

Blackhawk Hockey Association

Board Meeting

July 16th, 2025

7:00pm

Board Members Present: Allie Carroll, Rachel Spence, Ryan Anderson, Amanda Sprague, Kevin Keimen, Maysa Coty, Sarah Lokken, Billy Herman, Lucas Trickle, Mitchell Klopp, Brent Rolling, Mike Brandenburg

Board Members Absent: Jodi Volgren

Others Present: Ryan Lindquist

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Secretary's Report: N/A

Motion to approve secretary's report

Motion: Amanda Sprague 2nd: Rachel Spence All in Favor - Passed

Treasurer's Report:

1. Checking as of 6/30 = \$132,699 (includes capital improvement fund of \$22,900). Down about \$27k, but we paid for the main part of the skating treadmill.
2. Bank Loan 6/30 = \$7,377. Decrease of \$7,456 from same point last year.
3. Accounts Receivable 6/30 = \$6,575.
4. Profit and Loss - Only thing the utilities were up from last year having ice in. We are breaking about even as long as everyone pays that is supposed to for the ice rentals.

Motion to approve financial reports.

Motion: Rachel Spence 2nd: Kevin Keimen All in Favor - Passed

Old Business

Skating Treadmill:

Update on building room and discuss 2nd payment. The person we purchased it from is looking for a deadline on when to get the rest of the payment. At this point the plan is to get it put together and all set up. It will take 24 hours to get it done. We will then put up a temporary enclosure to block it off until we are able to get the construction taken care of. The total cost for the skating treadmill was \$37,500. We paid \$25,000 and we need to pay \$12,500 more. If we have missing pieces or there is anything wrong he said he will compensate us. The first thing we need to do is call Brian (the person setting up the treadmill) to get it set up. We will look at paying \$6,250 more now, then the rest after Brian comes to set it up. This way it avoids trying to get a reimbursement if there are

any issues. Ryan L will discuss this with the seller, however it could take 2-3 months for Brian to get out here.

For the construction we will put the door in the vestibule area. The treadmill will be set up by the bathroom wall. The city has the equipment and will cut the concrete for us to put the door in. We also have an anonymous donor to pay for the wall and door. They do not want to be named at this time. We still need to pay for electrical, ventilation, etc.

Registration: Open until 7/31, registration is coming in and going fine so far. We will also start getting waivers for people to get releases from our Association. WAHA sent out more strict guidelines, but shouldn't be much of a change for us. Some associations were charging \$500 for a release. WAHA would like to have the people meet in person or via Zoom for releases. There were some associations that had a blanket statement that no releases allowed, but that isn't ok. We will have a meeting with one waiver request during the next board meeting.

Court Update: Rescheduled from July 30, 2025 to August 20, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

Fundraiser at Garage Bar: Any further ideas? Meeting date? Jeff is the new owner and Rachel has been texting with him and will look to set up a meeting with him. Try to figure out best dates that would work then we can start brainstorming the ideas on what we will do.

NEW BUSINESS

Wheels: 12 for \$734.87 need to order more for the Sparx machine

Motion to for up to \$800 for 12 new Sparx machine wheels

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

Pickleball: Next season they want to renew. We did go from \$1,500 to \$2,000 last year but they also extended by an hour which is now from 8am-12pm. It goes from October through April. We discussed raising the rate again and adding to the contract language, including that if they violate anything we can end the contract within 30 days.

Motion to approve Pickle Ball for another year and increase the cost to \$3,000

Motion: Mike Brandenburg 2nd: Billy Herman All in Favor - Passed

Work Hours: Ryan to discuss structure. We had discussed not increasing volunteer hours this upcoming season but we need to finalize the ways that we are going to close the approximate 1,000 hr gap in volunteer time that was needed last year and the amount of time we required, if each family did their full 35 hours. I did some

research from DIBs last year to quantify the hours we would save based on each of the activities discussed. Here are the things we will implement moving forward:

1. Reduction of 75 Volunteer Hours - Time Clock, Scorekeeper, and Music/Announcer being reduced from 3 people in the Roost to 2 for every non-high school game. We discussed this in the last board meeting. With the ease that Gamesheets provides in tracking score we should be able to cover those things with 2 people, otherwise we don't have music/announcing which many rinks do without.
2. Reduction of 200+ Volunteer Hours - Mandatory rink cleaning weeks for each team and they don't receive volunteer hours for it. In the past we would have rotating rink cleaning weeks for each team. Sometimes it was unnecessary, especially as we got into the tournament weekends with teams cleaning before and after their tournaments. We still had a minimum of 200 volunteer hours that families received throughout the season for the weekly team rink cleaning. We can be strategic with the specific day of the week the rink cleaning is done based on when the need is, and we can add it into DIBs for each team and reflect as 0 hours credit, similar to tournaments. We can supplement this, where needed, with Cleaning volunteer hours that families can sign-up for, and receive Winter work hour credits. Finally in March we can have volunteer hours for people to come in and thoroughly clean the rink over the first two weekends, that can also help families get their 35 hours if they still need hours at that point.
3. Reduction of 77 Volunteer Hours - Reduce Mite Bench Helpers from 2 to 1 per practice. With the number of coaches we have on the ice the bench helpers are not fully utilized. We also have parents that stick around the rink that are willing to jump in if something is needed. We do still need at least one person dedicated to helping kids that come off the ice during practices to re-tie skates, talk to them, etc.

Motion to approve of weekly rink cleaning assigned to the teams and they will not receive hours but mandatory to be filled

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

Jerseys:

Finalize jerseys and Fitting Night? - There will be a store and they will need to know their numbers before they submit the order. Jogg will send us a spreadsheet with the full information with names, age, numbers, etc. so we can double check everything is correct.

