

Blackhawk Hockey Association

Board Meeting

March 18th, 2026

7:00pm

Board Members Present: Allie Carroll, Ryan Anderson, Sarah Lokken, Lucas Trickle, Rachel Spence, Billy Herman, Amanda Sprague, Mitchell Klopp

Board Members Absent: Jodi Volgren, Mike Brandenburg, Brent Rolling, Maysa Coty, Kevin Kiemen

Others Present:

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Secretary's Report: N/A

Motion to approve secretary's report

Motion: Lucas Trickle 2nd: Sarah Lokken All in Favor - Passed

Treasurer's Report:

1. Checking as of 2/28 = \$154,178 (includes capital improvement fund of \$32,100). Decrease of \$9,869 from same point last year. 50% for the flooring cost has already been deducted, which is approximately \$36k.
2. Bank Loan - Paid in Full. Decrease of \$9,916 from same point last year.
3. Accounts Receivable 2/28= \$12,500.

Motion to approve financial reports.

Motion: Lucas Trickle 2nd: Ryan Anderson All in Favor - Passed

Old Business

Shooting Room: Ready to get working on the updates. Adam Nelson, Troy Broker, Lucas Trickle, Ryan Lindquist, and Brad Spence will be helping with that. We asked to start with the door to try having it done by mid-April. Troy has flooring figured out.

Annual Banquet: It is underway, we went with Parkside for food. They were willing to do a cheaper price. Pulled pork, buns, coleslaw, buns, etc. They drop off food, set it up, and pick it all up and clean it. It will be \$5.50/person. The awards are in and will have extra prizes due to the cheaper food. The RSVP is 350 which is up from 310 last year. This will be a tight fit for everyone but we are only charged \$100 to rent the place, and there aren't a lot of better options. The food will be \$1,500 cheaper and we are going to be closer to \$4,000 spent, instead of \$5,000. Still working to ensure every team has a coach that will present the awards. Will give away 10 Summer hours and concession gift certificates as part of the prizes.

Mindy R Memorial Bench: Completed and at the rink. Need plaque. Ryan A is working with Mike Brandenburg and the family to receive the ok to proceed with the verbiage we came up with. As soon as that is received Ryan A will order the plaque.

A.W. Court: Plea deal being accepted. Reviewed the plea deal that was accepted with the charges, requirement to pay back the money, etc. Had discussions about what our association rules would be regarding A.W. being allowed back in the rink.

Ice Out Details: Discuss plan. Everything is on track for ice out on May 4th. Cooler get shut down on May 3rd. Allie talked to Board cleaners to try getting that done when ice is out. They are in a different part of the country at that time so they won't be able to do it until September.

Sykora, Everts, Buhr, and Rutten will be helping with ice out. Jason did work with Rink Tec for shutting down ice out.

NEW BUSINESS

Syttende Mai: Jerry P. and Katie K. will run the brat stand this year. They are ready to do it. We knew going into it that Sara wasn't going to do it this year. This includes creating DIBs. We may need to follow up and ensure the DIBs come over. Ryan A. will follow up on that. It was received around April 11th last year and will follow up around then if they haven't been received yet.

If someone really wants to do a beanbag tournament we have the boards. We would need to figure out a place to have it and figure out a way to attract more teams. At this time we are not going to host the beanbag tournament.

Winter Work Hours: Review the Winter Work hours. Harder and Schweitzer families were not in hockey and need to be removed from the list. We had already approved waiving Ramberg hours at the beginning of the hockey season.

We discussed waiving Lindus hours because of the materials and work they provide at the rink, which includes the treadmill room this past hockey season. We also waive Weiss hours for the work that Blackhawk garage door does when we have issues with the garage doors and they allow us to use their scissor lift around the rink, when needed.

Want to make sure we are ok doing a payment plan, for anyone that needs it, and that we do not want to give an option to do cash or check. We are going to do whatever is easiest for Lea and SportsEngine makes payment plans easy to set up.

There are going to be a handful of people that will be difficult to get checks from. We will make it clear that they cannot be on the ice (Summer camps, hockey season, etc.) until they pay or set up a payment plan.

