



Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association
 Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
 Skyline - 8:00 pm-9:40 pm

Attendees: Garret Suihkonen, Jameson Lundquist, Chad Huttel, Adam Wright, Conrad Fox, Nate Kukowski, Marko Pedisic, Karl Gilbert, Jon Clauson, Ross Peterson, Sarah Johnson, Josh Peterson, Andrea Mahnke, Adam Lilyquist, Luke Olson

1. Call to order @8:00pm by Wright.
2. Review and Approval of December **2025** monthly meeting minutes **Motion** made by Suihkonen, seconded by Kukowski. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.
3. November Gambling Report January 28, 2026

Gross Receipts	\$356,262	Proposed November Budget	\$40,660
Prizes Paid	\$297,619	Actual November Budget	\$57,191
Net Receipts	\$58,643	End of last month carryover	\$76,134
Allowable Expenses	\$36,676	Proposed January Budget	\$57,460
Taxes Payable	\$22,341	Net Profit	-\$374

4. December Gambling Report January 28, 2026

Gross Receipts	\$353,310	Proposed December Budget	\$50,960
Prizes Paid	\$298,907	Actual December Budget	\$52,283
Net Receipts	\$54,403	End of last month carryover	\$49,594.74
Allowable Expenses	\$32,715	Proposed February Budget	\$56,460
Taxes Payable	\$18,479	Net Profit	\$3,209

Motion to approve the Gambling Report for November **2025** made by Huttel, Second by Gilbert. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the Gambling Report for December **2025** made by Lundquist, Second by Pedisic. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to approve a proposed budget for February **2026** made by Gilbert, Second by Huttel. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

Andrea presented Gambling Reports. November – taxes high and resulted in a loss of \$374. December tends to be a slower month, lower net profit than expected. Raffle is nearly set. Rented a raffle drum for the event. Need to develop a script for the announcer and determine who is physically drawing the winning tickets. Preference for a varsity player 18 years or older.

Motion to approve a Schedule C Donation of \$30,070 payable to Hermantown Arena for December 2025 ice bill by Kukowski, Second by J. Peterson. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

5. Old Business:

- a. 12/31/25 Schedule of 2026 Meeting Dates Motion to move February meeting from 2/25/26 to 2/24/26 due to conflicts made by Pedisic, Second by Fox. All in favor, no opposed, motion passed.
- b. Motion to approve a Schedule C Donation of \$25,428.75 payable to Hermantown Arena for ice invoice November 18, 2025 – December 16, 2025 made by Wright, Second by Gilber. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed electronically 1/20/2026
- c. HAHA partnered with the Arena Legacy group to provide ceremonial pins to the association players.

6. New Business:

- a. Reimbursements for coaches and managers. Discussion about appropriate reimbursement for volunteers spending their money to obtain training/certifications. Additional analysis and discussion needed, but initial thought is to reimburse managers for Squirr/U10 and above in future seasons.
- b. Youth team instructions for Northstar Arena light system. The light system is intended to be available to any youth team playing a game in the arena. Team volunteers are slowly being trained on how to use it. If a volunteer has interest in using the lighting, they should be trained by the arena staff. Reach out to a member of the board if interested. Also, the Home and Away signs can be transferred between benches depending on which bench the team selects to use.
- c. Jeff Sapp Appreciation – Discussion about the gratitude HAHA has for services performed over the years by Jeff Sapp. Motion to approve a \$250 gift card for Jeff made by Huttel, Second by Kukowski. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed
- d. Youth games scheduled following Varsity games. Scheduled game time conflicts have arisen due to varsity games running long. The issue has been communicated to the scheduler and bigger gaps will be added moving forward.
- e. Contact Camps and Spring Skate ups. Ice scheduler has reached out to coordinators to set dates for skate ups following the season. 4check camp held, reports are that it went well. Discussion about renewal of 4check camps vs. MN Hockey contact option. Motion to terminate contract with 4check made by Pedisic, Second by Fox. All in favor – no opposed. Motion Passed. Motion to approve up to \$1,000 for MN Hockey contact camps in the spring of 2026 made by Fox, Second by Pedisic. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.
- f. Vendor requests for tournament tables. Discussion about recent requests from vendors to set up tables with advertising during home tournaments. Future requests will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
- g. Hockey Camp requests/Website postings – Discussion about requests from hockey camps for emails to be sent out to the association and posting registration links on the HAHA website. Camps that purchase ice in Hermantown will be posted on the site, HAHA sponsored camps may be advertised by email to the association.
- h. Senior gifts – Motion to approve up to \$700 for boys hockey senior gifts to show appreciation for their work in the association made by Fox, Second by Suihkonen. All in favor, no opposed. Mirage senior gifts are being planned.

7. Treasurer's Report: Account Summary **January 27, 2026:**

Savings	CD	Checking	Total
\$655,758.34		\$136,683.56	\$792,441.90

YOY: \$236,576.69

Suihkonen provided a detailed review of the P&L and answered questions from the membership. \$126,800 o/s check to gambling for 25-26 raffle tickets. Payment to the City of Hermantown due soon.

Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Kukowski, second by Fox. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

8. Player Development:

- a. Huttel: Evaluating a bantam returning from injury
- b. Goalies: L. Olson – Goalie sessions going well
- c. Girls: Anick - No update

9. Level Coordinator Reports:

- a. Equipment Manager: No update
- b. Outdoor Ice: Fox – Zamboni still having issues, comes and goes with the cold weather. Maintenance vendor assisting and plan for repair. No issues with the ice. Option for arena staff to help out with outdoor rinks
- c. Girls U13-U15: Johnson – Season going well
- d. Girls U10-U12: Clauson – Discussion about rotating duties performed by PAHA and HAHA
- e. Girls U6-U8: Gilbert – Season going well
- d. BN: Kukowski – Teams getting ready for district playoffs
- f. PW: Pedisic – Juggling of goalies, permission obtained from district to use sub goalie during district playoffs
- g. SQ: Peterson – So far things going well, first year of two teams at B1 level. Three Hermantown teams played in Squirtacular and each performed well.
- h. M2- Mickelson – Home jamboree went very well. Everyone appreciated the new arena and full ice games. Arena staff was awesome to work with. Working through skate up groups
- i. IM/M1: Lundquist – Cold weather a challenge for outdoor practices

10. Open forum/Membership questions/concerns:

Meeting Adjourned 9:40 PM