

# MINUTES

## Mesabi East Youth Hockey Board

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*Sunday, February 15, 2026 Hoyt Lakes Arena*

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### In Attendance

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President | Brad Engstrom: Attended  
Vice President | Derek Hirsch: Excused  
Treasurer | Hillary Hartleben: Attended  
Secretary: OPEN  
Ace Coordinator: OPEN  
Registrar | Leah Nielsen: Excused  
Tournament Coordinator | Stephanie Engstrom: Excused  
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: Attended  
Equipment Manager | Katie Dinsmore: Attended  
Scheduler | Kathy Undeland: Excused  
Website Manager: OPEN  
Clinic coordinator: OPEN

Special guest:

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

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### Approval of Minutes

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Approval of January Minutes.

M: Brad S: Hillary

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### Budget

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General | Checking: \$32,844.62

General | Savings: \$36,303.56

Hockey Hut | Checking: \$10,849.95

Hockey Hut | Savings: \$25.12

M: Brad S: Hillary

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## Old Business

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- A. Mn Wild Grant
  - a. It appears we did not receive the grant, as we have not heard back regarding our application. There has been some discussion about exploring carpets and mats for the third grant period that is available if we are able to meet the deadline.
- B. Rink Rat Discussion
  - a. Notify the association about the upcoming deadline and have shirts ready to be ordered for players that completed their hours.
- C. Board Sponsors
  - a. Plan for summer outreach to secure new board sponsors.
  - b. Create a flyer and revisit businesses over the summer.
- D. Community Skate Night
  - a. Save for early ice in the fall.
  - b. Let Kathy know she can open the schedule.
- E. Water Carnival Update
  - a. Steph informed them that we will not be doing a pancake feed this year.
- F. iPad
  - a. We will not be upgrading at this time.
- G. Game Sheet Training
  - a. TABLED to plan for the zooms they host starting around August.
- H. Open Positions
  - a. Post after the March meeting, in the paper, and set up a room for April elections.
- I. CD Savings
  - a. TABLED

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## New Business

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- A. End of the Year Party for Mini Mites and Squirts
  - a. \$20 per player
  - b. Mini Mites party is booked
  - c. Squirts are still in progress
- B. Mini Mite and Squirt end of Year Trophies
  - a. Steph will be ordering the Mini Mites and Squirts trophies
  - b. Budget up to \$500 for trophies.
- C. Learn to Skate Medals

- a. Steph will be ordering the Learn to Skate Medals
- b. Budget up to \$150 for medals.
- D. Equipment Rental Turn in Date
  - a. Week of March 9th - Katie will give more tentative date closer to the week of
  - b. Discussion help about ending inventory of equipment after this season
  - c. Review available funds for next season's equipment
- E. Summer Rental Fees
  - a. Continue with the same pricing used for previous summer rentals.
- F. Donation to City of Hoyt Lakes, for Water Station at the Arena
  - a. \$892 donation to the City of Hoyt Lakes
  - b. Transfer out of savings
    - i. M: Brad S: Derek
- G. Squirrt Dinner before Districts
  - a. Wednesday night before districts
  - b. Gym will have to be booked
  - c. Purchase and plan supplies for 22 players
  - d. Squirrt parents will be handle cooking, setup, cleanup
- H. Districts 12uB recap
  - a. Overall positive.
- I. Districts for Squirts
  - a. Volunteers needed; if not, paid help may be required
  - b. Explore EMR as an option (Brad)
  - c. Player signs: Angie
  - d. Facebook post for open shifts: Hillary
  - e. Apparel order and confirm on site support: Angie
  - f. The first door shift needs to start 1.5 hours early, and should be a board member. All teams have to be paid in full prior to going on the ice. Notify Cheyenne to let her know of the need for the shift length change.
  - g. Rules must be posted in the penalty box : Brad
  - h. Coaches and managers to receive entrance passes. Look to see if Giants Ridge will donate some lanyards. Confirm number of coaches and managers: Angie and Hillary
  - i. Confirm if door fees remain the same for districts for a 4 day tournament weekend : Brad
  - j. Notify visiting teams of cash only gate fees via communication: Steph
  - k. Sam's Club order for water, gatorade, etc: Anneissa
    - i. Plan for any additional Hockey Hut needs to be part of that order
  - l. Coaches only sign onto red door: Angie
  - m. Increase program quantities and fold in advance. Try to be ready for Wednesdays to put together that evening: Steph
  - n. Print Volunteer and Hockey Hut schedules with names to be posted night of: Hillary
  - o. Locker room assignment printed and placed on entrance table: Angie/Brad

- p. Ref schedule to be posted: Derek/Anneissa
- q. Burger and pulled pork cooking sign-ups for Friday and Saturday
  - i. Crockpots needed for the pulled pork.
  - ii. Friday and Saturday for sure.
  - iii. Burger cooks will be needed.
  - iv. Cali and Anneissa will coordinate.
- r. Vendors - Possible Earning vendor: Angie
- s. Trophies - Brad has them.
- t. Brackets - WA Fisher is printing
  - i. We will try to hang player signs on Wednesday around 5:00 pm.
- J. End of Year Coaches Gifts
  - i. \$100 visa gift card for coaches and additional \$50 for helping with two teams.
  - ii. \$200 visa gift cards for learn to skate coaches
    - 1. M: Derek S: Brad
- K. Upper Lakes Application
  - i. Been using the debit card, did not submit this year, will look into for next year.
- L. Learn to Skate Pictures
  - i. Pictures have been scheduled to start at 5 on March 1st.
- M. Mini Mites Donations
  - i. Donation received for the mini mite players in the amount of \$250
  - ii. Steph and Brad are working on ideas

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## Action Items

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- A. Volunteer Check Cashing
  - a. March 1st
  - b. Cheyene will review completion of required hours for player families.
- B. 2026-2027 Association Outlook and Future Planning
  - a. Upcoming meetings will discuss numbers.
  - b. Planning will move forward like we will be able to fill programs.
  - c. Planning to open registration early so players have time if we are unable to fill numbers.

Member input: None

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## Next Meeting

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The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

The next meeting is March 22nd at 4:00 p.m with pizza and board meeting to follow after at 5:00