



Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association  
 Board Meeting Minutes  
 Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
 Skyline - 8:00 pm-9:56 pm

**Attendees:** Garret Suihkonen, Jameson Lundquist, Chad Huttel, Adam Wright, Conrad Fox, Karl Gilbert, Jon Clauson, Ross Peterson, Andrea Mahnke, Adam Lilyquist, Luke Olson, Tyler Johnson, Eric Albrecht, Matt Engelmeier, Adam Kritzeck, Bud Mickelson, Justin Filzen  
**Guest:** Shawna Jokinen, Steve Ruud

1. Call to order at 8:00 PM by Wright.
2. Review and Approval of April monthly meeting minutes **Motion** to approve minutes made by Huttel, seconded by Lundquist, all in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.
3. April Gambling Report May 27, 2026

Gross Receipts	\$449,266	Proposed April Budget	\$54,460
Prizes Paid	\$385,322	Actual April Budget	\$50,085
Net Receipts	\$63,944	End of <b>last month</b> carryover	\$58,385.16
Allowable Expenses	\$28,158	Proposed June Budget	\$55,860
Taxes Payable	\$21,833	Net Profit	\$13,953

**Motion** to approve the Gambling Report for April 2026 made by Wright, Second by R. Peterson. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.

**Motion** to approve a proposed budget for June 2026 made by Albrecht, Second by Gilbert, all in favor, no opposed. Motion passed

Gambling Manager Notes: Andrea presented the monthly gambling report and answered questions from the board. Key budget variance of \$1,400 due to annual license fees. No Schedule C Donations for the month.

4. New Business:
  - a. Arena Update: Steve Ruud – Northstar Ford Arena selected to host girls high school section 7A semifinals and finals next season. May result in some minor impacts in ice availability to HAHA but will work with scheduling. Good opportunity to showcase the new arena. Financials look good to have a strong year.
  - b. Max Plante named USA Hockey’s Jim Johannson College Player of the Year. Max selected HAHA as the recipient of a \$5,000 grant. Discussion about appreciation for Max’s generosity and sharing of ideas on how to best use the funding.
  - c. 2026-2027 Season Registration – Registration software has been built out in Crossbar. Albrecht presented forms that will be used by HAHA and families as part of registration. Including Parent Code of Conduct, Player Code of Conduct, Social Media Policy and a newly developed Penalty Box Attendant Code of Conduct. Discussion about how birth certificates are used by HAHA and USA hockey and the need to continue including them as part of registration. Still determining the best approach for the next registration, but likely will be required to have one uploaded for all players. Coach registration will open first over the summer, followed by player registration in

August. **Motion** to adopt forms/policies listed above for the 2026-2027 season made by Huttel, second by Suihkonen. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.

- d. Equipment Manager Updates – Kritzeck shared an update on transitioning into the role from Ben Carlson. Coupon books – the previous vendor will continue the program for the upcoming season, currently planning the number of coupon books to order. Discussion about any other businesses that should be added. Inventory of jerseys/sizes/numbers ongoing. Plans shared for better shelving to be added to HAHA’s new equipment storage room following the arena project. Discussion between HAHA and the arena about the best places to store on-ice training aids.
- e. Fundraising – Planning a partnership with Waggle for a fundraising sale of hats for the 26-27 Season. Store being developed and will be emailed out to the association.

5. Treasurer's Report: Account Summary May 26, 2026:

Savings	CD	Checking	Total
\$457,026.92		\$26,153	\$483,179.92

YOY: \$53,691.09

Treasure Report Notes: Suihkonen presented the treasurer’s report. Tournament registrations a big expenditure so far this year. Currently a quiet time for non-tournament HAHA expenses. Highlighted the \$625 expense for recently held MN Hockey checking camp. Detailed explanation and discussion about other various expenses.

**Motion** to approve treasurer’s report made by Fox, second by Gilbert. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed.

**Motion** to authorize a \$1,500 donation from HAHA to the Fund-a-Hawk program made by Fox, second by Filzen. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed

6. Player Development:

- a. Huttel: Emphasis on the importance of contact camps, looking to do spring and fall camps through MN hockey. Vetting some individual skills development equipment to purchase and keep at the arena. Summer Puck shooting challenge for HAHA players planned for this summer, information to be emailed to association. Discussion about having dryland skills development resources added to the website.
- b. Goalies: L. Olson – No update.
- c. Girls: Anick -No update.

7. Level Coordinator Reports:

- a. Equipment Manager: Update provided earlier in the meeting.
- b. Outdoor Ice: Fox: Received guidance that a civil engineer will be needed to plot elevations of the graded area in order to proceed with permitting for additional outdoor rinks. Discussion about hiring the engineer and moving forward with the plan.
- c. Girls U13-U15: Clauson – Upcoming season and tournament planning on track.
- d. Girls U10-U12: Filzen – Planning strong numbers, possibly 3 teams for U12. Planning ongoing for U10 level, including fielding U10A team.
- e. Girls U6-U8: Gilbert – Registration completed for Brainerd tournament, signing up for other tournaments as they open
- a. BN: Johnson – Tournament booking going well
- f. PW: Engelmeier – Able to book three tournaments for each peewee team
- g. SQ: Peterson – Squirt A, B1 and B2 teams registered for Squirtacular. Teams signed up for squirt international tournament, but will not hear until 8/31 if Hermantown teams are accepted.
- h. M2- Mickelson – Anticipate 57 skaters, planning 6 teams, lining up coaches. Tournaments have opened up for registration. Discussion about setting a tournament fee cap or budget for M2 teams.
- i. IM/M1: Lundquist – Looking at 7 or 8 teams for M1 depending on numbers. Request for pucks and puck bags for each team.

- j. Tournaments: Lilyquist – Home tournaments are over 50% full. Discussion about paying to advertise Hermantown tournaments through various publications. Specifically, for the new Bantam and peewee AA tournaments that will be hosted in Hermantown next season.
- 8. Open forum/Membership questions/concerns:
  - a. Shawna – looking for volunteers for the Arena Legacy Fund