

# HAYHA Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

May 20, 2025

## Golden Eagle Construction

1. Roll Call
  - a. Present - Chad Senechal, Miranda Briggs, Melissa Lewis, Sabrina Pfeifer, Adrienne Sublette, Scott Fanning, James Ellington, Darryl James, Mike Palcisko
  - b. Absent - Kelly Marrinan
  - c. Virtual - Joe Baumgart, Chuck Denowh,
  - d. Public - Will Parr
  - e. Virtual Public - Amy Deichler, Justin Hicks, Darlene Moyer
2. General Business
  - a. Previous meeting minutes are approved via email and posted to the web page.
  - b. Member Comment
3. Business Operations
  - a. MAHA
    - i. Annual meeting in Helena on May 31 at the Delta Hotel.
  - b. Safe Sport
    - i. Nothing to report
  - c. Treasurer's Report
    - i. Report from the accountant will be shared with the board.
    - ii. Ice refund - will be credited in the June bill.
    - iii. Highschool account - Varsity would like to use the remaining balance for practice jerseys. May not want to have the poster fundraiser next season, or consider changing the prices, etc.
  - d. Website
    - i. Development needed for a few pages: HAYHA hockey history, next steps after high school,
    - ii. Caution in promoting other private businesses, to maintain HAYHA's 501(c)(3) status. Discuss the regulatory language to include on this webpage with the HAYHA Accountant.
    - iii. Instagram - working to select a shortened "handle" for the page to match Facebook. HelenaHockey\_HAYHA is recommended.
    - iv. New board - suggest a discussion of the "re-branding" of HAYHA to Helena Hockey and if that is the direction they would like to take.
4. Outstanding Organizational Items
  - a. Player/Coach Evaluations
    - i. We did send out the coach evaluations. Miranda will provide a summary of this feedback by email to the board.

- ii. Player evaluations were sent out originally to support tryouts. Provide a view of the player in the spring compared to when they come to tryouts in the fall. Not sure the information has been utilized this way over the last few tryouts by all coaches.
  - 1. This is a conversation point for the following season's board to consider.
- b. Referee Program
  - i. Table for the June meeting.
- c. MAHA Coach Training
- d. MAHA Parent Instruction Courses
  - i. How will we share this opportunity with the HAYHA membership?
    - 1. Post on social media, post on the webpage, email, and word of mouth.
  - ii. Who will participate in these courses?
    - 1. Suggested ideas: all new parents attend the course and in the future require this for any disciplinary action.
  - iii. Can add up to 60 people to the ZOOM meetings/courses
  - iv. Three groups/sessions will work
    - 1. September 11, 2025 7-8pm group 1
    - 2. September 18, 2025 5:30-6:30 pm group 2
    - 3. September 18, 2025 7-8 pm group 3
      - a. Will confirm these dates and times with Grace.
      - b. The dates may need to be changed if MAHA changes the TSL game scheduling times.
- e. Out-of-Area Player Policy
  - i. Discussion of the current version 7 proposal.
    - 1. Concerns there is not enough detail in this version. Requests to include the criteria for determining eligibility, providing transparency and guidance to the board.
    - 2. Chad and Chuck shared how they came from the original version to version 7.
    - 3. The original version and version 7 will be sent to board members by Chuck.
- f. MT Yeti
  - i. Handbook - additional verbiage added to the HAYHA existing handbook.
  - ii. Chuck sent an email with the proposed changes.
    - 1. Further discussion is needed in section 4, regarding coach and manager selection. Perhaps this could read as needing board approval and recommendation of Yeti. Locker room policy and discipline policy should be included.
  - iii. Review of budget shared by Yeti and discussion of how they will request payments through the Treasurer and Will Parr.
  - iv. Purchase order for 12U jerseys and ice time will be sent to the Board.
- g. Parent Code of Conduct

- i. Needs revisions to be more explicit and additions to the handbook. Chuck will continue working on this.
- 5. Board Transition for 2025-2026 Season
  - a. Installment of new board members
  - b. Election of executive committee officers
    - i. Nominations:
      - 1. Disciplinary Director - Chuck Denowh, accepted
      - 2. President - Chad Sendchal, accepted
      - 3. Vice President - Joe Baumgart, accepted
      - 4. Secretary - Scott Fanning, accepted
    - ii. Motion:
      - 1. Discipline Director as Chuck Denowh, second Mike Palcisko, all in favor. Motion passes.
      - 2. Secretary as Scott Fanning, second Chad Senechal, all in favor. Motion passes.
      - 3. President as Chad Senechal, second Mike Palcisko, all in favor. Motion passes.
      - 4. Vice President Joe Baumgart, second Scott Fanning, all in favor. Motion passes.
- 6. New organizational items
  - a. Compensation for non-parent coaches
    - i. A family has offered to donate up to \$10,000 per year for five years.
    - ii. Sub Committee: Joe, Mike, Chad, Bill Shropshire, Chris Edmunds, Kent Schlosser
    - iii. Committee will suggest to the board a process and policy (or policy adjustments) to be followed to ensure success with this program
  - b. Yeti program and expense overview
    - i. See notes above
  - c. 2025/26 season start timeline
    - i. Chuck has shared a proposed timeline.
    - ii. Miranda will share previous versions.
    - iii. Sabrina suggested doing a pre-registration survey.
  - d. Hockey director/coach in chief
    - i. Review what Chuck has drafted and conversation about previous experiences. Board members will review and be prepared for a discussion at the next meeting.
  - e. Fundraising and sponsorships
    - i. Subcommittee has been selected, this group needs to meet and discuss how to move forward. Chuck, Scott, Melissa (should there be parent representation).
    - ii. Proposed items: golf scramble, tiered sponsorship, etc.
    - iii. Fundraising to offset rising expenses related to playing hockey.
  - f. Helena orthopedic clinic
    - i. [Website with additional information.](#)

- ii. Pre-concussion would offer this or possibly "Save the Brain".
- iii. Carroll College mobile nursing clinic could be used for pre-concussion.
- g. Appointed positions - registrar, treasurer, ref-in-chief
  - i. Treasurer description - beginning of the year, mid season and toward end of year many tournament registrations. Working with the accountant to keep Quickbooks up to date. Receiving donations and other payments. Setting a budget and establishing registration fees.
    - 1. Identify a candidate before the next meeting.
  - ii. Registrar description - creates sign ups for summer camps and registration. Creates the rosters and submits to MAHA.
  - iii. Ref-in-Chief - Chad will reach out to him and ask about continued desire to continue.
  - iv. Tournament Director - single source for tournament scheduling and being the primary HAYHA contact. Keeping all the login information, payment information, and streamline the process.
  - v. May want to consider looking at a coordinator for the 6/8U Treasure State Showdown.

7. Next Meeting

- a. Jun 17, 2025 at Golden Eagle Construction