Duluth Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
The Other Place @ ~ 7:00 p.m.

Board members: Christian Murphy (East rep), Dave Moline (At-Large), Scott Halvorson (At-Large), Bill Owens (W), Fred Lewis (East), Craig Moe (At-Large), Brian Houck (At-Large), Rolf Flaig(W)

Board Members absent: Scott Halvorson, Rolf Flaig

Sub Association Representatives*:* Ashley Hirt (Piedmont), Jason McDonald, (East), Jeff Reisdorf, Jake Johnson (Denfeld), Jennifer Lovely (Portman), Alex Eurle (Duluth Heights), Nick Licari (Glen Avon), Tyler Yentsch (Woodland)

Sub Association Representatives absent: Quin Flaig, Darrel Eckenburg

DAHA Staff: Casey Kudler, Clare Markley, Jason Hirt
Staff absent:

Call to order at 7:07PM
Secretary's Report:
Approval of April Minutes emailed 5/17/26, Motion Nick Licari, Second Brian Houck, all in favor

Agenda: Motion by Craig Moe, Second Brian Houck, all in favor
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President's Report: Dave Moline

- D11 Meeting Update 4/29 recap
- City of Duluth Meeting 5/4 recap
  Two primary options discussed:
  - New two-sheet facility.
  - New sheet at Heritage with renovation of Fryberger.

  City requested DAHA refrain from separate association advocacy. DAHA emphasized the need for functional ice capacity rather than a large showcase facility.

- Conversation with community group regarding Lower Chester

Butch Williams is leading a group exploring a covered ice sheet at Lower Chester. LHB commissioned a feasibility study to cover the ice, which will be shared with the board.

- Waiver requests – Dott and Dakovic

These will be denied to be consistent with MN Hockey rules.

- Tournaments

Registration opens June 1^{st}. Tournament capacity reduced due to D11 and referee concerns.

Treasurer's & Finance Committee's Report: Christian Murphy
Financial review initiated; additional discussion expected at future meetings.
DAHA remains financially stable and is not using future revenues to cover current expenses.
Review of ice contracts and Heritage obligations to continue, with additional information expected at the June meeting.

Players and Coaches Development Committee Report: Casey Kudler
Committee held its first meeting. Will continue focus on age-appropriate player development and station based practices. Spring contact camps were well attended and additional camps are planned.

Squirt Rec League survey received 48 responses; mixed feedback regarding rec team structure. Keeping survey open longer to solicit more responses.

Rule, Grievance, and Safety Committee Report: Bill Owens, Nothing to report

Affiliate Association Advisory Committee Report: Jennifer Lovely, Nothing to report

Facilities Committee Report: Scott Halvorson
Jason Hirt - Outdoor rink communication and coordination improvements underway.
Fryberger facility projects progressing: Bathroom renovations nearing completion; ADA viewing ramp planned; Air handling repairs in progress.
Board approved sale of the Olympia resurfacer with a minimum sale price of $7,000.

Fundraising Committee Report: Ashley Hirt
Adult hockey – next level skills, hope to profit $2400.
Recruitment and retention in mind will help with the fundraising.
Chamber of Commerce donation of $500.
Used Equipment Drive starting 6/1/26- 9/1/26 with collection bins at Heritage and Mars.
Unity in the Community (8/24) and Movies in the Park (8/21) – great events to have the outdoor associations present.
Try Hockey for Free USA Hockey on 10/3.
Fryberger Ad Space – changing price per foot instead of flat fee.

DAHA Office Update: Clare Markley
D11 Extended 3 year contract with GameSheet.
Shrinking net sizes for squirts and 10U next year. (Likely 5' x 3.5')
Refs – adding 5% game fee for all games. $5 for travel fees automatic to Two Harbors, Silver Bay, etc.
All district play off games, additional $50 to ref fee for off ice official in the box to monitor off ice officials (time clock and score keeper).
Steve Ruud will continue to be tournament director for D11.
Secretary, Treasurer, and Recruitment Director are open spots for D11.
Hotels - trying to collect outstanding ~$5,500. May look at others to handle hotel bookings.

Old Business:

Board discussed minimum roster requirements and sustainability of Denfeld Peewee and Bantam teams.

Denfeld proposal for Level of Play – PeeWee B1 and Bantam B1
Motion Nick Licari, Second Jason MacDonald, In favor (9), Opposed Craig Moe and Brian Houck (2)
New Business:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Future meetings:
Wednesday 7/15/26
Wednesday 8/19/26

Wednesday 9/16/26
Sunday 10/25/26
Sunday 11/15/26
Sunday 12/20/26
Sunday 1/24/27 (moved due to MLK Monday)
Sunday 2/21/27
Sunday 3/21/27

End Time: Motion to adjourn 9:28PM Ashley, Second Jake, all in favor