

VAHA Board of Directors Meeting

January 5th, 2026

Meeting called to order at 06:01pm

Present: Casey Nelson, Betsy Johnson, Phoebe Engh, Kyle Buros, Dalton Hoffland, Justin Halverson, Aaron Berg, Susan Egge, Travis Engh, Mandi Orlikowski, Brendan Karlstad, Paul Severson, Matt Hickock

Absent:

Betsy made a motion to approve December meeting minutes, Paul seconded. Motion carried.

Member Request (Closed Session) 6:01pm-6:46pm

- Paul and Paula Grenier

Arena Manager report (Pam):

- We took in \$420 from the heaters
- Pam added a number of Holiday skates and they were very successful and brought in new community members.
- We had a number of private rentals this past month.
- The Mite jamboree was very successful. Concessions was very busy, and took in \$2450 just in food sales. We also took in \$475 on our games.
- Sunday night skates have been going very well. People have good things to say about it and it has been successful. Next year we should consider opening this up at the same time as the morning skate.

Committee Reports

Facilities (Aaron):

- Aaron had to purchase a heater for the compressor during the colder weeks.
- We need to order a new mop board for the zamboni.
- We need to consider getting a couple new nets.

Technology (Matt):

- Gamesheet seems to be running very well. Many parents have learned to use it well at this point.
- Matt is looking to set up the online information for Thunderfest.

Registrar (Travis)

- Learn to Skate currently has about 74 kids registered.
- Mites have 31
- Girls have 33
- Boys have 52
- We did have three coaches that did NOT complete their required coaching.

Player Development (Justin):

- We need to be sure to look ahead in late spring this year about girls numbers for the 2026 season to ensure we have offerings for the levels.
- Justin would like to begin doing a recurring spotlight of our teams/coaches/players on our website and socials.
- Kyle received an email from WAHA asking that we send our head to head information for Playdowns. That information needs to be provided to the Region 6 rep.

Finance (Paul):

- Ice rentals we have taken in \$18k for this year. Last year we were around \$17k. This includes coed, open skate, private rentals.
- Our gross revenue is down a little bit from last year at this time.
- Expenses are up a small amount from last year at this time.

Fundraising (Phoebe):

- Thunderfest is coming up in March.
- The Founders Cup committee is meeting Wednesday night.

Equipment (Phoebe):

- Phoebe is looking into different jersey options for the future.
- We also need to look into new bumpers. There are some that offer a space for sponsorship.

Concessions (Susan):

- Nothing.

Publicity (Betsy)

- Betsy put Thunderfest information on the socials, and also sent it to some local contacts she has.

Nominations (Susan):

- Nothing

New Business (Aaron)

- Is there any connection to hockey businesses (Pure Hockey, Hockey Monkey, etc.) that allows you to partner with them to sell through our website and we get a small cut? Or is there a discount link we can provide to our association members to help our membership? Aaron will look into this.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57pm

Next meeting February 2nd at 6pm