

Blackhawk Hockey Association

Board Meeting

August 12, 2026

7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Ryan Anderson, Rachel Spence, Sarah Lokken, Allie Carroll, Amanda Sprague, Jake Durand, Megan Wolf, Lucas Trickle, Jodi Volgren, Michael Brandenburg, Maysa Coty

Board Members Absent: Mitchell Klopp

Others Present: None

Call to Order: 7:06 PM

Secretary's Report: N/A

Motion to approve secretary's report

Motion: Kevin Kiemen 2nd: Rachel Spence All in Favor

Treasurer's Report:

1. Checking as of 7/31 = \$115,646.42
2. Accounts Receivable as of 7/31 = \$6,450.00

Motion to approve financial reports.

Motion: Lucas Trickle 2nd: Megan Wolf All in Favor

Old Business

WAHA Appeal:

- Appeal was emailed out to the Board for review this week
- The Board does plan to provide a response, review of the draft response put together by the executive committee.
- Discussions around what should be said in the response letter. We have until August 21st to send our response back to the board of appeals

Registration:

- Registration is closed, there are a couple of families that do still plan to register just haven't yet for various reasons
- Coach and Manager Applications went out on Monday of this week, those are starting to come back for review and approval
- Shooting for 3 squirt teams, 1 U10, 2 peewee teams, 1 bantam team
- There will be a tryout for all 2018 birth year Mites determine which kids

should be moved up to the squirt level. There are 4 registered families that have emailed in already asking for their child to be moved up to squirts, the tryout will allow assessors to make a decision based on skill and ability as well as social and emotional readiness. If any families want their child to try out as an elite player, they will have to pay the \$50 dollar fee, prepare their letter to the board and submit that and then also attend the tryout for the squirts as well.

- Discussions around 2 vs 3 squirt teams Pros and Cons to each.

Nets:

- We have new nets; Brad Spence has volunteered to get those put up.
- Pallet Jack is here and ready for use!

Skating Treadmill:

- The slats need to be replaced; Ryan L. is supposed to be looking into this. Ryan Anderson to check with him again to be sure it's getting done for the upcoming season.

WAHA Meeting Highlights: Ryan A.

- Positive feedback about the growth of hockey in WI. Specifically, the girl's hockey program
- Fundraising ops. Were discussed heavily. Gun raffles are very popular and raise tons of money. Bingo. Pull Tabs. Leave a board up at concessions year-round, when it's full you draw and a new board goes up.
- Need to look into the raffle license
- Implementing a survey done mid-year and the end of the year - Ryan A. to prepare the survey to review. ** Need to be prepared to be actionable **
- Megan to look into grants and apply for the ones we qualify for.
- Disciplinary Committee: Some associations have a 3-person committee that takes care of consequences and discipline. Takes the responsibility away from the coaches. Board discusses the benefits and downfalls to this.
- Try Hockey for Free Day – New initiative through USA Hockey. Trailer that has 60 sets of brand-new gear that any association can request to use. After August 15th we can ask for the trailer to come here. Will reach out to see if/when they have time for us.

LTS/LPH Manager:

- 4 Volunteers emailed their interest and qualifications
 - Board discusses each of the applicants individually
 - Discussions around what will be needed from this person/position;
- Communication is paramount. Must be able to quickly and efficiently respond to emails and answer questions, must be able to work well with Allie and Kevin to communicate on a short turn around, problem solve if needed and have a general hockey knowledge

specifically around Mites management.

*** McKenzie Merriman Chosen ***

Pickle Ball:

- The group has reached out and they would like to be able to use our facility again during the Fall and winter months. Willing to pay the \$3,000 dollars for rent again.

Approved by all board members

Handbook:

- Special Meeting to review handbook, Director of Hockey Policy updates and codes of conduct, and all other policy updates as members see fit
- *Tuesday August 18th at 7:00 PM*

NEW BUSINESS

Schoen Cross Roster Request:

- Request to cross roster as a Peewee and a 12U
- Board discusses what would need to happen on all of the other levels
- Move 2 kids from RF 10U and 1 from Baldwin 10U
- This will be brought back to the coaches committee for further discussion.

Reduced Hours Request:

- Board reviews pertinent documentation. Discusses appropriateness.
- Motion: Lucas Trickle Second: Allie Carroll

Approved

Release Request:

- Child has been released every other year before this, but always to WI rinks that are closer to where he lives and/or where he attends school.
- This year he will be attending school at Gentry Private School in Vadnais Heights
- Asking to be released to White Bear Lake
- Has never played for our association
- Lives in Glenwood City - Will never Play for our Association long term solely based on where he lives, has never played for our association as it stands.
- Board discusses release at length.

- Vote: No – 2 Yes – 10

Approved

Financial Help Request:

- Ryan Anderson reads the request as it's written aloud to the board
- Summer/Winter work hours history reviewed
- Board discusses parameters, family needs to agree to those parameters or the request will be brought back. Ryan Anderson to reach out and discuss with the family the boards expectations.
- *BHA will cover the registration fee in full, family will cover \$100 tournament fees and the USA Hockey fee. Requesting parent will work all of their half of the required work hours 12.5 for summer, due by September 15, 2026, 17.5 winter due by March 15, 2027. If they don't complete the required work hours the requesting parent will pay the entire registration fee and the regular hours charges.*
 - Motion: Ryan Anderson 2nd Michael Brandenburg *All in favor*

Building and Grounds:

- Schuggy's Dasher board needs to be removed that business is no longer there
- Netting around the rink, Scott and Brad will do this
- Motion for up to \$300 dollars Ryan Anderson 2nd: Allie Carroll *All in favor*

Shooting Room:

- Significant progress has been made
- Goal is to have it done by the end of August

Coaching: Tryout Dates

- 9/21 & 9/23 - Peewee 6:25-7:25pm
- 9/22 & 9/24 - Squirts 6:25-7:25pm
- 9/25 - 2018 Mite (Boys) 5:30-6:30pm
- 2018 Mites: - Kids that want to try out as an elite must submit 50 dollars along with the written request for the board prior to the tryout. Have to attend both the Mite tryout and the Squirt tryout.
- U12: In RF 9/27 9/29 10/1 Required to attend two out of three

All coaches need to fill out an application and be reviewed by the coaching committee

COMMITTEES

Fundraising:

- Golf - Made around the same amount of money as last year

- Garage Bar – Rachel to follow up in the next month
- Culvers - Email sent, waiting on response.
- Heggies Pizza: Rachel working on getting this wrapped up to go out to families
- National Night Out - \$330 dollars made in free will donations

Concessions:

- We have a new vendor; the old vendor was bought out. The new vendor does not supply our hot foods, they only have cold foods and drinks. Vendors that have hot and cold foods and the same drink options are being looked into.

RFYA/BHA Girls Co-Op:

- 14U jerseys - This has become an issue for some families who have a last year 14U who don't want to order new jerseys for 1 year.
- Ryan will talk to Danny - more families than not have stated they won't be ordering the new Jerseys. We are not going to keep anyone from going on the ice because of a difference in the orange color of the new jerseys vs. the old.

Tournament Coordinators:

- Troy Broker & Wendy Gonzalez

Liaisons for 2026/2027 Season:

Mite/LPH - Amanda Sprague

U10 - Michael Brandenburg

Squirts - Kevin Kiemen

U12 - Maysa Coty

Peewees - Rachel Spence

U14 - Sarah Lokken

Bantams - Jacob Durand

- Jodi Volgren and Allie Carroll will be backups to any of the liaisons if/when needed.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Lucas Trickle Second: Jacob Durand All in Favor
Adj. 9:46 PM