



AHA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

June 17th, 2025

7:00 PM AHA Boardroom

- 1) Call to Order/Determination of Quorum (Witte)
 - a. Call to order at 7:05 pm. Members present: Duke Witte, Derek Hadrick, Katie Linke, Laura Edwards, Tony Mulder, Scott Oswald, Leigh Brunson, Mark Gederos, Mike Schmidt, Natalie Casanova, Chris Urlacher. Guest: Joe Score.
- 2) Open Forum Discussion (Witte)
 - a. Joe Score: brought forward concerns on raised costs in registration, sentiment that it was not well communicated. Board members explained rationale, including but not limited to increased costs for clinics, facility, coaching. Is there a potential for more summer season fundraising? History has shown limited success in off-season fundraising.
 - b. Suggestion to send out agenda before meeting, and minutes afterwards to all members.
- 3) Presentation and Adoption of the Agenda (Witte)
 - a. Add budget approval
 - b. Motion by Gederos, second by Linke.
- 4) Presentation and Approval of Last Month's Board Meeting Minutes (Edwards)
 - a. Motion to accept by Gederos, second by Hadrick. Motion approved.
- 5) Rink Committee Update (Urlacher)
 - a. Gutter issue in new landscaping, was resolved temporarily. \$1250 + taxes to repair. Table discussion to next meeting, pending more information needed from the contractor.
 - b. Boards are all cleaned. Bill submitted and paid.
 - c. Boards and glass removal in Odde rink is planned for July 8-9.
 - d. For ice out in 2026, may not need B&B for Odde ice removal but will need them for the Expo. Consider changing agreement with them with new expectations, may reduce costs.
 - e. Floor mats will be glued to floor from Zamboni tunnel to the west end of locker rooms and bleachers. Use old rubber from Wings bench to Varsity locker room/barstools. Rink Committee requests \$2100 for rubber mats, \$1800 glue. Motion: Brunson, second Schmidt. Motion carried.
 - f. Will eventually need a floor scrubber, estimated cost \$5000-7000 for pre-owned. Rink Committee will look for options to purchase.

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- 6) Follow-up from last Meeting (Witte)
 - a. Jersey, Uniform, & Equipment Policy
 - i. Motion to accept by Brunson, second by Hadrick. Amendment to remove “volunteer policy” header on page 2. Motion passed.
 - b. Volunteer Exempt Positions
 - i. Proposal was presented for volunteer hours (DIBS) equivalent for various volunteer positions in AHA. Discussion item only, no vote.
- 7) HDC Facilitation Update (Casanova)
 - a. Registered for Gypsy Day parade
 - b. Crossbar: calendar issues yet unresolved, all events need to be assigned to a team. Registration is open, 6 players registered so far.
 - c. Reminder to AHA leaders to update USA Hockey and SafeSport registration/training if you are due.
 - d. Can still send messages through SportsEngine for a little while.
 - e. Will order equipment replacements from Pure Hockey (Sioux Falls).
 - f. Jersey and apparel try-on this week for JV/V and GU14/V players.
- 8) Hockey Operations Update (Schmidt)
 - a. Varsity coaches are nearly decided, will advertise them soon. Good candidates.
 - b. Met with David Mitchell. Developing plan on Wings program working with AHA. Starts officially in Aberdeen on August 2.
 - c. Val (skating coach) is scheduled to be in Aberdeen Oct 31-Nov 2 for camp, then will spend a couple of days with coaches. Val is working in a partnership with Aberdeen, Watertown and Brookings associations.
- 9) Acceptance of Financial Reports (Linke)
 - a. Monthly Transactions
 - b. Profit & Loss / Budget vs. Actuals (New)
 - c. Aging Report
 - i. Outstanding accounts were reviewed. Linke will send overdue reminders and will work with some Board members to contact individuals.
 - ii. Motion to accept by Schmidt, second by Mulder. Motion carried.
 - d. 2025-26 Proposed Budget
 - i. Motion to approve by Edwards, second by Schmidt. Motion carried.
- 10) Board Member Policies, Registration, Training (Witte)
 - a. Conflict of Interest

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- i. All board members need to fill this out and send to Duke.
- b. USAH Registration
 - i. Reminder for Board members and volunteers to do this to stay current.
- c. AHA Registration
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- d. Safe Sport / Background Screening
 - i. Jackie will remind those adult volunteers who need to complete these

11) AHA Discipline Update (Hadrick)

- a. nothing to report

12) YV State Tournament Location (Witte)

- a. SDAHA vote will be next Wednesday. Current bids from Watertown and Sioux Falls. AHA Board voted to support bid for Watertown.

13) Cougar Classic (Witte)

- a. Golf tournament this Saturday, 21-22 teams, similar to last year. Troy Hofer has fundraised very well.

14) Summer Concert Fundraiser(s) (Scott Oswald)

- a. Scott will reach out to inquire dates for later summer/early fall.

15) Executive Session (Witte)

16) Adjournment

- a. 9:13 pm. Motion by Gederos, second Hadrick.

Next Meeting 7/15/2025 7:00 pm AHA Board Room

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