

Redwood Area Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2026 - 6:00 pm - RACC

Meeting called to order at 6:17 pm

Roll Call: Siri Youngkrantz, Heather Wolner, Jen Keehl, Kandy Korte, Susie Lang, Heidi Linsmeier, Emily Nelson, Sommer Wertish.

Agenda

Wolner motioned for the approval of the meeting agenda, second by Korte.

Citizens Forum

Minutes

Wolner motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting, second by Nelson.

Gambling & Treasurer's Report

Wolner emailed the report. Going forward, when RAHA hosts tournaments, we need to make sure all registrations are paid online and prior to the tournament. Hutchinson owes for three teams yet, Youngkrantz will check into this with them. Sweetman Sanitation covering the costs of trophies for an upcoming tournament. Timely deposits are being made with concessions this year. Cashless concessions and sharpening were suggested.

Gambling Year to Date is at \$38,586. Steve completed his continuing education requirements. The annual report was completed and received a 5 star grade.

Motion by Wertish and seconded by Korte to set the 2026 raffle for February 7th, 2026.

Hockey Operations

JV and Varsity players were required to volunteer with the youth teams. Very nice to see this but this was not communicated to the other coaches and caused some confusion.

Learn to Skate has returned and is held on Sundays 4-4:45pm and provides helmets and gloves with skate rentals available.

Peewees are hosting a tournament over Valentine's weekend. Penalty boxes will be covered by the teams playing.

Squirts were scheduled for a tournament by a past manager and are over the tournament fees covered by the association. Agreement to cover the \$150 overage by the board.

The new Girls team manager is doing a great job as a new manager and great with gamesheets.

Committee Updates

Tournaments/Ice Scheduling – Peewees Districts will be held in Redwood Falls. Shields and Kwik Trip sponsor requests have been requested. College age refs are being hired for the weekend.

Fundraising/Marketing – Blankets cost \$10-14.50 to the Association and can be sold for \$25 or more. Can also be sold in concessions. They can also be “boosted” with an insulated layer in the middle. The board liked the product, encouraged to look into further for a next year fundraiser.

Work needs to be done on a policy for families who don't pay for the fundraisers. Beyond not allowing the skater on the ice, the Association has no way to enforce the issue. Further discussion of this will happen at the annual meeting in April.

The Chevy Fundraiser check has been received for \$1,000 and the new banner is hanging in the lobby.

Kwik Trip Carwashes Vs. Toilet Paper? Organizers and families found it to be logistically easier. Lindsey Seamen will finalize her numbers for the next meeting.

Community Outreach – Parades are not cutting it for recruitment efforts, more needs to be done. Requesting that coaches and teams do their own outreach in the communities. The annual Fire and Ice event in Redwood Fall will be held on February 7th and many RAHA teams will be there throughout the day participating in events.

Champions are needed to get Minnesota Try Hockey Days, and the RAHA Summer Dryland events to be better attended and more robust.

Nelson and Korte volunteered to get flyers created and into the schools about the summer programs.

Gift Cards – RAHA has Dick's gift cards for equipment needs. Suggested to get more items for the Learn to Skate, Mites and Mini Mites.

District 4 – According to MN Hockey maps, BOLD players should be going to Willmar. This would be devastating to RAHA's Association as well as the Redwood Area JV and Varsity programs. If District 4 lost RAHA, it would also be the end of District 4. Options are being explored and MN Hockey will be voting on this at the end of the season.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Next meeting: February 16, 2026

Board Members: President: Siri Youngkrantz, Treasurer: Heather Wolner, Jen Keehl, Kandy Korte, Susie Lang, Heidi Linsmeier, Emily Nelson, Sommer Wertish.