

**Esko Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
September 9th, 2026
Hank's Sports Bar & Grill 8 pm**

Meeting called to order: Called to order at 2007 by Katie

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

Board Members Absent: none

Public Attendee(s): none

Review and Approval of August Minutes: James motion to approve, Jenny second, motion approved

Treasurer update: Cody to be added to Crossbar financial account, need to check mail for checks and deposit venmo funds from Esko Fun Days. Katie motion to approve financial report, James second, motion approved

Secretary update: USA hockey numbers, Safe Sports, and Background screening

Registrar/Website:

- 61 kids registered, 5 teams registered for jam
- Chair: Jenny Carson Sub-Committee: Katie Harstad

Communications, Fundraising & Sponsorships:

- Irving Community Club sent check
 - NBC doing sponsorship for jerseys
 - Northwoods donation rink and jams
 - Table at Papa Murphy on 12/2 for dining to try to collect more donations and 10/6 DQ
- Chair: Kayla Anderson Sub-Committee:

50/50 Coordinator and Events:

- 50/50 reach out to Brandon again closer to start of season to get dates
 - Parent's meeting at Hank's 10/5/26 (6-7 Mini and M1, 7-730 coaches, 730-830 M2)
- Chair: Liz Wirtanen Sub-Committee:

Equipment Manager:

- Should have enough pucks
- Nets-mini net may need repairs, request a quote to redo all 4

- Mini mite jerseys are ordered
Chair: Dusty Letica Sub-Committee:

Scheduler:

- Registered for Cloquet Jam, should have all jams registered
- M1 wed 515 Sunday 515, m2 530 Tuesday, Sunday 630, Minis Sunday 115, Starting practice on 10/20
Chair: Brady Bahneman Sub-Committee:

Rink and Flooding Coordinator:

- Rink work nights are going well
- Restart Monday 9/14, 6-8 pm
Chair: Brandon Wirtanen Sub-Committee:

Concessions: Scheduling & Purchasing:

- Mobile payment option-will talk with Tommy to set up card payment options.
- Chair - Chelsea Upton Sub-Committee:

President Updates:

- CPD denied early Squirt Move up-appealed and denied
- Junior Gold game next Tuesday at Hermantown for \$11

New Business:

- Move up policy-First practice they should attend age-appropriate level
- Approve or deny Z.S. to register for Cloquet-approved

Old Business

- Discuss opt out fees (requirements and amounts). three buy out checks-one concession (including jam shifts) \$250, one 50/50 for \$125, and one for flooding (including jam shifts) \$350.
- Team formation-continue discussion

Open Discussion

- none

Motion to adjourn: 2251 Katie Motion to adjourn Jenny ssecond, all approved K

Minutes by Katie H.