E-mail will go out that all youth hockey is getting a new jersey. All returning players will keep their old numbers. If they want a new number they need to reach out with their top 3 choices. For all new youth players they will also reach out with their top 3 choices, and be made aware of their jersey numbers.

A fitting date will be picked between Trickle, Allie, and Jodi to have the fitting all at the same time for the boys and girls. There will be two dates selected.

- Sponsorship:** Approval to Levels and Pricing - Will table until next meeting
- HS Locker Room Door:** The boys need a new door. The hinges are coming loose and it drags on the mats. If we do get a new door, no more propping it. We would get the same door and color.
- Motion for up to \$2,000 for new door for boys HS locker room.*
- Motion: Lucas Trickle 2nd: Mike Brandenburg All in Favor - Passed*
- Weeks:** Hours Discussion. Angela messaged this week regarding reduced work hours. She wanted to know if she needs to apply for the reduced hours for each set of hours. (Winter and Summer) It was agreed that she would need to submit a request for each season (Winter and Summer) as things can change during the year, depending on how the case evolves.
- Motion to go down to single hours for Summer hours. (Down to 12.5)*
- Motion: Sarah Lokken 2nd: Rachel Spence 11 yes and 1 no - Passed*
- Vacuum:** A couple of people that came in and cleaning the vacuum wasn't picking anything up. The brushes on the vacuums was completely bald. We do have the back-pack vacuum and it is located in the concessions. We were rotating them in the High School locker room. We now have additional battery packs. We can order new brush rollers for the new vacuum. It would be \$13 per roller. The yellow vacuum is in the stock room. We can also get a list together of all the cleaning supplies, where they are located, and what they are used for. Then send it out to the association. Ryan A will work on this.
- Annual Meeting:** Aug 1-2 - There are a lot of different sessions and things you can attend. We also got another equipment grant and got 10 more bags of equipment. Allie and Ryan L. will be going. Allie both Friday and Saturday, Ryan on Saturday only. Billy should be able to attend. It also gives some leverage for our association if we attend the meeting.
- HandBook Review:** Start Reviewing for approval in August. Everyone needs to be ready for the next board meeting and have notes ready for the review.
- Break In:** We had a break-in and the cops are working on it. Golf balls were taken and they messed around on the ice, some items were moved around, but nothing else has been found to be taken.

COMMITTEES

- Building & Grounds:** Glass Quotes - \$288 a piece and we need two of them. That does not include shipping and handling. We will have more info for the next board meeting.

- Coaching:** Try Outs= Squirts Sept 22 and 24 6-7:10 and PeeWees Sept 23 and 25 6-7:10
- Concessions:** Request for \$300 for supplies, storage, etc. Ashley sent out a list of things. Food grade containers and other minor items which were all practical items.
- Scott also asked for up to \$100 for a collapsable cart for stocking the vending machine, concession stand, etc. This is within the limit and we are ok moving forward with it.
- Motion to up to \$300 for the concession needs.*
- Motion: Allie Carroll 2nd: Maysa Coty All in Favor - Passed*
- Fundraising:** Email has been sent to Heggies to get the ball rolling. Katie Swanson suggested 11/11 delivery date to remain consistent with prior years.
- We have already committed to doing the Brat stand for National Night out on August 5th. Nielsen's donates the food so everything is free for their stand. They have burger, hot dog, etc. There is a need to use the food trailer because of the number of people that are there. We would prefer not to charge and be the only thing charging. We could do a free will donation. The unit cost for the brats is \$3.99 which is per pound. We will advise Sarah to get what she thinks we need.
- Mites & Membership:** NA
- Scholarship:** NA
- Finance:** NA
- RFYA/BHA Girls Co-Op:** MAP/FHIT Discussion/Approval - They are switching from AJ Bucchino to MAP/FHIT for practices throughout the year and for doing the evaluations. Tryouts will be 3 evaluators per team for a total of 9 hours which will cost \$1,485. In season 3 on-ice coaches. 2 hours per team for 4 months per team with a cost of \$7,080. This would be split cost between each association based on the number of girls per association.
- Motion to pay our share of the Blackcat fee for MAP/FHIT for evaluation and training.*
- Motion: Allie Carroll 2nd: Kevin Keimen All in Favor - Passed*
- Scheduling:** Discuss Tournament Conflict. We discovered that the PeeWee tournament is now on the playdown weekend, which was our normal weekend for the tournament. Options are November 14th and 15th, 21st and 22nd, December 6th and 7th, December 20th and 21st. Also discussed doubling up with another tournament weekend. The one that would make the most sense is Bantam as we have 2 teams at every other level.

Motion to move the PeeWee Tournament to December 5th-7th

Motion: Allie Carroll 2nd: Ryan Anderson All in Favor - Passed

Communication/Website:

Board Liaisons

D2: Levels sent to Adam for D2 (PeeWee will be playing B1 and B2, Squirt teams will play B1 and C, and Bantam will be playing B2)

Tournament Coordinators:

Mite/LPH - Scott Kaiser:

U10 - Amanda Sprague:

Squirt - Rachel Spence:

U12 - Mike Brandenburg:

Peewee - Scott Peavey:

U14 - Andrew Carlson:

Bantam - Brent Rolling:

U16 - Ryan Anderson:

Next Meeting: August 13th, 2025

Adjourn: 9:20 pm *Motion: Allie Carroll 2nd: Lucas Trickle All in favor - passed*