



Great Falls Amateur Hockey Association Meeting Agenda



Meeting Agenda Date: 10/13/2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Great Falls Ice Plex, 4001 29th Street SW, Great Falls, MT 59404

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- Call to Order
 - By: Scott Moodie
 - Time: 1832

Executive Board / Voting Members Attendance

- Executive Board:
 - President - Scott Moodie
 - Vice President - Michael Zook
 - Secretary - Jordan Keller
 - Treasurer - Kassie Longfellow
 - Past President – Mike Pancich
- Division Representatives:
 - High School - Dwight Stevenson / Jeff Winkler
 - 14U - Meghan Haynes / Charlie Hibl
 - 12U - Cheyenne Smith / Neal Popichak
 - 10U - Matt Baker / Joe Maroney
 - 8U – Kelly Herda / Bronson Stubbs
 - 6U - Derrick Merchant / Caitlin Vecchione
 - House League - Cody Lee
 - Girls Hockey - Becky Kujava
- Committee Members / Appointed Positions:
 - Registrar - Sarah Carper (Assistant Registrar: Kayla Moodie)
 - Fundraising Coordinator / Committee - Gina McArthur
 - Tournament Director - Micaela Brandt
 - Grievance and Disciplinary Chair / Risk Manager / SafeSport - Charlie Hibl
 - Ice Scheduler - Michael Zook
 - Web Designer - Michael Zook
 - Public Relations - Corey Smith
 - Referee Coordinator - Ken Speidel
 - MAHA Representative - Mike Pancich
 - Coach-In-Chief - Matt Leaf
 - Concessions - Jordan Keller
 - Equipment Manager - Ty Hoffman
 - Ice Foundation / Ice Plex Representative - Corey Smith
 - Guests / Observers:





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Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Previous Meeting Date: 9/8/2026
 - Motion to Approve: Dwight Stevenson
 - Second by: Cheyenne Smith
 - Vote: Pass

Approval of Treasurer Report

- Treasurer - Kassie Longfellow
 - Current account balances.
 - Income and expenses since the previous meeting.
 - Registration revenue and outstanding payment plans.
 - Outstanding reimbursements or payments.
 - Fundraising revenue and reconciliation.
 - Discussion on what to do with CD after it matures – Discuss in at November Meeting
 - Motion to Approve: Jeff Winkler
 - Second by: Kelly Herda
 - Vote: Pass

Reports Executive Board

- President - Scott Moodie
 - Association-wide updates.
 - Board governance items.
 - Outstanding Board decisions.
 - MAHA or Ice Plex matters requiring Executive Board attention.
 - Finalize Flex Ice Schedule
 - 12U and 14U are coordinating with availability
 - 11/29 and 12/20 6U
 - 10/25 and 11/15 8U
 - Discuss Conversations that have come up post setting the practice schedule and what are options are moving forward.
 - Thanksgiving/Christmas Practice Schedule
 - If practice is given up for the holidays, it banks and can be used later in the season for an empty spot
 - Thanksgiving:
 - Tuesday Practice Only for 6U/8U
 - No Practice on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas
 - All practices besides Varsity and JV cancelled on 10/29/26
 - Welcome 6U reps Derrick Merchant (2 year) and Caitlin Vecchione (1 year)
 - Email Votes:
 - **Rust Family Donation, \$500**
 - Status: Approved by Email Vote
 - Motion to donate \$500 directly to the Rust family.





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- Board President Scott Moodie confirmed sufficient affirmative votes on October 1, 2026.
- No opposing votes identified.
- Action: Record approval in the October meeting minutes.
- Donation will go to the family specifically. Kassie will reach out to Sarah Carper
- **12U B Team Framework**
 - Status: Approved by Email Vote
 - Approval of the proposed 12U B tournament team structure.
 - All 12U players will continue practicing together under Marc Troyer.
 - Board President Scott Moodie confirmed sufficient affirmative votes on October 1, 2026.
 - Action: Record approval in the October meeting minutes.
- **Concessions No-Show Penalty**
 - Status: Pending Final Vote Confirmation
 - Motion: Jordan Keller.
 - Second: Becky Kujava.
 - Proposed penalty of four additional volunteer hours for volunteers who fail to attend a scheduled concessions shift without providing notice.
 - Multiple affirmative votes received, including additional votes following the October 1 motion summary.
 - No opposing votes identified.
 - Action: Verify the final vote count and determine whether the motion passed. Record the result in the minutes.
- **Square Handheld Purchase, \$399**
 - Status: 10 Yes, 0 No Identified
 - Motion: Becky Kujava.
 - Second: Bronson Stubbs.
 - Purchase of a Square Handheld POS device for \$399.
 - Primary uses include tournament raffle sales, mobile concessions sales, and concession inventory management.
 - Seven affirmative replies identified, with no opposing votes.
 - Action: Confirm the voting threshold and formally record the outcome.
- **12U Americans Trading Pins**
 - Status: Pending Board Approval
 - Request submitted by Caitlyn Vecchione, 12U B Team Manager.
 - Approval requested to use the Great Falls Americans logo for custom 2026–2027 trading pins.
 - Approximately 500 pins at an estimated cost of \$600.
 - Pins will be available to the entire 12U division.
 - Purchase funded privately or through voluntary donations, with no required association reimbursement.
 - No formal approval votes identified in the email thread.
 - Action: Discuss and vote on logo use and authorization to order the pins.
 - Motion Bronson Stubbs





