

International Falls Recreation Hockey Special Board Meeting

Dryland Facility

May 5th, 2026

Purpose: Review coach recommendations and approve head coach selections for the 2026-2027 season.

Call to order: 5:30 pm by Josh Glashauckas

Present: Josh Glashauckas, Derek Bilben, Jerad Kostuik, Tawna Hilfer, Robb Pastor, Mike Bordnachuk (virtual), Leif Larson (virtual) , Adam Claybundy (virtual)

Absent: Jared Baldwin

Others in attendance: David Eddy

Discussion

David Eddy presented coaching recommendations for the upcoming season.

- I. **Bantams:** The recommendation was to appoint **Wyatt Lavigne** as Bantam Head Coach. Discussion focused on the value of coaching continuity. There was also discussion about potential assistant coaches, including the possibility of involving Jared or other younger coaches if available.
- II. **Pee Wee A:** The recommendation was to appoint Lucas Debendet as Pee Wee A Head Coach. The group discussed Lucas's experience with many of the Squirt players, his passion for coaching, and areas where expectations should be clarified. The group agreed Lucas is the best candidate for the position.
- III. **Squirts:** The recommendation was to have **Tara Helleloid** lead the Squirt group through tryouts, with the final team assignment depending on team placement after evaluations. The group supported this approach and discussed the need for fairness during team selection, continued oversight of assistant coaches, and ensuring equal playing time expectations at the Squirt level.
- IV. **10U:** The recommendation was to appoint **Paul Amerud** as 10U Head Coach. The group supported the recommendation.
- V. **Mighty Mites:** The recommendation was to have **Charlie Leduc** and **Kyle Potter** lead the Mighty Mite group. The group discussed adding more structured games or in-

house competition during the season to increase player development and engagement.

VI. **Mini Mites:** The recommendation was to have **Brent Olson** continue leading the Mini Mite group. The group expressed strong support.

VII. **12U:** There is currently no 12U head coach candidate. The group discussed possible individuals who may be approached, including past players, or others in the community. David will continue exploring options.

Motion & Vote

Tawna made a motion to approve the recommended head coach positions as discussed. Derek seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Follow-Up and Other Items

- David will contact selected coaches and notify those not selected.
- Coach selections will be posted publicly after notifications are completed.
- A coaches meeting will be scheduled based on David's availability.
- Tournament planning was also discussed. The group supported creating more consistency by returning to competitive tournaments year after year, when possible, rather than leaving all tournament selections to individual coaches.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM