

Date: May 27, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes, 6 p.m.

Present: Ben Knepper, Lisa Armstrong, Tony Malsom, Justin Everson, Jody Neff, Shawna Ireland, Jenna Borgen, Jacob Schauf

Absent: Jeanette Goodlet, Travis Bown

Call to Order Time: 6:11pm

A. Minutes:

- a. The minutes from April were reviewed. Ben made a motion to approve the minutes, and Jenna seconds the motion.

B. Financial Report

- a. Justin makes a motion to approve the financials, and Jacob seconds.

C. Old Business:

- a. Rink Projects, repairs (Keeping on the agenda so we don't lose sight of):
 - i. Add trophy case & speakers in mezzanine
 - 1. Trophy cases in progress - Todd Bates leading
 - 2. Mount for speakers is her in concessions.
 - ii. Replace light switches with motion sensors
 - iii. New locker room
 - 1. Bench needs painting
- b. Possible rink improvements - *keeping on the agenda*
 - i. Gravel parking lot to add additional parking.
 - ii. Replace stand heater timer - Tony will replace- this summer.
 - 1. Heaters are functioning correctly, timers are sticking.
 - iii. Cooling tower area - cover - Tony waiting to hear back from Brayden
 - iv. Cut the blacktop away from the building and add rock to increase drainage. (J&A might be able to do this, Tony will check).
 - v. *Add a gutter to the front of the building. * Approved at the April Meeting.* - Tony hasn't heard back from contact, but on his radar.
 - vi. Repair rink boards
 - vii. Repair the toilet in the men's room.
 - viii. Glass around penalty box - tabled for now per Tony, would need some custom build.
- c. 2027 State hosting application submitted by Jody.
- d. WAHA meeting updates (Shawna and Justin)
 - i. Division 4 confirmation - Nothing mentioned at Spring meeting, but WAHA looking to eliminate Division 4 completely and move to 3 Divisions - See WAHA Rule Change R-4
 - ii. Shawna to send out summary of Rule Changes and links to all of the documents from the WAHA Spring Meeting. Please look over the Rules

Changes at minimum and bring any notes or questions to the following board meeting.

- e. Home tournament flyer is done (minus Bantam dates).
 - i. Nette and Jody to connect on WAHA registration and final ad payment for MN ads. Waiting on info for tourneys - Will get it sent out soon.
- f. Workouts buyout - update policies to have a set \$25/hour buyout.
- g. Update on Cumberland Co Op Discussion - Follow up meeting still needs to happen - Nothing scheduled with Graham at this point.
- h. Golf Outing - Work in progress to get a list of past sponsors from Mark. - Jody will work on getting the list from Mark. We need a contact to own and organize this event. Is Travis interested?
- i. Additional CD investment with Sterling Bank
 - i. Leaving on the agenda so we don't lose sight of.

New Business

A. Association Communication

- a. Parent email including summer event dates and details - Nette
 - i. Can we look into notifications/awareness being sent through Crossbar in addition to email?? (Tony?) Can we post summer events to Main Facebook page too? Shawna offered to take ownership of Facebook. Board was in favor. Too many individuals posting causes cracks and confusion on ownership.
- b. Updated handout on fundraising \$ and matches. - Nette. Can we have this available on website too? Can we please combined data from a and b in one communication please Nette?
- c. Crossbar information so they can get registered
- d. Any pertinent updates on the 2026-27 season co op plan. - Are we still skating under the Grizzle brand? If no commitments by August, we will stick with Grizzlie brand - Ben to schedule meeting with Graham sooner than later.
- e. Sign up genius links for dairy breakfast (6/6), and Gilligans fundraiser. - Do we have someone to bring the UTV and work the Dairy Breakfast? Shawna messaged committee group to ask Sam to create a sign up.

B. Fundraising and Grants

- a. Side by Side Calendar of Events created in the google email. That can be shared with Tony if it's helpful to know where the ranger needs to be?
 - i. Who is the contact for the Dairy Breakfast? - Ben contacting Don to see if we can have the UTV there again this year? If yes, we need to post to Facebook to ask for help.
 - ii. Need to confirm summer events and make sure someone is available to get the UTV to events, then need sign ups posted asap.
- b. Music in the Park - who is typically the contact for this? - Not doing this event this year.

C. Nichole : Quanex summer party - August 1st at Fairgrounds confirmed

- a. Do we want to do this again? We bartend and supply the beer and wine type items and collect all profits. - Ben contacted Nichole and she confirmed they would like to do the event, but date is still undecided.
- D. Crossbar - DNS hosting swapping over 5/26 after getting the GoDaddy account info.
 - a. Tournament registration will be done through this
- E. 2026 Try Hockey For Free - 10/03/2026.
 - a. If we do not have ice in by this date we will apply for our own date like we did last year. We just don't get the registration waved for first year players through USA Hockey if we don't use their date. - Tony confirmed we will not have ice by 10/3, Board would like to stick with the Trunk or Treat/THFF.
 - b. Marketing/Recruitment Committee will handle promo for this
- F. Mite Equipment Grant
 - a. Would need someone to go and pick up equipment if we get approved. WAHA meeting would be on August 1st. Shawna or Tony may be able to go.
- G. Grass Roots Grant - Need to decide what we need and are going to ask for in this grant.
 - a. IPAD for Gamesheet?
 - b. Deadline is September September 1st.
 - c. Jen will submit
- H. Amanda Schell reached out to Jody asking if we would be interested. Board agreed they are interested and would like more info, including price.
- I. Jamie Charron renting tables and chairs. - Jody the contact person
- J. First rental June 13th (Anniversary Party) \$600 to rent and \$600 deposit
- K. Tony working to give Jody a building code - Jenna inquired about each level having a code, but Tony says there aren't enough codes. Jenna mentioned there are coaches that aren't able to get in. Once schedules are assigned let's discuss who will get codes and if/when the doors will need to be unlocked for events.
- L. Jacob asked about FCA, Ben has not heard back from Z
 - a. Soccer - Justin measured and we don't have space for a soccer field.
 - b. Field development potential
 - c. Originally board was more interested in events that are not during the hockey season, then Z pivoted to hockey, which board was concerned about. Board still interested in off-season partnership and would like to see what we can start with that requires little no to no work/effort at this point.
 - d. Pickle Ball, Basketball 3-3 Hockey tourney's in late summer?, Camps/Activities
What else can we do that doesn't require major build

Next Board Meeting: 06/24/2026, 6 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: Tony made a motion to adjourn, Justin seconds the motion.

Items for the next meeting: