

MINUTES

Mesabi East Youth Hockey Board

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 Hoyt Lakes Arena

In Attendance

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval of December Minutes.

M: Brad S: Derek

Budget

General | Checking: \$38,662.54

General | Savings: \$36,303.56

Hockey Hut | Checking: \$8,671.55

Hockey Hut | Savings: \$25.12

M: Brad S: Derek

Old Business

- A. Socks and Trading Pins
 - a. Socks have arrived and been delivered.
 - i. We were unable to go with Power Play because they required a minimum order of 36 pairs and were not knit.
 - b. Trading pin cost included shipping.
 - i. Katie is working on an option for players to attach pins.
- B. Association Hats
 - a. Hats are expected to be completed on the 14th or 15th.
 - i. If completed on Thursday, Dan will pick them up.
 - b. Learn to Skate hats, Association hats, Coaches hats and two Managers hats will be available for pickup.
 - c. We are hoping to get pictures with Junior Gold on Monday.
 - d. The apparel store has not had many orders but is willing to come on-site to sell shirts for the Mini-Mite Tournament.
- C. Board Sponsorships
 - a. Hillary will update the flyer.
 - b. Board members will update the sponsorship list for any new updates.
- D. Upper Lake Foods
 - a. Application completed and submitted.
- E. Open Positions
 - a. TABLED
- F. Community Skate Night
 - a. Hillary and Stephanie will take this one.
 - b. Possible event ideas:
 - i. Ice Cream Social, Open Skate and Open House
 - c. Early Registration?
 - d. Possible even date:
 - i. Tuesday March 3rd
- G. CD for Savings During Off Season
 - a. TABLED
- H. Rink Rats
 - a. Live and ready.
- I. Wild Grant
 - a. The association will apply for the third quarter.

- b. Look into additional grants for the association for next season.
- J. Game Sheet
 - a. Zoom calls for training during August through November.
- K. Skate Sharpening
 - a. Derek will talk to Bucky about skate sharpening rules.
 - b. Youth hockey players of the association are free.
 - c. City workers and coaches only are able to use it.
 - d. Non- association players or non-team players are charged \$5 (cash bin available).
- L. iPads
 - a. Brad will follow up with Bucky regarding iPad ownership.
- M. Association Future Planning
 - a. Conversations for next year's planning will begin during February and March meetings.

New Business

- A. Squirt Ely Howler Discussion
 - a. Discussion was held about the tournament experience. Katie expressed their experience to their tournament coordinator.
- B. Ely Boards Usage
 - a. Confirmed the boards were owned by the Association.
 - b. Ely will use the boards for their Feb 7th tournament.
- C. Pictures for Learn to Skate
 - a. Will inquire about the interest of parents and see about doing it on their last practice using their medals and association hats.
- D. City Liaison - Brennan Scott
 - a. Invite Brennan to begin attending association meetings.

Action Items

- A. Water Carnival Discussion
 - a. Discussion held regarding being part of hosting the pancake feed this year.
 - b. Agreed to place more focus on parades to increase PR and attract new players instead of hosting the pancake feed.
- B. District Discussion
 - a. Volunteer sign ups can be ready for the 12uB and Squirt Tournament.
 - i. Brad will work with Cheyenne.
 - b. Trophies have arrived and are with Brad.
 - c. We will provide water, granola bars, and fruit snacks for teams/coaches.
 - d. Angie will assist with managing the door shifts and handle the door fees based on her availability.
 - e. A Board Member needs to be present at all times of the tournament.

- f. Player signs have been ordered.
- g. Bracket signs have been ordered and need to be double checked when received.
- h. Announcements and ads to be spoken during the tournament need to be coordinated for the announcement shift.
- i. Locker room assignments are being worked on.
- j. Apparel orders are being worked on.
- C. Add Concession Stand for February 6th
 - a. Derek will coordinate with Kathy regarding the Junior Gold Tournament.
- D. March Meeting (Party ?)
 - a. Hold a March meeting as usual and order pizzas.
- E. Tax Exempt Accounts
 - a. Amazon has been added
- F. iPad Charge Purchaser
 - a. Completed and purchased.
- G. Pom Pom Purchase
 - a. Completed and purchased.
- H. First Aid Kits/Spare Neck Guards
 - a. Brad purchased a first aid kit for the Minis.
 - b. Katie will get Brad spare neck guards.

Member Input: None at this time.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 5th at 6:00 p.m.

*The meeting was changed after the board meeting to February 15th at 6:00 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.