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- Second: Neal
 - Vote: Pass
- **Ryatt Shaw, 10U Practice-Only Petition**
 - Status: Board Discussion Required
 - Petition for Ryatt Shaw, an 8U player, to participate in 10U practices only.
 - Original email approval request withdrawn on October 5, 2026.
 - Item is deferred to the October 13 board meeting.
 - Action: Review petition, discuss eligibility, and vote if appropriate.
 - Motion: Dwight Stevensen
 - Second: Kelly Herda
 - Vote: Pass
- Ice Plex Meeting
 - 12/19 – Figure Skaters Showcase
 - Women’s League is looking for goalies
 - Ice Plex should be doing a light upgrade
- Vice President - Michael Zook
 - Assistant Coach Board Approvals – Add in Gary Bell for 12U upon confirmation from Matt Leaf
 - Doug Longfellow for 10U
 - Marcus Ivey, Trevor Haynes, Ty Fayden for Goalie Coaches
 - Motion: Jordan Keller
 - Second: Bronson Stubbs
 - Vote: Pass
- Team Manager Board Approvals in Bylaws
 - HS – Randy and Amy Gilbertson
 - JV – Jennifer Chambers
 - 14 – Melissa Pancich
 - 12U – Heidi Acker
 - 12UB – Caitlin Vecchione
 - 10UA – Lilly Carol
 - 10UB- Chanelle Maroney
 - 10UC – TBD
 - 8U – Kayla Moodie and Erin Merchant
 - 6U - Kayla Moodie and Erin Merchant
 - Motion: Jordan Keller
 - Second: Michael Zook
 - Vote: Pass
- Grievance & Discipline Process Review
 - Follow process in bylaws for grievances
 - Must have a meeting within 10 days of incident
- Secretary - Jordan Keller





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- Monthly Agenda can be sent out a day ahead of the monthly meeting but need communication back from each representative. Either please communicate what you would like added or respond with nothing to add.
 - Deadline for Agenda items will be noon on the Monday before the Board Meeting.
- Past President – Mike Pancich

Division Representatives

- High School - Dwight Stevenson / Jeff Winkler
 - **Reid and Benjamin Grassman Registration Refund**
 - Players have decided to step away from hockey to focus on school and early graduation.
 - Representatives were notified September 25, 2026.
 - A full registration refund has been requested.
 - No newer correspondence was located indicating that the request has already been decided.
 - Requested Board Action: Review the refund request and determine whether a full registration refund will be issued.
 - Action: Discussion / Vote Needed.
 - Requesting status of deposits for Casey cup for 2026 and 2025 as mentioned in the board meeting in August
 - Motion: Dwight Stevensen
 - Second: Jeff Winkler
 - Vote: Pass
 - **JV Team Equipment**
 - With the more formal separation of the Varsity and JV teams, additional equipment is needed for the JV program.
 - Approximately \$80 in team water bottles have already been purchased.
 - Work is underway with the Ice Plex to obtain a dedicated JV locker.
 - Additional needs include pucks, whiteboards, and other basic team equipment.
 - The Board previously approved 10 practice jerseys; five were intended for Varsity.
 - Requested Board Action: Review remaining needs and anticipated costs and approve additional JV equipment purchases as appropriate.
 - Action: Discussion / Motion Needed.
 - Motion: Dwight Stevensen
 - Second: Jeff Winkler
 - Vote: Pass
 - **Locker Room Monitors / Association-Wide Volunteer Requirement**
 - Although this discussion is being brought forward through the High School program, the proposed expectation would apply association-wide.
 - High School has particular locker-room coverage concerns, but all divisions need a reliable pool of eligible locker-room monitors.
 - Discuss having all parents register as volunteers and complete SafeSport and any required background screening so a larger group is eligible to serve as locker-room monitors.





