



Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Skyline - 8:01 pm-9:40 pm

Attendees: Garret Suihkonen, Jameson Lundquist, Chad Huttel, Adam Wright, Conrad Fox, Marko Pedisic, Karl Gilbert, Ross Peterson, Sarah Johnson, Josh Peterson, Adam Lilyquist, Luke Olson, Bud Mickelson

Guest: Jim Crace

1. Call to order at 8:01 PM by Wright.
2. Review and Approval of February 2026 monthly meeting minutes. **Motion** to approve minutes made by Suihkonen, seconded by Huttel. All in favor, no opposed. Motion Passed.
3. Review and Approval of January 2026 special meeting minutes. **Motion** to approve minutes made by Gilbert, seconded by J. Peterson. All in Favor, no opposed. Motion Passed.
4. February Gambling Report March 25, 2026

Gross Receipts	\$563,916	Proposed February Budget	\$56,460
Prizes Paid	\$371,599	Actual February Budget	\$51,120
Net Receipts	\$192,317	End of last month carryover	\$62,908.26
Allowable Expenses	\$28,709	Proposed April Budget	\$54,460
Taxes Payable	\$34,091	Net Profit	\$141,063

Motion to approve the Gambling Report for February 2026 made by Mickelson, Second by Gilbert. All in favor, opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to approve a proposed budget for April 2026 made by Johnson, Second by Fox. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.

Suihkonen presented the gambling report for Mahnke who was helping cover a booth during the meeting. Discussion about tax reporting requirements, and gambling audits. Car raffle net profit good but not quite meeting total payment owed to the City of Hermantown. Increasing ticket sales in future years will be focus of 2027 raffle planning.

Motion to approve a Schedule C Donation of \$3,075 payable to HAHA for 2/18/26 – 3/20/26 ice bill made by Huttel, Second by R. Peterson. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.

5. Old Business:

- a. Program Sales at MN Wild Game – Thank you to Joel Townsend for arranging a group of HAHA members to sell programs at a Wild game. The group represented HAHA well and the Minnesota Wild Foundation is making a donation to the association for the effort.
- b. HAHA Scholarship – HAHA will continue the tradition of offering \$1,000 scholarships to one senior boy and one girl from the program. Application packet sent to Hawks and Mirage Varsity coaches for distribution to players. Scholarship winners to be selected in the April Board Meeting.

- c. AAA Sponsorship – Request from a local non-association spring/summer AAA hockey club to partner with HAHA for administrative purposes. Discussion about the club buying ice in Hermantown and making a donation to HAHA in exchange for utilizing HAHA’s treasurer services. Ideas were shared to assist the club with financial transactions but ultimately the consensus was that HAHA will remain separate from AAA hockey operations.
- 6. New Business:
 - a. Annual Meeting and Election Preparations – Election process will be similar to previous years and following the requirements of the by-laws. Email to be sent out calling for self-nominations this week. Positions up for election are president, treasurer, equipment manager and all level coordinators. Election page to be created on website to post self-nominations as they are received. Eric and Ross will serve election official role as officers not currently up for re-election. Discussion regarding methods for membership to learn about candidates. Idea shared to require biographies of qualifications and plans for the role as part of self-nomination process. Idea shared to require residency in the Hermantown school district in order to serve on HAHA board. Discussion yielded no motions to change election process for 2026 election.
- 7. Treasurer's Report: Account Summary March 25, 2026:

Savings	CD	Checking	Total
\$520,533.49		\$42,627.02	\$563,160.51

YOY: \$95,802.12

Treasurer Report Notes: Suihkonen presented the treasurer report and answered questions from the board members. Income and expenses are consistent with what is expected for this time of year. No major concerns.

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

- 8. Player Development:
 - a. Huttel: Mirage shooting challenge poster is up in Proctor Arena, working on the boys one for Hermantown arena. Contact camp through MN Hockey recently held. Turn out was pretty good, some conflicts at older ages.
 - b. Goalies: L. Olson – No update
 - c. Girls: Anick – No update
- 9. Level Coordinator Reports:
 - a. Equipment Manager: - No update
 - b. Outdoor Ice: Discussion about outdoor development plans. Fox shared ideas and facilitated discussion for options and obstacles that need to be overcome. Zamboni repairs complete and its working well. Sending out email thanking association for the help over the year.
 - c. Girls U13-U15: Johnson – Hoping for 2 teams next year at U15 level
 - d. Girls U10-U12: Clauson – Might have to have 3 teams for U12 level next year
 - e. Girls U6-U8: Gilbert – No update
 - d. BN: Kukowski – No update
 - f. PW: Pedisic – Anticipating 49 skaters and 8 goalies at peewee’s next year, numbers looking strong
 - g. SQ: Peterson – Happy with how year went, first year with 5 teams at squirt level. Numbers for next year looking similar, anticipated 3 goalies for next year.
 - h. M2- Mickelson – Skate ups done – end of year party went well – wrapping up equipment return
 - i. IM/M1: Lundquist – Skate ups went well, collecting final jerseys. Ideas shared for doing more in-house M1 activities in the future.
- 10. Open forum/Membership questions/concerns:

Meeting Adjourned motion J. Peterson