



Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Skyline - 8:00 pm-9:14 pm

Attendees: Garret Suihkonen, Jameson Lundquist, Chad Huttel, Adam Wright, Conrad Fox, Karl Gilbert, Jon Clauson, Ross Peterson, Andrea Mahnke, Adam Lilyquist, Luke Olson, Reid Amborn, Adam Kritzeck, Bud Mickelson, Matt Engelmeier, Justin Filzen, Tyler Johnson

1. Call to order at 8:00 PM by Wright.
2. Review and Approval of July 2026 monthly meeting minutes. Motion made by Suihkonen, seconded by Kritzeck. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.
3. July 2026 Gambling Report - August 26, 2026

Gross Receipts	\$444,669	Proposed July Budget	\$60,460
Prizes Paid	\$380,216	Actual July Budget	\$51,737
Net Receipts	\$64,453	End of last month carryover	\$58,122.53
Allowable Expenses	\$31,476	Proposed September Budget	\$38,370
Taxes & Fees	\$5,714	Net Profit	\$13,278

Motion to approve the Gambling Report for July 2026 made by Huttel, seconded by Gilbert. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to approve a proposed budget of \$38,370 for September 2026. Made by Wright, seconded by Johnson. All in favor, no opposed. Motion approved.

Gambling Manager Notes: Mahnke presented the monthly gambling report and answered questions from the board. Foster's sale and transition to Hermantown Tavern are complete, and the transition does not appear to have affected business. Hermantown Tavern remained the primary profit driver, Beacon continued trending upward, and gambling products at Pequawayan were scheduled to be removed August 31, 2026.

Motion to approve Schedule C donations totaling \$10,852.50 payable to HAHA for UMD ice rental for the 2025-26 season and DECC ice rental for January 2026 made by Suihkonen, seconded by Filzen. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.

4. Old Business:
 - Raffle Tickets: Planning continued for raffle ticket printing and distribution. Discussion about ways to hand out materials to association members, targeting Wednesday the 16th for another drive through distribution event at the arena.
5. New Business:
 - Kam River Fighting Walleye, representing the SIJHL, is scheduled to play an exhibition game at Northstar Ford Arena on September 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM. Opportunity for the community to view a junior hockey game in person and for HAHA to be involved. Ten volunteers are needed.
 - Discussion about outdoor rink spaces and meeting needs for both team practice and rink ratting space availability. For the upcoming season, Rink #3 will be designated for rink ratting unless a team has a scheduled practice.

- Registration – Albrecht presented update on registration status for 26-27 season. Communicated requirements for Board Members and coaches to complete certification requirements. Crossbar is open and receiving registrations, software working well.
- Grade Level Move-ups – Discussion about move-up requests received. Motion to approve grade level move-ups to: Shrake, Lucas, Nixon and Hainz made by Wright, seconded by Suihkonen. All in favor, no opposed.

6. Treasurer's Report: Account Summary August 26, 2026:

Savings	CD	Checking	Total
\$545,000		\$17,831.95	\$562,831.95

YOY: \$73,167.38

Treasurer Report Notes: Suihkonen presented the treasurer's report and answered questions from the board. Cash is expected to continue growing for the next month and a half as registration revenue is received. The year-over-year balance is higher, while differences in monthly results were attributed to the timing of expenses. **Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Filzen. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.**

7. Player Development:

- a. Huttel: Coach planning is moving along well. Contact camp dates are being finalized, and ice times are laying out well.
- b. Goalies: L. Olson - Several goalie sessions are scheduled for September and October.
- c. Girls: Anick - No update.

8. Level Coordinator Reports:

- a. Equipment Manager: Four additional iPads are needed. Motion to approve the purchase of four new iPads made by Suihkonen, seconded by Mickelson. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed. Equipment room door continues to be left open. Working with the arena on a solution. Socks and jerseys have been ordered.
- b. Outdoor Ice: Permit application submitted and in the 15-day notice and comment period. If approved, next steps include purchasing credits, TEP review, and a scheduled Zoom meeting. Soccer is using the warming shack.
- c. Girls U13-U15: Clauson reported 23 skaters and one goalie. Planning includes an A team and a potential cooperative B team with Duluth. Coordinating coaches and tryout scheduling are underway.
- d. Girls U10-U12: Filzen reported the group is in a good position and tryout dates are set. A goalie shortage is possible. Planning is for three teams at 12U and 2 at 10U, including A and B teams at U10. The U12A team was accepted into the Icebreaker tournament.
- e. Girls U6-U8: Gilbert expects approximately 18 skaters, with two teams of nine. Additional teams are being sought for U6 and U8 home tournament.
- a. BN: Johnson - No updates.
- f. PW: Engelmeier - Working on swing weekends. Cloquet reached out regarding a tryout scrimmage.
- g. SQ: Peterson - No update.
- h. M2: Mickelson – Emphasis on coaches completing training requirements, Eric will assist identifying needs for the coaches. Voyager League preparation underway. The board discussed how to communicate move-up requests. Player numbers are expected to be similar to last season.
- i. IM/M1: Lundquist - Working to place teams in tournaments.
- j. Tournaments: Lilyquist reported the new Bantam AA tournament is full, the Peewee AA tournament is nearly full, and additional U6/U8 teams are being sought.

9. Open forum/Membership questions/concerns:

Meeting Adjourned 9:13 PM Motion to adjourn made by Mickelson, seconded by Gilbert. Motion passed at 9:14 PM.