

MINUTES

Mesabi East Youth Hockey Board

Wednesday, May 20th, 2026 Hoyt Lakes Arena

In Attendance

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

Special guest: Brennan Scott

Meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of April 1st Minutes. Special Meeting – Continuation Handbook Review

M: Brad S: Hillary

Approval April 21st Minutes– Regular Board Meeting

M: Brad S: Hillary

Approval May 13th Minutes – Budget/Finance Meeting

M: Brad S: Hillary

Budget

General | Checking: \$29,916.51

General | Savings: \$35,420.48

Hockey Hut | Checking: \$15,224.31

Hockey Hut | Savings: \$25.13

M: Brad S: Derek

Old Business

A. Board Sponsors

- a. Hillary will update the flyer and hopes to get two sponsors a month from June-October
- b. Pricing will stay at \$750 for the first year and \$350 every year after

B. Game Sheet Training

- a. Will plan an association training in August/September. Training will be needed for Districts and Regions.

C. CD Savings

- a. Hillary will be rate checking at the National Bank of Gilbert and Northern Communities Credit Union to check CD and high yield saving account rates.

D. Table set up at August Mesabi East Open House

- a. Tabled

E. Handbook Review

- a. A suggestion was made to change the title "Clinic Coordinator" to "Program Coordinator"
- b. Discussion was held regarding the handbook review. Board members were asked to fully review the handbook prior to the June board meeting for approval.

F. Non-Voting Positions

- a. Hillary stated she would like to post all open positions once the handbook is approved.

G. Hockey Hut Deep Clean and Inventory

- a. Deep Clean scheduled for June 17th at 3:00 p.m.
- b. To prepare for the 2026-2027 season, we need to take inventory of the hockey accessories sold in the hut.

H. Equipment Inventory, Grants, Summer Rentals

- a. Four players are renting equipment through the summer, which is not included in inventory totals. Inventory list is available for review.
- b. Helmets – 15 player helmets expire at the end of December 2029 and should be discarded at the end of the 2028-2029 season.

- c. There are adult skates in the equipment room that will be discarded.
- d. \$186.00 remaining for Dick's Sporting Goods from last year's grant.
- e. Katie will apply for a grant that's due June 1st. She will ask for helmets for Learn to Skate participants. If we receive the grant, we should hear by July or August. It was suggested we ask during Learn to Skate registration if the participant will need to rent a helmet from the association.

New Business

- A. Parade Sign Ups
 - a. Hillary will sign us up for the Aurora 3rd of July Parade, Biwabik 4th of July Parade, and Water Carnival once registration opens.
 - b. We will continue doing freezies for Water Carnival and put goodie bags with a QR code to Registration for the other parades. We will be reaching out to Super One to see if they would donate freezies and possibly the Hoyt Lakes Blue Line Club for candy for the goody bags.
 - c. A google form will be created so interested participants can sign up to walk with us.
- B. Budget Outlook
 - a. Reviewed Budget for 26-27 Season. Document available.
 - b. Learn to Skate participants will sell five Cash Calendar tickets, and the association registration fee will be waived.
 - c. M: Derek S: Brad
- C. District Meeting
 - a. District meeting has been moved to the beginning of June. Discussion was held regarding hosting Peewee AA during the 2026-2027 season, and that we would receive last pick for districts.

Action Items

- A. 2026/2027 Association Outlook and Future Planning
 - a. Brad will reach out to Bucky to set up a working meeting with Bucky and the Mayor, Brennan Scott to discuss the future of the Hockey Hut.
- B. 2026/2027 Season Registration Planning and Tasks
 - a. It was discussed to go live in June with Tournament Dates and Registration. Registration would end at the end of July.
- C. Summer Shots
 - a. 10,000 shots – Anneissa will sign the association up
- D. City Hockey Hut Report
 - a. Tabled
- E. Start Filing Taxes
 - a. The fiscal year ends at the end of May. Hillary will begin filing taxes in June.
- F. Set Mini Mite Home Tournament Date

- a. January 23rd-24th – M: Derek S: Brad
 - b. Brad will reach out to Bucky and Kathy to make sure January 23rd-24th work for the schedule
- G. Hockey Hut Account
- a. Remove Cali Mirau from the bank account M: Derek S: Brad
 - b. Keep Anneissa LeChevalier on the bank account until the hockey hut manager position is filled and approved filled M: Derek S:Brad

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Sunday, June 14th at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned 7:06 p.m.