

**Esko Hockey Association
Board Meeting
August 12, 2026 Minutes
Hank's Sports Bar & Grill 8 pm**

Meeting called to order: Called to order at 2004

Board Members Present: James Lawson, Brady Bahneman, Chelsea Upton, Dusty Letica, Katie Harstad, Liz Wirtanen, Kayla Anderson, Jenny Carson

Board Members Absent: Aaron DeCaro, Brandon Wirtanen, Cody Hallanger

Public Attendee(s): Tommy Jacobson

Review and Approval of July Minutes: Chelsea motion to approve, James second, all approved

Treasurer update: none

Secretary update: USA hockey numbers and background screening

Registrar/Website:

- 44 kids registered, 4 teams registered for jam
- Add policy book to website

Chair: Jenny Carson Sub-Committee: Katie Harstad

Communications, Fundraising & Sponsorships:

- National Bank of Commerce sponsoring jersey and zam, waiting to hear from Northwoods
- Have calendars ready for parent meeting, request each family buy at least 5 to sell and can request more if needed

Chair: Kayla Anderson Sub-Committee:

50/50 Coordinator and Events:

- Esko Fun days went good
- Clothing Store with Frozen Mosquito is live and will be open for the season
- More options coming from Letterman

Chair: Liz Wirtanen Sub-Committee:

Equipment Manager:

- Jersey and socks update
- Mini nets re-netted
- Look for a set a bigger of goalie pads
- Need blue pucks and puck bags

- New players and Minis moving to M1 free socks

Chair: Dusty Letica Sub-Committee:

Scheduler:

- Jams are scheduled except Cloquet (waiting for them to open registration), M2-Carlton, Proctor, Portman, Esko, Coquet and Hermantown), M1-two teams per jam, some jams may be 4.
 - Practices-Sunday and Wednesday M1, Sunday and Tuesday M2, Minis Sundays at Carlton to start with
 - Review Carlton schedule for practice and decided when to have first practice
- Chair: Brady Bahneman Sub-Committee:

Rink and Flooding Coordinator:

- First work day was on 8/3
 - Next rink work way 8/17
 - Look into how to get power to M2 rink
- Chair: Brandon Wirtanen Sub-Committee:

Concessions: Scheduling & Purchasing:

- Tommy to discuss mobile options for concessions-stand alone terminal for cards, need hot spot or a device that has internet, fees included in purchase, \$20 a month takes cards and apple pay, takes 1-2 weeks to get set up
- Sam's membership
- Reach out to Bernick's
- Move into concessions likely November

Chair - Chelsea Upton Sub-Committee:

President Updates:

- CPD denied early Squirt Move up

New Business:

- Discuss opt out fees (requirements and amounts). Consider three checks-one concession \$250, one 50/50 for \$50, and one for flooding \$350.
- Parent meeting plan-see what's available at Hank's, Mini and M1 one meeting, coaches meeting, then M2 meeting

Old Business

- Township funds-got approved
- Coach code of conduct added disciplinary actions
- Team formation-must decide in September

Open Discussion

- none

Motion to adjourn: 2226 Katie motion adjourn Dusty second all approved

Minutes by Katie H.