tournament
  - Thanksgiving weekend (must stay due to ice availability/constraints). Even if we want to split into multiple weekends and do one level per weekend, we would need multiple sheets. In order to host one level and 8 teams you need one sheet of ice 14 hours to host 8 90-min games (2 rounds); or one sheet for 12 hours to host 8 75-min games (2 rounds). Essentially we could only host one level (i.e. BB1) in a weekend with one sheet of ice, so if we want to do this and host all our levels, that would mean EIGHT-NINE tourney weekends for boys.
  - Currently between our two Raspberry Jam tournaments we spend over \$100k to run them and we bring in around \$88k. We need to reconsider the tournament from both a schedule and fiscal standpoint.
  - So what are our options for scheduling:
    - Keep it as is (all levels, 6 teams per, 54 teams - 324 games) all on one weekend
    - No squirt teams; keep at 6 teams per PW/Ban levels
      - This would mean better ice times (no early games), and practice ice for squirts/girls/mites. Leave more options for squirts to play elsewhere (since there is a game limit).
    - Keep all teams, expand to start Wednesday
      - Could be a challenge for teams coming from Canada, ND, etc.
    - Move squirts to the weekend BEFORE Thanksgiving, PW/Ban Thanksgiving weekend to lighten/split the load
      - Play Thu night, Fri, Sat, Sun
      - Most games (except 3 on Sat) at the Pav
    - Return to 4 teams per level & decrease costs
      - Back to the 3 game guarantee, bracket style play. Only 1st game on schedule is known.
    - Any other ideas?