

Hockey Club Fairbanks - Board Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2026 @ 5:30pm

HCF Clubhouse - 3111 Davis Road

- I. Call to order - 5:34pm
 - a. Board Members: Dave, Megan, Audra, Ben, Wade, Togi, Josh, Kat
 - i. Board Members excused: Luther
 - b. Others: Anna, RT, Jason, Angela
 - i. Others excused:
- II. Approval of Agenda: Motion Megan, Second Josh - PASSED
- III. Persons to be heard: Three players brought ideas for changes to HCF jersey colors & design next season.
- IV. Approval of March 16, 2026 Minutes: Motion Megan, Second Wade - PASSED
- V. Reports
 - a. President/Vice President – Luther/ Dave - nothing
 - b. ASHA report – (Audra/ Ben/ Anna)
 - i. ASHA meeting April 25, 2026, Anna in person; Audra & Ben on the Zoom call
 - ii. USAH Rep Chris was there and spoke alot about Olympic success and how there are discussions happening behind the scenes for transfer agreements, Tier 1 National Bound requirements, border state issues, etc..
 - iii. ASHA Vote: all candidates ran unopposed and were **Approved**: President: Clint Lancaster, VP Comp Council: Sean Rafter, Treasurer: Jim Newhouse, VP Adult /Adult Discipline: Hugh Towe
 - iv. More talk about kids leaving Alaska to play elsewhere, even after having success on Team Alaska (they are being recruited away). Players in Tier 1 programs should be 7.5% of total membership. Good coaching and game opportunities will keep kids in state.
 - v. High School Hockey - discussion about how to increase support in AK
 - vi. HCF owes ASHA for scoresheets
 - vii. Suggested Handbook changes are due June 15
 - viii. Gamesheets will have some improvements next season to fix errors with misconducts.
 - ix. Rec Council discussing girls dual rostering with Girls & Women's Council - needs vs wants, Developing a B+ League?
 - x. Adult Leagues are seeing more penalties
 - xi. This season we were down 150 6U players across the state. Organizations are encouraged to hold THFF events.
 - xii. Volunteer numbers also down across the state. 😞
 - xiii. ASHA Hockey Hall of Fame event - Sept 12 at Capt Cook
 1. Greg & Sue Johnson will be inducted
 - xiv. **Approved** banking resolution to reflect new officers

- xv. **Approved** AHA 10U & 12U comp teams (3 each)
 - xvi. Send Janella new names and contact info for the Board after our May election.**
 - c. Officials – Jason
 - i. A few game reports from Spring League (14/16U)
 - ii. Ref registration opens Friday for next season
 - iii. Alaska needs to host 3 online ref courses before in-person classes can be offered.
 - d. Treasurer – Megan/Hayden
 - i. Need to spend or transfer gaming \$\$ by June 30. **Ben motion, Togi second to move \$55K in gaming funds to the 3111 Davis account - PASSED**
 - ii. Still need to pay for Spring League ice
 - iii. The operating account will start the 2026/27 season with about the same amount as the 2025/26 season.
 - iv. **Togi motion, Ben second to move any 2025/26 remaining player funds (after all refunds processed) into HCF scholarship account. PASSED**
 - e. Executive Director – Anna: see report
 - f. Hockey Director – RT
 - i. Discussion about comp coaches and the comp teams (AA/maj/min) HCF projects to host in 2026/27
 - 1. Girls 14U, 19U
 - 2. Youth 18U, 16U, 14U, 12 maj/min, 10 maj/min
 - ii. Girls tryouts (lots of interest!) - parent meetings on Sunday
 - iii. Gold Rush fall tournament for 10&12U maj/min ~Aug 20
 - g. Safe Sport Coordinator – Dave - nothing to report
 - h. Registrar - Audra - nothing to report until July when USAH portal reopens.
 - i. HCF Clubhouse - Megan/ Ben
 - i. Discussion about the Swift scheduling system (online lock platform) \$185/month - no action taken, more research needed.
 - ii. Togi spoke about Dipper outdoor rink expansion progress and discussions with borough mayor
 - j. Clothing - Angela
- VI. New Business
- a. Election: HCF President election - Kat nominated Megan, Megan accepted nomination. Some discussion about who would take on the treasurer role. **Board confirmed Megan as new HCF Board President with a 3-year term.** An announcement will go out to our membership.
 - b. **Ben motion, Megan seconded a resolution to support HCF applying for a \$15K grant from TVYSF for quick change goalie gear and for additional equipment needed for 6U-10U hockey. PASSED**
 - c. Upcoming elections - General election for members at large will occur at the May Meeting. Megan, Audra & Togi's terms are expiring, and Megan's seat will now be open.

Togi is not running but Audra is. Will start recruiting after tonight. \$100 drawing for each age group at the May meeting.

VII. Old Business:

- a. HCF team clothing policy - **Josh motion, Megan seconded to accept the 2026/27 clothing policy as amended. PASSED**
- b. Updated HCF Travel Policy - **Josh motion, Kat seconded to accept the new travel form and policy as proposed. PASSED**
- c. HCF Comp Council - **Josh motion, Ben seconded to add Comp Council proposal to HCF bylaws as amended. PASSED**
 - i. Kat will continue work on Rec Council language
- d. Lotto Alaska/AGWH recognition sign has been posted at the Clubhouse
- e. 10 Year Anniversary of HCF Celebration (2025-26 Season) - Ben/ Angela
 - i. Angela is still working on hoody design, it will be available at the retreat.

VIII. Comments/Announcements:

- a. End of Season Celebration is May 2, noon at Polar (outside)
- b. HCF 10 year strategic review follow up with Jane Taffe will occur May 6 at 5:45pm. Nerland Conference Room at FMH

IX. Next Meeting: May 18, 2026 @ 5:30pm

X. Adjournment: 9:02pm

XI. Retreat topics:

- a. Metrics for staff bonuses
- b. Revisit converting Clubhouse to Natural Gas
- c. Increasing sponsorship amounts to cover embroiders/printing costs on practice jerseys, and warmup pants/jackets (starting 2026/27 season)
- d. Contracts for clothing, PIAS, Santas Stitches, others
- e. Clothing 2026-27, how is sponsorship going to look?
- f. Clothing 2026-27, there is a suggestion that we add the yeti as an option on the sublimated pant covers?
- g. Clothing 2026-27, the black and white is still difficult to distinguish when we are playing our own teams. Any thoughts on this?
- h. Clothing 2026-27, need clarification on what is allowed on the helmets or gloves for teams who want to be unique.
- i. Consistent HCF Team naming conventions (HCF, HCF Freeze, Fairbanks Freeze, etc..)
- j. Clothing & Jersey & Hoody costs for 2026/27
- k. Update scholarship form including financials, needs statement and foster families.
- l. Special needs training for coaches
- m. Districts vs/ Nationals - should T2 boys get their State tournament fees paid for since that is essentially Districts? (\$1500)
- n. Think about new candidates for Hockey Director position (after 2026/27 season).
- o. Shifting some \$\$ from stipend for 8U and 10U AGC to the Division Manager position.
- p. Purchasing advertising space on Polar dasher boards/ steps.

- q. Blended rate for FTWW, teams feel they are being overcharged. Also give a discount for non prime ice (ex/ 4:15pm)
- r. Ponytail Custom Jerseys
- s. How to better recognize sponsors - banners not working
- t. Trademark the HCF logo(s)
- u. Military discount by getting a large military donor
- v. Identify new HCF Clubhouse large sponsor
- w. Consider adding color (teal?) to the current HCF jersey design