International Falls Recreation Hockey Board Meeting
Dry Land Facility
June 17, 2026

Call to order: 5:32 p.m.

Present: Josh Glashauckus, Derek Bilben, Jared Baldwin, Adam Claybundy, Leif Larsen, Tawna Hilfer, Robb Pastor, Jerad Kostiuk

Absent: Mike Bodnarchuk

Others in attendance: David Eddy, Tony Palm

I. Gambling Report:

Month of: May 2026
YTD Gross Receipts: approximately $278,190
Increase from Prior Year: approximately $38,000
Transfer to Rec Hockey YTD: approximately $106,000
Gambling Account Balance: approximately $35,779 before pending items
Estimated Balance After Pending Items: approximately $2,470

Tony presented the May gambling report and reported another strong month. May activity was approximately $15,000 higher than the same month last year. Paper pull tabs were approximately $7,000 higher and electronic pull tabs were approximately $7,900 higher.

The organization is now in the top gambling tax bracket. Taxes, Border Bar rent, and H & H gambling-related expenses were reviewed.

No additional transfer was approved at this time due to pending deposits and fiscal year-end timing.

Motion to accept the Gambling Report: made by Jared K. Second by Robb. Motion passed.

Cobblestone Gambling Update: Tony reported concerns with negative balances from closed games at Cobblestone. Four games had been reviewed and showed negative balances. Tony pulled the games while the issue is being reviewed and will meet with Jen Coombs to discuss the discrepancies.

The board agreed Tony should use his judgment on whether to continue or end pull-tab activity at Cobblestone. No motion was taken.

Potential Additional Gambling Site: Tony reported that he is pursuing another possible facility for pull tabs. The site was not named due to the sensitivity of the discussion.

Gambling Records, Supplies, and Equipment: Tony reported that approximately 1,500 pounds of old gambling records were shredded. Some remaining records and materials still need to be reviewed, moved, or shredded.

Tony requested a dedicated laptop for gambling work only.

Motion to authorize Tony to purchase a new laptop computer from the gambling account for gambling use only: made by Jared K. Second by Adam. Motion passed.

Gambling Manager Compensation: The board reviewed Gambling Manager compensation. Tony currently receives $1,600 per month gross. The board discussed the workload, possible additional gambling sites, and the importance of retaining a reliable Gambling Manager.

Motion to increase Tony Palm's Gambling Manager compensation to $2,000 per month gross, effective July 1, 2026,: made by Jared K. Second by Adam. Motion passed.

Future Raffle: Tony discussed preparing for the next raffle, including a possible $10,000 prize and additional prizes. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Month of: May 2026
Deposits: $12,329.29
Expenses: $7,497.38
Net Activity: $4,832.51
Bank Balance: $125,678.47
Checkbook Balance: $121,168.47

The May Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Deposits included Crossbar activity, a $500 memorial from PK's funeral, and a $550 refund from

Hibbing. Expenses included tournament costs, utilities, Crossbar's annual fee, and property taxes.

After the approved $15,000 gambling transfer, the organization had approximately $135,000 at TruStar at the time of the meeting.

The board discussed property tax status, future parcel considerations, and the importance of not charging formal rent for facility use without further review.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: made by Tawna second by Robb. Motion passed.

III. Old Business:

A. City / Kerry Park Arena Discussion: The board discussed recent city conversations and the possible future of Kerry Park Arena. The board did not support selling the rink and discussed the importance of keeping youth hockey affordable and maintaining community access. The board discussed possible future facility management options, but only if the arena remains city-owned, major mechanical systems remain a city responsibility, and the city continues to contribute financially. **No formal action was taken.**

IV. New Business:

A. Spring Meeting / District Updates: Josh reviewed updates from the spring meeting.

Board members must complete or maintain USA Hockey registration, SafeSport, and background checks.

Team declarations must be completed before the fall meeting.

Intermediate nets were discussed as a possible future requirement.

International Falls selected Bantam A for districts and Peewee A Regions. The region host agreement must be reviewed and submitted by the end of the month.

