

**International Falls Recreation Hockey Board Meeting
Dry Land Facility
July 15, 2026**

Call to order: 6:08 p.m.

Present: Josh Glashauckas, Derek Bilben, Jared Baldwin, Leif Larsen, Tawna Hilfer, Robb Pastor, Ryan Rudd

Absent: Jerad Kostiuk, Adam Claybundy

Others in attendance: David Eddy and JoAnn Kellner (Concessions Manager). Tony Palm was not present.

I. Gambling Report:

No Gambling Report was presented because Tony Palm was not in attendance.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Month of: June 2026

Deposits: \$22,449.15

Expenses: \$17,166.93

Net Activity: \$5,282.22

Bank Balance: \$130,960.69

Checkbook Balance: \$126,450.69

Jared reviewed the June Treasurer's Report. Deposits included a \$15,000 transfer from the gambling account and Crossbar registration activity. Expenses included ice rental, tournament costs, ice crops, and dryland facility tiles.

Current balances were reported as approximately \$114,930.10 in savings, \$18,247.52 in checking, and \$6,725 in the separate Minnesota Wild grant account after the account-opening deposit requirement.

The board discussed the certificate of deposit maturing near the end of August. Reinvestment options will be reviewed before maturity.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: made by Robb. Second by Leif. Motion passed.

Motion to authorize Josh and Jared to open and administer a separate TruStar account for Minnesota Wild grant funds: made by Tawna. Second by Robb. Motion passed.

III. Director of Hockey Operations Report:

Summer Development Programs: Summer ice and skills sessions are underway. Approximately 58 players were registered at the time of the

meeting. The board agreed the program remains worthwhile and provides an opportunity to reinforce fundamentals before the regular season.

August Dryland and Roller Hockey: The board supported continuing activities into August while participation remains sufficient. The tentative structure is roller hockey on Mondays and Wednesdays and dryland/shooting activities on Tuesdays and Thursdays. David will coordinate any required city scheduling extension.

Dryland Facility Use: The board discussed using the facility primarily for stickhandling, shooting, stretching, and age-appropriate development rather than general weight training. David will refine the age-group schedule and session length.

Leadership Training: David is working with Kevin Hartzell on a youth leadership session. The board favored offering the program broadly to Peewee- and Bantam-age players rather than selecting individual participants. A separate session may be developed for high school players. Coaching education opportunities will also be explored.

Goalie Development: The board discussed continuing goalie instruction with Brady Hjelle and identifying a recurring time that does not reduce team practice time. Monday evening at Bronco Arena was discussed as a possible option, subject to availability and final arrangements.

Coaching and Program Coordination: The board discussed coaching needs, player movement between youth and high school programs, and the importance of consistent communication and equitable application of participation policies. No formal action was taken.

IV. Old Business:

A. Concessions Plan: JoAnn confirmed she is willing to continue as Concessions Manager for another season. She requested earlier notice of Bronco games, tournaments, and other arena events so food ordering and staffing can be completed on time. The board will work with the school/arena scheduler to ensure Joanne receives schedule updates.

JoAnn will take a more active role in managing concession staffing through Crossbar and will need access to volunteer contact information. The board will identify backup support before the season.

The board discussed implementing a point-of-sale system to strengthen cash controls while continuing to allow small cash purchases. Square or a similar system will be evaluated, including the number of terminals needed at Kerry Park and Bronco Arena. No purchase was approved at this meeting.

B. Roller Hockey: Participation has increased. The board agreed to continue promoting the program as free and open to registered

participants, with Crossbar registration required for insurance and documentation.

C. Policy Updates: The policy review was not ready for formal reading. A separate work session will be scheduled. Tournament spending limits, including a possible maximum number of tournaments or total tournament expense per team, will be included in the review.

D. Equipment and Building Purchases: Dryland tiles have been received and installed or are being installed. The board noted that new heaters are being installed at Kerry Park and Rec Hockey may be responsible for approximately \$8,500. Additional facility needs will continue to be evaluated.

E. Kerry Park / City Discussion: The board briefly reviewed ongoing arena and city-related discussions. No new proposal or formal action was presented.

F. Tournament Director / Tournament Planning: David reported continued work on tournament participation and invitations. The board discussed the difficulty of attracting teams to International Falls and the need to review team placement and tournament costs carefully.

G. Minnesota Wild Grant / Mini-Mite Registration: The organization received \$6,750 to support free Mini-Mite registration. Funds will be maintained in the separate grant account and tracked according to grant requirements. Families who paid Mini-Mite registration fees will be refunded as appropriate.

H. Early Bird Registration Code: The Early Bird discount remains difficult to locate in Crossbar. Jared has been issuing \$50 refunds when missed discounts are identified and documenting the adjustment on the family account.

I. Keys and Facility Access: The board discussed outstanding keys and the need to review access as roles change. Board members and program leaders should return or receive keys as appropriate. Robb and Ryan were given keys to Kerry Park.

J. Compliance Requirements: Board members and coaches were reminded to complete USA Hockey registration, SafeSport training, and background checks and to provide required registration information to the appropriate program administrator.

V. New Business:

A. Referee Bonus Structure: The board reviewed the existing bonus paid after referees complete specified numbers of games. Given increases in referee game rates, the board agreed the additional bonus is no longer necessary.

Motion to remove the referee bonus from the Rec Hockey pay schedule beginning with the 2026-2027 season: made by Ryan. Second by Leif. Motion passed.

B. Referee Clinic: Clinic dates have not been set. David will contact Jeff regarding the annual referee and checking clinics and will obtain the cost for Jeff to complete instructor training so local clinics could be offered more flexibly. The board expressed support for the concept, subject to cost review.

C. Financial Assistance Request: The board was informed that an anonymous registration assistance request had been addressed. No Rec Hockey action was required.

D. Mini-Mite Season Structure: The board discussed beginning the regular Mini-Mite season in November and using several October sessions as learn-to-skate opportunities. The group also supported increased involvement from Bantam and high school players to assist younger skaters. The concept will be developed further before the season.

E. Tournament Expense Limits: The board discussed rising tournament entry fees and the need for reasonable spending limits by age level. This item was referred to the policy work session.

VI. Closed Session:

The agenda listed the annual review of the Director of Hockey Operations. Tabled until next month.

VII. Open Forum:

No additional public comments were recorded.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 31, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Tawna and seconded by Robb. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.