

# MINUTES

## Mesabi East Youth Hockey Board

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*Sunday, March 22, 2026 Hoyt Lakes Arena*

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### In Attendance

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President | Brad Engstrom: Attended  
Vice President | Derek Hirsch: Attended  
Treasurer | Hillary Hartleben: Attended  
Secretary: OPEN  
Ace Coordinator: OPEN  
Registrar | Leah Nielsen: Excused  
Tournament Coordinator | Stephanie Engstrom: Attended  
Hockey Hut Manager | Cali Mirau: Excused  
Hockey Hut Co-Manager | Anneissa LeChevalier: Attended  
Volunteer Coordinator | Cheyenne Thorne: Attended  
Fundraising Coordinator | Dan Mackey: Attended  
Apparel Coordinator | Angie Lesar: Attended  
Equipment Manager | Katie Dinsmore: Attended  
Scheduler | Kathy Undeland: Excused  
Website Manager: OPEN  
Clinic coordinator: OPEN

Special guest:

Meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm

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### Approval of Minutes

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Approval of February Minutes.

M: Brad S: Derek

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### Budget

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General | Checking: \$ 34,561.07

General | Savings: \$ 35,411.56

Hockey Hut | Checking: \$ 15,163.09

Hockey Hut | Savings: \$ 25.12

M: Derek S: Brad

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## Old Business

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- A. Add Rink Rat Players Names
  - a. \$100 allocated for Rink Rats shirts.
  - b. Five players who participated completed the hour requirement.
  - c. Their names will be added to the dedicated website page.
- B. Board Sponsors
  - a. Table for April or May.
- C. Game Sheet Training
  - a. Table for Zoom Trainings August - November.
- D. CD Savings
  - a. Review options for Money Market, High Yield Savings Account, and CD Savings.
  - b. Agreed to look into a depository game plan for April board meeting.
- E. Mini Mite Donation
  - a. Plans to host a get together for the Minis are in progress.
- F. Equipment Rental Turn In
  - a. Still awaiting return of two equipment bags - Gustafson and Thammavongs
  - b. Katie will coordinate a clean up day and complete equipment inventory
- G. Summer Rental Fees
  - a. Discussed potential summer rental needs
    - i. Keranen, Thorne and possibly Hirsch for goalie gear.
  - b. \$50 per player for summer rental use. The deposit used for the regular season stays on hold.

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## New Business

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- A. Hockey Hut and Volunteer Hours Completion
  - a. Volunteer hours and Hockey Hut shifts were reviewed and checks were shredded.
  - b. Updates and proposed changes will be discussed at future board meetings to be implemented for next season.
- B. Hockey Hut Inspection Report
  - a. Inspection results were reviewed.
  - b. Brad will follow up with Cali regarding the report and next steps.

- c. Brad will also inquire about responsibility for ordering test strips related to the noted inspection note.
- C. End of Season Equipment Inventory/Available Fund for Next Season
  - a. Current available funds include a Dick's Sports Good Gift Card in the amount of \$167.98.
  - b. End of season equipment inventory will be completed and presented at the next board meeting.
- D. Summer Equipment Sign Ups
  - a. See G in old business.
- E. Elections for April
  - a. Open Positions: Vice President, Secretary, and Ace Coordinator
    - i. Derek Hirsch expressed intent to run again for Vice President.
  - b. Interested candidates should notify the Board President at least one week prior to the next board meeting.
  - c. Elections scheduled for April 12 at 5:00 PM, followed by the monthly board meeting at 6pm.
  - d. Hillary will post on the association wide communication app and Steph will be asked to put on the arena sign.
- F. Volunteer Thank you for Squirts Districts
  - a. The board approved \$50 gift cards for volunteer appreciation help for the season.
    - i. Recipients: Keith, Dave and Robert
  - b. Squirts Districts Recap - ADDED
    - i. The Grand Rapids team withdrew from the tournament.
    - ii. Conflicts of interest concerns were raised and solved regarding a Squirts coach who also officiated some games.
    - iii. Ejected players were reported and addressed per tournament rules.
    - iv. Positive feedback received regarding arena facilities and overall event experience.
    - v. Discussion was held implementing a stamper system for tracking ticket/door revenue.
    - vi. Consider the use of lanyards for volunteers and coaches for easier identification.
    - vii. Discussion was held to waive door fees for home teams players families.
    - viii. Emphasis on improving communication with volunteers management for future events.
    - ix. Procedure Updates: No tabs will be allowed in the Hockey Hut moving forward.
    - x. Discussion was held regarding adding an ATM at the arena, see about interest with City staff.
- G. Donation to North Hope Church
  - a. Approved \$200 donation to North Hope Church for the use and creation of programs.
    - i. M: Brad S: Derek

- H. Table set up for Open House in August
  - a. MEYHA will host a table at the school's open house.
  - b. Tentative dates: last week in August

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## Action Items

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- A. 2026/2027 Association Outlook and Future Planning
  - a. Timeline for agenda topics during summer:
    - i. April - Elections, Tournaments, Summer Program/Events for youth
    - ii. May - Registration
    - iii. Will continue creating agenda timelines throughout summer meetings.  
Review timeline on drive.
  - b. Handbook Review scheduled for March 29th 1:00 pm.
- B. Registration Date Discussion - Spring/Summer?
  - a. Discussed timing of registration (spring or summer).
  - b. Goal to have registration finalized and ready by June.
- C. Close out Hockey Association Team Reach
  - a. Discussion held on when to close out the 2025-2026 season association TeamReach.
  - b. Will remain open until registration is complete to ensure a smooth communication transition.
- D. Website Changes
  - a. The board will determine necessary timelines to update website categories based on review completion.
- E. Annual Stipends Payout for Scheduler and Ref Coordinator
  - a. Approved annual stipend payments of \$1,000 for Scheduler and \$500 for Ref Coordinator
    - i. M: Derek S:Brad
- F. Learn to Skate and Youth Hockey Sign Up Feedback
  - a. We had a sign up at the school open house and had 20 interested for Learn to Skate and 4 for Hockey.

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## Member Input

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- Summer Shots Program
  - Cheyenne will look into it.

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## Next Meeting

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The next meeting will be April 12th at 6:00 p.m. and 5pm elections

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m..