

Hockey Club Fairbanks - Board Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2026 @ 5:30pm

HCF Clubhouse - 3111 Davis Road

- I. Call to order - 5:35pm
 - a. Board Members: Megan, Dave, Audra, Ben, Wade, Josh, Kat
 - i. Board Members excused: Togi
 - b. Others: Anna, RT, Jason, Angela
 - i. Others excused:
- II. Approval of Agenda: Motion Dave, Second Ben - PASSED
- III. Persons to be heard: none (although there were alot of people in attendance)
- IV. Approval of April 29, 2026 Minutes: Motion Dave, Second Kat - PASSED
- V. General Election
 - a. Introduction of candidates: Audra Brase (incumbent), Tracey Adams, James Binkley, Jonathan Bradish, Matt Ellis, Scott Ilgenfritz, Chris Lindsoe and Jonal Machos
 - b. 39 voters - Binkley, Bradish and Machos elected (all three year terms)**
 - c. Appointing Secretary & Treasurer positions - postponed until retreat so new members can be polled for their interest.
 - d. Winners for \$100 off registration in 2026/27: 6U-Ashley Ellis, 8U-Darren Resa, 10U-Erich Ott, 12U-Lindsey Wood, 14U-Margie Goertzen, 16U-Jason Gillam, 18U/19U-JoLee Guichici
- VI. Reports
 - a. President/Vice President – Megan/ Dave
 - i. Megan did a straw poll of the members in attendance for their interest in color on the jerseys. There was head nodding. Comment about difficulty telling teams apart when we play each other.
 - b. ASHA report – (Audra/ Ben/ Anna):
 - i. no activity since the last meeting. Reminder that handbook changes are due June 15.
 - ii. Clint Lancaster (new ASHA President) called in and introduced himself. Talked about forward thinking, keeping hockey affordable, HS and Team Alaska.
 - c. Officials – Jason - registration is open for officials and starting to get some interest
 - d. Treasurer – Megan/Hayden
 - i. Most comp teams have issued their refunds
 - ii. All rinks rental fees are going up next season.
 - e. Executive Director – Anna: see report
 - i. AK 529 renewed their jersey sponsorship, Anna is meeting with Mt McKinley Bank, and Kat is looking at military partnerships.
 - ii. Need to get ASHA Comp Council to approve HCF early tryouts due to lack of ice & ice conflicts.
 - f. Hockey Director – RT

- i. NARCE - Anna will write up her notes but both Anna and RT found it very valuable and energizing.
 - ii. 10U comp coaches should be announced soon.
 - g. Safe Sport Coordinator – Dave: an issue reported under SS was actually a Discipline Issue, it will be addressed before next season. Second time having the same issue with this player.
 - h. Registrar - Audra - nothing to report until July when USAH portal reopens.
 - i. HCF Clubhouse - Megan/ Ben
 - i. Roof leaks: Anna will get an estimate for solution
 - ii. Anna getting estimates for replacing downstairs external doors.
 - iii. Add a trophy case
 - iv. Next year haul away snow, which will improve parking & visibility when pulling out of the lot.
 - j. Clothing - Angela
- VII. New Business
 - a. Annual Retreat Date: Anna will send out a Doodle Poll (see results in X.)
 - b. Color conversation - Angela will send out a poll with some options and see what the membership has to say (teal, gold, maroon, no change (silver))
- VIII. Old Business:
 - a. Progress of the structure of HCF Rec Council
 - i. **Kat made a motion to approve the amended HCF Comp Council proposal which now includes a Rec Council. Josh seconded - PASSED**
 - b. 10 Year Anniversary of HCF Celebration (2025-26 Season) - Ben/ Angela
- IX. Comments/Announcements:
- X. Next Meeting: Retreat - Doodle Poll Results: **June 17 & 18 (starting 5:30pm each day)**
- XI. Adjournment: 7:45pm
- XII. 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
- x. New Treasurer and Secretary
- y. Dipper Rink #4 updates - possible borough bond in 2028?
- z. Tryout jerseys - do we need more small ones?
- aa. Review & clean up the bylaws and handbook