All tournaments should be sanctioned as soon as possible. Tournament game sheets will cost $9 per game. A Sammy's Pizza sponsorship may help cover game sheet costs.

Medical coverage will be required for the region tournament.

Teams must submit USA Hockey-approved rosters before being rostered into tournaments.

Referee rates and the local referee bonus structure may be reviewed at a future meeting.

District game, tournament, Mite/Mini-Mite, and concussion/return-to-play rules were reviewed.

B. **Policy Updates:** Draft policy updates were distributed before the meeting. Board members should review the draft and provide suggested edits before formal readings or approval.
C. **Summer Ice Schedule:** Summer ice was discussed for July 13 through July 30, Monday through Thursday, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost was discussed at $3,600. The board discussed whether summer ice should be free, fee-based, open hockey, structured clinics, or a combination. The current $50 fee was discussed. David will develop a summer ice structure and send it to the board so registration and promotion can begin.
D. **Roller Hockey Update:** The board discussed promoting roller hockey more broadly to the community. The program should be advertised as free and open to anyone who signs up through Rec Hockey/Crossbar. Registration is still needed for documentation and insurance purposes. Tawna will help update social media messaging.
E. **Concessions Manager / Concessions Update:** The board discussed Joanne's role with concessions. Joanne would like to continue but would like help and a backup. A meeting should be scheduled with Joanne before the next meeting cycle, or no later than July, to confirm the concessions plan.
F. **Equipment and Building Purchases:** The board discussed possible equipment and building purchases before fiscal year-end, including training aids, shooting area materials, synthetic ice or flooring, tools, and other player development items. Spending in the range of $5,000 to $10,000 was discussed as reasonable if purchases support player development or facility needs.David will prepare a list and provide it to Jared or the board by Monday.

G. **Mike B. Resignation and Board Vacancy:** Mike B. submitted his resignation from the Rec Hockey Board because both of his children are leaving the program.
   Motion to accept Mike B.'s resignation from the board, effective immediately:made by Robb. Second by Jared B. Motion passed. The board discussed filling the vacancy. Ryan Rudd had previously expressed interest, has young children in the program, and has been involved with the men's tournament. **Motion to appoint Ryan Rudd to fill the vacant board position for the remainder of Mike B.'s term:** made by Jared K. Second by Adam. Motion passed.
H. **Board Officer and Role Appointments:**

   President:
   Motion for Josh to remain President: made by Jared K. Second by Derek. Motion passed.

   Vice President:
   Motion to appoint Leif as Vice President: made by Jared B. Second by Robb. Motion passed.

   Secretary:
   Motion to appoint Robb Pastor as Secretary: made by Jared K. Second by Derek. Motion passed.

   Tournament Director:
   Board suggest that David take on responsibility of Tournament Director with assistance.

   Other Roles: The board discussed gambling support, social media, coaches liaison, and team manager liaison duties. No formal action was documented.

I. **Minnesota Wild Grant / Mini-Mite Registration:** The board discussed a Minnesota Wild grant of approximately $6,700 to make Mini-Mite registration free. Funds must be tracked separately and documented. Once funds are received, Mini-Mite registration should be listed as free. Families who already paid should be refunded as appropriate.
J. **Tournament Participation / Canadian Tournaments:**

The board discussed tournament participation and concerns with some Canadian tournaments. No formal action was taken.

K. **Registration / Early Bird Code:** The board discussed concerns that the Early Bird discount code is difficult for families to find in Crossbar. Refunds may be needed for families who missed the code. Registration instructions and social media messaging should remind families where to enter the code before checkout.
L. **Keys and Access:** The board discussed keys and access for the office and Terry Park. Keys should be reviewed, recovered, or reassigned as needed following board role changes.
M. **Coaching / Coaches Meeting Items:** The board discussed coaching compliance, assistant coach assignments, possible coaching candidates, and the need to clarify coach and manager responsibilities before the season.

V. **Open Forum:** No public open forum comments were captured.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Tawna. Second by Robb. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.