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- Current concern: if locker-room monitoring is going to be a firm association requirement, relying on only a few Board representatives and a small number of screened volunteers is not sufficient.
- Requested Board Action: Establish an association-wide locker-room monitor expectation and, if approved, authorize communication to all families explaining the Board requirement, volunteer registration, SafeSport, background-screening expectations, and implementation timeline. Potential to ask additional 5 members per division to get their background checks.
 - Could entertain 1 hour volunteer credit if you get your background check
- Action: Discussion / Possible Motion Needed.
 - Motion: Dwight Stevensen
 - Second: Jeff Winkler
 - Vote: Pass
- **High School Team Warm-Ups**
 - Coach would like to discuss standardized High School team warm-up apparel, exclusive to varsity.
 - Initial concept: team T-shirt and shorts for pregame/team warm-ups.
 - Requested Board Action: Discuss the concept, budget, purchasing responsibility, and whether to move forward for the current season.
 - Action: Discussion / Decision Needed.
 - High School Game Awards / Player Recognition
 - Discuss creating a player-of-the-game recognition after each game, regardless of win, loss, or tie.
 - Initial concept: the selected player receives a T-shirt or similar team recognition item.
 - Requested Board Action: Determine whether to establish the program and, if so, approve the type of award, budget, and process.
 - Scott wants the designs, cost, criteria of awarding apparel.
 - Will follow up next month after Dwight and Jeff build a proposal
- **High School Training Gear**
 - Training equipment was previously provided by D. S. for Board follow-up.
 - Previously discussed items included bulk/additional practice pucks, Rick-O-Shay goalie training equipment, the Winell Heavy Duty 72-inch Skill Net, Give-N-Go Hockey equipment, and other player-development equipment.
 - Prior discussion contemplated training equipment that could also be available for broader association use where appropriate.
 - Requested Board Action: Determine which training items, if any, should be purchased and whether additional pricing or coach recommendations are needed.
 - Action: Discussion / Decision Needed.
 - Requesting \$1500 for a Shooter Tooter, Winwell and Spiked Rebounder
 - <https://givengohockey.com/products/special-order-give-n-go-60-inch-off-ice-28-without-teeth-29>
 - Winwell – \$372
 - <https://www.goaliemonkey.com/winnwell-hockey-accessories-72in-hd-skill-net.html>
 - Motion: Jeff Winkler
 - Second: Dwight Stevenson
 - Vote: Pass





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- **Coach Stipend / Expense Timing**
 - The Board previously approved coach stipends. High School coaching staff has asked when those payments will be triggered and distributed.
 - Discuss whether stipend payment should occur before the season, at the start of regular-season play, at another defined milestone, or on another Board-approved schedule.
 - Previous discussion also included prepaid cards or another method to reduce the need for coaches to personally carry approved team expenses; determine whether that is workable or whether an alternative process should be used.
 - Requested Board Action: Establish the timing and process for coach stipend payments and approved coaching expenses.
 - Action: Will keep compensation at the midpoint of the season.
 - Mileage
 - Coaching Education
 - Hotels
 - Meal Stipend
 - Kassie would like the Team Managers to follow up with coaches and assist in coordinating the reimbursement.
 - End of December Receipt turn and end of season
- **High School Letterman Jacket / Varsity Letter Criteria**
 - With separate Varsity and JV programming, establish clear criteria for letterman jackets and for earning a varsity letter.
 - One concept for discussion is for a player who makes Varsity to receive or be eligible for the team letterman jacket, while the actual GF/Grizzlies varsity letter must be earned under criteria established by the program and approved by the Board.
 - Additional recognition, such as a captain C, can be handled separately from the criteria for earning the varsity letter.
 - Requested Board Action: Define eligibility for the jacket, criteria for earning the varsity letter, and the association's financial responsibility for the jacket and related awards.
 - Action: Discussion / Policy Direction Needed.
 - What is the criteria for lettering in Varsity
 - Must complete a year of participation in the highest level that the association offers
 - Dwight and Jeff will do additional research and table it for next month's meeting.
- 14U - Meghan Haynes / Charlie Hibl
 - New Years Day Home Tournament
 - Only 1 B team signed up so far
 - Motion to move a tournament to an A Tournament with bringing in players from Havre and Billings for cross-roster
 - Motion: Meghan Haynes
 - Second: Jordan Keller
 - Vote: Pass
 - Next year ensuring it does not fall on the first week of January
 - Dasher Board forms and who to contact





