Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Skyline - 8:03 pm-9:57 pm

Attendees: Garret Suihkonen, Jameson Lundquist, Chad Huttel, Karl Gilbert, Jon Clauson, Ross Peterson, Josh Peterson, Andrea Mahnke, Adam Lilyquist, Luke Olson, Adam Kritzeck, Bud Mickelson, Matt Engelmeier, Justin Filzen, Eric Albrecht
Guests: Steve Ruud, Shawna Jokinen

1. Call to order at 8:03 PM by Albrecht.
2. Review and Approval of August 2026 monthly meeting minutes **Motion** made by Mickelson, seconded by Krizcek, all in favor. No opposed.
3. August 2026 Gambling Report – September 23, 2026

Gross Receipts	$463,004	Proposed August Budget	$38,460
Prizes Paid	$400,989	Actual August Budget	$35,330
Net Receipts	$62,015	End of **last month** carryover	$76,812.85
Allowable Expenses	$26,558	Proposed October Budget	$46,070
Taxes Payable	$9,130	Net Profit	$29,743

Motion to approve the Gambling Report for August 2026 made by Clauson, Second by Filzen. All in favor. No opposed. Motion passed.
Motion to approve a proposed budget of $46,070 for October 2026 made by Suihkonen, Second by R. Peterson. All in favor. No opposed. Motion passed.

Gambling Manager Notes: Mahnke presented the monthly gambling report and answered questions from the board. Notable items include a successful raffle ticket and coupon book handout event. Additional hand out work will be required after registration closes. Turn in dates to be scheduled monthly starting in October. The Pequaywan Inn site was officially closed from the HAHA charitable gambling operation 8/31/2026.

4. Old Business:
    a. Discussion about potential changes to improve the registration process for future seasons. Group agreed to target opening registration August 1st and close August 31st for the 27-28 season to better plan for the number of skaters at each level and aid in scheduling games/tournaments. Additional discussion about implementing late fees or other approaches to ensure timely registration, but no final decision was made. Coach registration light right now but expect it to pick up closer to tryouts/team selection.
5. New Business:
    a. Motion to approve grade-level move up requests for all squirt/U10 and above players made by Huttel, second by Suihkonen. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.
    b. Motion to approve skill based move ups for Tyler Dorn, Colton Suihkonen, Westin Williams from Mite 2 to Squirts made by Mickelson, second by J. Peterson – Suihkonen abstained. All others in favor. No opposed, motion passed.

c. Photography – Discussion about feedback from photographs during the 25-26 season and any changes that might need to be considered. Motion to approve Derek Montgomery for another season of photography services made by Albrecht, seconded Kritzeck. All in favor. No opposed. Motion passed.
d. Non-parent Coaches – Motion made to approve the following: Sean Stewart and Steve Ruud Peewee AA, James Wentworth – Peewee B1, made by Gilbert, second by J. Peterson. All in favor. No opposed. Motion passed.
i. Motion made to approve the following: Peter Grytdahl, Sam High, Darian Gotz Bantam AA, Kyle Amundson, Sam Gibson Bantam B1, made by Gilbert, second by J. Peterson. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.

6. Treasurer's Report: Account Summary 9/23/2026:

Savings	CD	Checking	Total
$730,016.92		$25,842.35	$755,859.27

YOY: $112,965.10

Treasure Report Notes: Suihkonen presented the treasurer's report and answered questions. Shared expectations for Non-parent coach reimbursement – one pdf of all expense receipts with the excel spreadsheet makes the process far easier for everyone. Account totals are increasing with registration fees coming in, detailed review of recent expenses.

Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Huttel, second by Lundquist. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.

7. Player Development:
    a. Huttel: Discussion about contact camp and power skating approaches during pre season. Feedback good from families. Shared appreciation for Sean Stewart's efforts with contact camps, board approves getting him a gift card for the hours put in to get them completed.
    b. Goalies: L. Olson Over 12 goalies showing up for early sessions of goalie clinics.
    c. Girls: Anick no update
8. Level Coordinator Reports:
    a. Equipment Manager: With need for squirt teams to potentially rotate goalies, working on getting squirt size goalie gear to provide to teams that need it.
    b. Outdoor Ice: No update
    c. Girls U13-U15: Clauson – currently looking for non-parent coaches – had 5 non-parent coaches last year, currently have 1 available for this season. Everything else going well.
    d. Girls U10-U12: Filzen – Tryouts are planned, looking forward to the season.
    e. Girls U6-U8: Gilbert – A lot of U6 sign ups this year, 2 U8 teams with 9 girls each
    a. BN: Johnson – No updates
    f. PW: Engelmeier – Contact camp completed – Eau Claire team reached out about scheduling games.
    g. SQ: Peterson – Games mostly scheduled for each squirt team thanks to Melissa.
    h. M2- Mickelson – Set for 6 teams. Jamborees set. 2 coaches that need to be registered. Voyaguer league scheduling underway. Will update the coaches spreadsheet and work on coaching requirements. Bud willing to take on the alternate jerseys.
    i. IM/M1: Lundquist – Ice Mite still trickling in. 7 teams for mite 1 with 8 players/team. Discussion about trialing morning skates for mite 1.

    j. Tournaments: Lilyquist – Tournaments getting full. Working with Melissa to schedule ice.

9. Open forum/Membership questions/concerns:

Shawna – Arena Legacy Fund – auditing funds, quiet summer, starting up a fundraising group again.

Meeting Adjourned