

## ***Hockey Club Fairbanks - Board Meeting Minutes***

May 21, 2025 @ 7:00pm

HCF Clubhouse - 3111 Davis Road

- I. Call to order
  - a. Board Members: Dave, Audra, Megan & Ben - (Luther, Jonal, Togi on phone)
  - b. Board Members excused: Wade
  - c. Others: Anna, RT, Angela
- II. Approval of Agenda: Megan - motion, Ben - second, PASSED
- III. Persons to be heard: none
- IV. Election - Introduce candidates & vote:
  - a. Jonal Machos - incumbent
  - b. Ben Roth - incumbent
  - c. Dave Szumigala - incumbent
  - d. Greg Brilinski
  - e. Erin Gibson
  - f. Kat Johnson
  - g. Karesa Kramer
  - h. Nicole Matthews
  - i. Josh Norum
  - j. Darren Resa
    - i. Results: 32 voters & successful candidates: **Roth, Szumigala, Johnson & Norum**
    - ii. Winner \$100 credit for next year: Ashley Binkley (12U) 907-854-4089
- V. Approval of April 16, 2025 Minutes - postponed
- VI. Reports
  - a. President/Vice President – Dave: Thanked folks for participating in the vote & sticking around for the remainder of the meeting. This was one of the larger turnouts we've had for voting.
  - b. ASHA report – Audra/ Anna:
    - i. Girls Districts (T1 & T2 and all ages) in Anchorage Feb 19-22, RT offered up technical assistance
    - ii. Fbks got thumbs up for our Hospitality Rooms
    - iii. ASHA had a request to host older state tournaments earlier so no conflicts with other HS sports
  - c. Officials – Jason (absent)
  - d. Treasurer – Megan/ Hayden
    - i. Looking for new Clubhouse Sponsor
    - ii. No additional report
  - e. Executive Director – Anna (see ED report)

- f. Hockey Director – RT
    - i. Incorporating skill development & prepping for tryouts
    - ii. Expecting a new kiddo in July!
    - iii. Coaches selection committee to avoid “good ole boys club”
    - iv. RT would like to spend more time w players next year
    - v. Hoping to get more HS kids helping with 8U next year (NPHS was great last year)
    - vi. Close coaches portal June 1, announce coaches by June 21
    - vii. Scott S may be willing to help mentor higher level coaches
    - viii. Thinking about a Fbks comp tournament in August
  - g. Safe Sport Coordinator – Dave: no report
  - h. Registrar - Audra, nothing to report
  - i. HCF Clubhouse - Megan
    - i. We received \$\$ from TVYS for Clubhouse solar
    - ii. RT & Chris will install the new shooting screen
  - j. Clothing - Angela: meeting with PIAS this week w Anna
- VII. New Business
- a. Which state tournaments would HCF like to try & host in 2025/26?
    - i. 14UA, 14UB, 16UT2 youth, 10UA & 12U major
- VIII. Old Business:
- a. E-vote for HCF Board President (May 20): Audra made a motion to extend Luther's term as HCF Board President by one year, Jonal seconded. **PASSED**
- IX. Comments/Announcements:
- a. Erich Ott (Otter Dental): offered to hold a custom mouthguard clinic at The Clubhouse.
  - b. Alpine Medical - impact sensors for helmets
- X. Next Meeting: June 26, 2025 - 6:30pm - financial items from retreat
- XI. Adjournment: ??
- XII. Retreat topics:
- a. **Topics from May Retreat to discuss in JUNE 2025:**
    - i. Coaching Plan for 2025-26 (RT)
    - ii. HCF Admin Training opportunity - Fbks Chamber of Commerce Leadership Course (Anna)
    - iii. 10 Year Anniversary of HCF Celebration (2025-26 Season) - Ben
    - iv. Fundraising Plans & Sponsor Forms (Megan)
    - v. Changing the Scholarship Deadline
    - vi. Unresolved clothing issues (Angela)
    - vii. Financial Plan (Megan):
      - 1. HCF 2024/25 Budget Review
      - 2. Price breakdown per division
      - 3. Teams that practice at FTWW get charged the actual rate, rather than the blended rate if they are sharing ice.
      - 4. Staff Contracts

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**HCF Board Candidates – May 2025** (Note these were printed out and posted in a few places in the Clubhouse at the start of the meeting so that voters could read them)

**Jonal Machos** - incumbent

**Ben Roth** - incumbent

**Dave Szumigala** - incumbent - AKA “Zoom, Coach Zoom - I have been involved with various sports for my entire life. I began my involvement with youth sports in Fairbanks when my boys started playing organized sports. I have coached youth basketball, running, soccer, and hockey since 2005.