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- Potential for adding players from Billings to 14U Team
 - Billings cut 9 kids down to House League and would like to ask if they can play with 14U
 - Current 14 + a goalie
 - Only have 9 for Home Tournament
 - Might entertain with home tournament but it is a NO for TSL Games
 - Hurting for Goalies and looking at making an incentive for getting more goalies
 - Table discussion to potential wave registration for goalies
- 12U - Cheyenne Smith / Neal Popichak
 - Uniform Quality is not the same as it was before and it seems like the uniforms are not going to make it through the season in some age groups
 - There was an opportunity to review the uniforms before purchase and the board did approve the new uniforms.
 - Does 12U need approval for parents to buy breezer covers
 - Start promoting uniform colors as player progress through the age groups.
- 10U - Matt Baker / Joe Maroney
 - Reimbursement for Missoula was completed
 - E-transfers may add an additional fee for Canadian Transactions, so keep that in mind when purchasing.
 - Matt will reimburse next month for Games and Refs this weekend.
- 8U – Kelly Herda / Bronson Stubbs
 - Big Sky State Games Next Summer Survey
 - July 16 – 18
 - Sent out to Division Reps on 10/2
- 6U - Derrick Merchant / Caitlin Vecchione
- House League - Cody Lee
- Girls Hockey - Becky Kujava

Committee Members / Appointed Positions

- Registrar - Sarah Carper (Assistant Registrar: Kayla Moodie)
- Fundraising Committee - Gina McArthur
 - Fundraising to 10/26 5pm-7pm
 - 11/15 at the Do Bar @11AM
 - “Bar-to-Bar”
 - Extra Gun Raffle Tickets – Turn into Gina so they can be redistributed
- Tournament Director - Micaela Brandt
 - Wally Floen 14U Tournament
 - Discuss challenges with team participation and registration, particularly within the 14U B division.
 - Review concerns from families regarding the tournament falling on a holiday weekend.
 - Discuss options to improve participation and determine how to proceed, especially since GFAHA's home team competes in the B division.
 - Hockey in the Rockies
 - 3 left to pay





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- Electric City Invite
 - 2 teams have paid
- Casey Cup
 - Waiting on Sarah Carper
- Mighty Mites 12/11 through 12/13
 - Can have 16+
 - 6 home teams – starting tournament negative \$2,200 just with Ice time
 - Looking to earn between \$5 to 8k for the tournament weekend prior to equipment expenses being applied against the profits
 - Potentially look at increase in tournament fees for outside teams
- 12U B Team
 - 3 teams have not yet paid
- Division Tournament Expectations
 - Review each division's responsibilities and expectations for hosting its tournament.
 - Clarify requirements for planning, coordination, volunteer participation, and tournament operations.
 - Division Reps need to delegate small task to multiple individuals to contribute to the tournament
- Grievance and Disciplinary Chair / Risk Manager / SafeSport - Charlie Hibl
 - SafeSport – Communication for additional locker room monitors
 - 1 Grievance – has been closed out
- Ice Scheduler - Michael Zook
- Web Designer - Michael Zook
- Ice Foundation / Ice Plex Representative - Corey Smith
 - Social Media
 - Get info to Corey for more social media posts
 - Working on Parking Lot Graveling and Compacting
 - Raise the Flag Campaign
 - High Schooler is going for Eagle Scout, and this is his project
 - Currently just under \$500
 - Currently installing new Wi-Fi system as of 10/12/26
 - Remind parents about rules of the ice plex
 - Running around and rough housing
 - Top of the lockers in the locker rooms need to be cleared off or will be dealt with by the ice plex
 - Pick up locker rooms after being used
 - UP playing Griz on Friday
 - Americans are playing Bozeman on Saturday
 - Free Skate this 10/16 12pm – 1PM from First Interstate Bank
 - Punch Cards available at Skate Shop
 - Last year the Ice Plex was the recipient for the Sports Foundation
 - On the hook again this year to be the recipients of it again
 - Hopefully tickets available after the first of the year – 50 books of tickets
 - New lights will allow for laser lights and light shows





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- Referee Coordinator - Ken Speidel
 - Termite tournament next weekend - no referees needed.
 - New MAHA guide for inadequate referee fee
 - If there is not enough referees per game, fines will be levied
 - One last push for officiating recruitment
 - Lost 4 referees this week that decided not to return this year
 - Hurting for 12U and below
 - Could open recruitment to Lewistown for additional referees
- MAHA Representative - Mike Pancich
- Coach-In-Chief - Matt Leaf
- Concessions - Jordan Keller
 - Attendance tracking
 - Operational issues.
 - Concessions No-Call, No-Show Policy
- Equipment Manager - Ty Hoffman
 - Would like to make a motion to purchase 300 pucks as our supply is getting low.
 - Motion: Neal Popichak
 - Second: Bronson Stubbs
 - Vote: Pass

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- Open Forum / Public Comment
 - Next Meeting
 - Date: 11/10/2026
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 - Location: Great Falls Ice Plex, 4001 29th Street SW, Great Falls, MT 59404
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- Adjournment
 - Motion by: Neal Popichak
 - Seconded by: Bronson Stubbs
 - Vote: Pass
 - Time: 2045

