

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

February 9, 2026 @ 5:30pm  
HCF Clubhouse - 3111 Davis Road

- I. Call to order, 5:40 pm
  - a. Board Members: Dave, Megan, Audra, Ben, Josh, Kat
    - i. Board Members excused: Togi, Luther & Wade
  - b. Others: Anna, RT, Angela
    - i. Others excused: Jason
- II. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Audra, Second by Megan - PASSED
- III. Persons to be heard: None
- IV. Approval of January 16, 2026 Minutes
- V. Reports
  - a. President/Vice President – Luther/ Dave
  - b. ASHA report – (Audra/ Ben/ Anna)
    - i. ASHA meeting was January 31, 2026 - Anna (online), Audra (in-person), Ben (absent)
    - ii. Discussion about USAH Development League - first season will be 2027/28, it will have its own registrar & coordinator. 55 game season, trying to create a stronger, deeper program & more US players in NHL.
    - iii. AK & CA have done well with T1, but not all affiliates can say the same thing.
    - iv. Wayne Sawchuck - spoke about 10U half ice hockey, CA had a high visibility tournament. T2 tryouts, want to ensure dates do not conflict with National Camps. Feb 19-22 are Girls Pacific Districts in Anc.
    - v. Players may be lost due to match penalties, so this may be changing for 14U and younger.
    - vi. First Aid/Safety at rinks - encourage rinks to ensure first aid kits are up to date, AEDs are charged, etc.
      1. **HCF discussion about “Bench Bags” for coaches (or manager or team captain): helmet repair kit, basic first aid, sweet stick, etc. Players may keep inhalers in here.**
      2. **HCF discussion about first aid kits being included with “rink bags” for local tournaments.**
  - vii. \$12K in block grants are still available.
  - viii. Handbook changes - submit by June for the July vote.
  - ix. Girls & Rec council need to communicate better about girls dual rostering.
  - x. Team AK (Tier 1) teams having good success, Matt Thompson attributes some of this to players NOT playing HS.
  - xi. Several LATE roster changes to rosters this season (this is unusual)
  - xii. Next season Feb 15 will be deadline for National Bound Teams

- xiii. Next season player/team game count will be 18/12 for National Bound Youth & Girls.
  - xiv. Always looking for experienced coaches to help put on ref clinics.
  - xv. Temp cards were an automatic process this year, next season there will be a “dashboard” app to track needs on mobile devices.
  - xvi. Comments about refs shortening 3rd periods and teams not getting their full time out of ice that they have paid for. A handbook change may be proposed to fix this. RT will talk about this with Comp Council.
  - xvii. Next ASHA meeting April 25, 2026 - there will be elections at this meeting. Open positions: President, Treasurer, Vice President Competition Committee, & Vice President Adult Committee/Adult Discipline Committee. If you are interested please send nominations to Carol Hammingh at carolh@acsalaska.net.
- c. Officials – Jason
    - i. Absent, but has 16UB & 14UA State Tournaments on radar
  - d. Treasurer – Megan
    - i. The season is projected to end kind of tight budget wise.
    - ii. Financial meetings with managers are going well
    - iii. Girls teams are doing well with finances this year.
    - iv. Spring League fee will be \$175
  - e. Executive Director – Anna, see ED report
  - f. Hockey Director – RT
    - i. Has been at the rink a lot this month. Starting to think about coaches for next season.
  - g. Safe Sport Coordinator – Dave
  - h. Registrar - Audra
    - i. Working on invitational rosters (PDI & Ponytail) and late additions to rosters.
  - i. HCF Clubhouse - Megan/ Ben
    - i. Conversation about painting the flooring to look like a rink past the blue line, this could be useful for teaching positioning.
  - j. Clothing - Angela
    - i. Almost done with all the season’s clothing orders.
    - ii. Loaner jerseys for tournaments has been working well.
    - iii. Looking into different jersey company for next season, it may be cheaper per jersey, but slower to get here.
    - iv. Need to get logo vector files from sponsors.
    - v. Sponsor forms will need to be updated for next season.

## VI. New Business

- a. Club House equipment purchases (Pull up bars & Slide boards) - Josh
  - i. Audra made a motion for **HCF to allocate up to \$1000 towards pull up bars and/or slide boards to be used at The Clubhouse.** Megan seconded, **PASSED**
- b. New HCF Travel Policy - Josh
  - i. Discussion & feedback, Josh will make changes & bring it back to the Board.

- c. Proposal to Create an HCF Comp Council - Josh
    - i. Discussion & feedback, Josh will make changes (including creating a version for House Council) & bring it back to the Board.
  - d. 12U Major Travel assistance request - Anna
    - i. Josh made a motion for **HCF to give the 12U Major Team \$1500 to travel to Anchorage/ MatSu Valley to get in at least 4 more competitive level games before their State Tournament.** Ben seconded, **PASSED**
- VII. Old Business:
- a. UAF 2nd iPad issue for Gamesheets: After asking about this, we found that the AL coaches have them, not the UAF rink.
  - b. Sick leave policy - Hayden, no report
  - c. HCF team clothing policy - reviewing/approving this in Jan/Feb so it is in place for 2026/27 Girls Comp Tryouts. - want it done by April 1
  - d. HCF 10 year strategic review with Jane Taffe - Ben still working on it, maybe 2 days/sessions in March (Scott V, Ben, Anna, Wayne), see scheduling poll
  - e. 10 Year Anniversary of HCF Celebration (2025-26 Season) - Ben
- VIII. Comments/Announcements:
- IX. Next Meeting: **March 16, 2026 @ 5:30pm**
- X. Adjournment: 9pm
- 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).