I have coached youth hockey since my boys started as Mites in 2007. I have been a head or assistant coach for rec, comp, and high school hockey teams for almost 20 years. I am currently the head coach for the HCF 6U hockey program.

I have served as a Board member for FAHA and HCF and I am the current HCF Vice-President. I am also the SafeSport Coordinator for HCF.

**Greg Brilinski** - I was born and raised in Michigan all throughout my youth I was involved in Wrestling, Baseball, and Hockey, upon Graduation from High School in 2003 I enlisted in the Army and served until I medically retired in 2018. I came back up to Alaska where my Daughter Aubrey wanted to get into hockey, she started her last year of 8U and loved it which lead me to volunteer as much as I could, when she progressed into 10U-12U I wanted to give back and guide and mentor which lead me to get into coaching. Whether selected or not I look forward to continuing coaching and mentoring and look forward to another successful year.

**Erin Gibson** - I am Erin Gibson. All 4 of my kids have played HCF at some point in time. We have also played other sports with other organizations. I have been on the board of my HOA in the past and I have also been in charge of a parent advisory committee within the school district. I am looking forward to a new challenge and sharing ideas.

**Kat Johnson** - I am a soon to be retired Air Force Officer with 23 years of experience in military leadership, team building, research, and analysis. I have been actively involved in Hockey Club Fairbanks (HCF) since its inception in 2016, managing at the team and/or division level for the last 6 years. As a board member, I would bring my passion for hockey and youth sports in general, as well as time and willingness to put in the work to create a positive hockey experience for as many families as possible, across all age groups and skill levels.

Relevant Experience: Led small teams (8 - 20 people) to accomplish organizational objectives - Background in research and analysis to inform leadership decision making, able to consider information from multiple sources and perspectives, both quantitative and qualitative in nature - HCF Division Manager at the 10U and 14U age groups, Team Manager at 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U age groups.

Personal Connection: Having two kids in hockey, it's been a joy to watch them grow as human beings and develop confidence, friendships, leadership, and athleticism through this sport. Having participated in High School sports myself, I understand how beneficial sports can be in developing well-rounded human beings and contributing members of our community. I believe that all kids should have the opportunity to participate in youth sports.

Commitment: I'm committed to growing youth hockey within our community and feel that a strong recreational youth hockey program at the grassroots level will create the best experience for the majority of our youth hockey families and also lay the foundation for developing great kids and great hockey players at levels, recreational and competitive. I think the Minnesota community model gets it right by championing a model of "as many as possible, as long as possible, in the best environment possible". I think HCF's values align with that model, which is why I strive to support the organization in any way I can, be it on the board or in any other capacity where my abilities can be leveraged.

**Karesa Kramer** - Hi, my name is Karesa Kramer and I have been involved in the hockey community in one way or another for over ten years now. I have been a team manager and financial manager for multiple teams starting with my son's 8U season. I am also the Treasurer for Friends of Hockey Club Fairbanks. I am also in my fourth year of being on the North Pole Hockey Booster Club as the Treasurer. Most recently for Hockey Club Fairbanks, I was the team manager for Coach Halbert's 18UAA 24-25 season team. This will be my son's last year of 18U so I was thinking I would look at getting involved in a different capacity as maybe a board member. Thank you for your time and sorry that I couldn't be there in person.

**Nicole Matthews** - Hi! I'm Nicole - a new hockey mom and Fairbanks resident. I have a rich history of work experience I believe will serve our hockey community. Public speaking, small business start-ups, event planning: corporate, private, and civic, hospitality, interior design and home construction, floral design, catering.

How it can help. When you have someone with diverse skills your organization is stronger. As a new hockey mom and Fairbanks resident I believe there is a group of residents who want to be connected to the hockey community - they just don't know how.

As the new kids on the block we can help innovate new/different ideas for staying in touch

with existing hockey families and recruiting new ones. We can make the onboarding experience a little bit stronger. My son loved his first year of hockey and there are some things we wish had been different. The benefit of having a new person on site is you don't have to settle for, "this is the way it's always been done." You can take new risks that can make your organization stronger.

**Josh Norum** - As a proud fifth-generation Alaskan and the Owner/President of Sourdough Express, I am eager to serve on the Board of Directors for Hockey Club Fairbanks, bringing my lifelong passion for hockey to the role. I grew up skating in Fairbanks' competitive youth leagues with FAHA and Arctic Lions, played high school hockey for West Valley, and refereed games for youth teams, Ice Dogs, and Nanooks. For the past three years, I've been a dedicated HCF parent, cheering on my two children as they've developed their skills on the ice, and I've cherished coaching our young players, passing down the love for the game that shaped me. Hockey has given me so much, and I'm committed to giving back by helping HCF remain a tight-knit, thriving community that nurtures the next generation of Fairbanks talent, both on and off the ice.

**Darren Resa**