Motion to waive Winter Work hours for Lindus and Weiss families for the support, equipment, and materials they provide to the association/rink.

Motion: Rachel Spence 2nd: Lucas Trickle All in Favor - Passed

Cross Bar:

Annual Fee: \$695/year ACH Transaction Fee: 1.99% + \$0.99, CC Transaction Fee: 3.99% + \$0.99. Cross Bar does all of the design work for free. SportsEngine is \$780 per year 3% + \$1.50 for CC Transaction Fee. SportsEngine met with us about how they are going to improve what they are doing, but none of it was done.

Cross Bar has a similar app to SportsEngine for seeing the calendar, RSVP, etc. Cross Bar also has a similar thing to DIBs but it is called something different.

Will need to check about the payment plan options within Crossbar to ensure that functionality exists. We also need to answer the question for people that have set up payment plans through SportsEngine for Winter Work hours, can they still continue that if we discontinue the website. We also need to ensure the timing works for people that do payment plans for registration. There is a chance we might need to have both websites as we work through the transition.

Motion to start moving to Cross Bar

Motion: Lucas Trickle 2nd: Rachel Spence All in Favor - Passed

Blackcat Invoice:

Review as this has been paid. We are paying Katelyn Laub as a reimbursement for all mileage, etc. The total bill was \$14,059.05 for our half of the Blackcat bill.

Vote: Batteries:

\$11,500 (\$10k for zam \$1,500 for rink floor cleaner batteries) The rink floor cleaner we have is older and looked into renting one and that would be \$1,000 for a week.

Motion for up to \$11,500 for batteries for the Zam and rink floor cleaner.

Motion: Allie Carroll 2nd: Billy Herman All in Favor - Passed

COMMITTEES

Building & Grounds:

Preparing for ice out.

We need to order new slats for the treadmill. The slats are not in great condition. Ryan L. indicated that people are having issues with getting grip and are having issues using it the way it is intended. We need to get a bill and understand the cost before moving forward with the approval. The company we would get them from is located out of Osseo. The Summer hockey program plans to use it in June/July for each player having at least once a week. VSA replaces their slats 3-4 times a year but they likely have more people using it. We have had a couple of groups rent time on the treadmill so it has brought in

some funds to the association. We should plan on needing to replace them at least once a year.

- Coaching:** Talking about bringing in a new skills coach. Also look at a new goalie coach, he is the Steel hockey goalie coach and was the MEGA goalie coach. He is going to run the 16 and 18 Junior Steel program.
- Concessions:** NA
- Fundraising:** Syttende Mai - The person that owns the Garage Bar is willing to do another fundraiser during the Summer, potentially do a bean bag tournament there. We should discuss this further
- Mites & Membership:** NA
- Scholarship:** Status on applicants - We have one applicant right now. Trickle has been sending out reminders and will follow up with Zeb and Matt to ensure they are following up with their Seniors.
- Finance:** NA
- RFYA/BHA Girls Co-Op:** Invoice paid
- Scheduling:** Trickle and Mike are likely still on board with continuing to do scheduling. Also discussed having open hockey time slots that could be for U10/Squirts and above. Would need to have DIBs set up for an Ice Monitor, licensed coach, and someone to potentially monitor the locker room area. If we do this we would need to send an e-mail about the "Bench Monitor" and player expectations.
- Communication/Website:** Mary Ann Lynum will stay on the website

Board Liaisons

- D2:** Adam Nelson will remain the D2 liaison.
- Tournament Coordinators:** Need new tournament director next season 2 potential interested parties=Troy B. and Jeremy S. We will have Troy as the tournament coordinator.
- Mite/LPH - Amanda Sprague** NA
- U10 - Ryan Anderson:** NA
- Squirt - Kevin Keimen:** NA
- U12 - Sarah Lokken:** NA
- Peewee - Rachel Spence:** NA

U14 - Billy Herman: NA

Bantam - Lucas Trickle: NA

Next Meeting: April 8th, 2026

Adjourn: 8:56 pm *Motion: Lucas Trickle 2nd: Rachel Spence All in favor - passed*