



Minutes - Board of Directors

August 10, 2026, 7 PM @ STMA Arena Community Room

Board Members Present: Adam "Woody" Schoh, Kristin VanHeel, Chad Olson, Rachel Johnson, Kevin Hillman, Megan McChesney

- I. **Call to Order-** 7:00 PM
- II. **Addition or Amendments to Agenda as Presented-** N/A
- III. **Boys High School-** The Boys High School captains presented to the Board, sharing their excitement for the upcoming season and requesting consideration of a financial donation.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made by Chad Olson and seconded by Megan McChesney to approve the July 13, 2026 Minutes. Motion approved.
- V. **Gambling Report-** Tyler Stone
 - A motion was made by Kevin Hillman and seconded by Chad Olson to approve the gambling report as presented. Motion approved.
 - Expenses
 - [Albertville 10% Fee](#)
 - [YOY Comparison Start FY 2023](#)
 - June 2026 Final: \$390,178.40
 - Prelim July 2026: \$376,471
 - NTE August 2026: \$454,150
 - NTE September 2026: \$454,150
 - Updates/Other Items
 - Annual Audit - Game Selection EOM
 - Volunteer Policy
 - Si Senor
 - LG1004 Board Reports
 - June 2026
- VI. **Executive Hockey Director Report-** John Swanson
 - Registration Numbers
 - We are still in need of additional goalies on the girls' side and additional skaters at the youth levels.
 - 10U – 28 skaters, 2 goalies (3 teams) – *additional goalies needed*
 - 12U – 32 skaters, 3 goalies (3 teams)
 - 15U – 23 skaters, 2 goalies (3 teams) – *additional goalies needed*
 - Squirt – 55 skaters, 7 goalies (6 teams)
 - Peewee – 63 skaters, 6 goalies (6 teams)



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- Bantam – 50 skaters, 8 goalies (4 teams)
- Coaching Applications
 - STMA – 38 applications
 - NWC – 17 applications
 - The current reporting is difficult to interpret, so we will look to move to a different platform for coaching applications next year.
- Official Ice Floors
 - The goal is to finalize official ice floors the week of August 15, once registration numbers are more complete.
- Jersey Numbers
 - Jersey number assignments are being tracked in the Jersey Number Assignment document.
- Bantam AA Head Coach: Brett Hammond
- Coaches Process
 - Tom Kohnen will support the coaching process to ensure all required documentation is received.
- Preseason Skills:
 - Preseason skills dates will be announced soon.
 - Dates will be announced on August 17th.
- Mite/8U:
 - Shared an update on the Mite/8U program.
 - Mite/8U has requested ice time during tournament weekends.
 - Discussed concerns with relying on outdoor ice for the program.
 - Discussed the benefit of separating the Youth and Girls Mite/8U programs.
 - Mites/8U will have more ice if possible this year.
- Tryouts:
 - The first tryout session will include timing gate testing, which will provide an objective score for each player.
 - Tryout evaluations will begin following the timing gate session.
 - The full tryout plan and schedule will be posted soon.
 - A Tryout Coordinator will be in place this year to oversee and manage the tryout process.
 - The HOC will review TeamGenius user permissions to ensure proper access levels and secure data management for upcoming player evaluations.
 - John Swanson and Kevin Hillman will coordinate the off-ice logistics for tryouts, including check-in, food, data entry, two runners, and volunteers to pick up and distribute food.



- Dates will be announced on August 17th.

VII. **Voting Board Reports-**

- **Mite/8U Director-** Brandon Schmidt (Absent)
- **D5 Representative-** Chad Olson
- **Registration Director-** Megan Huggins (Absent)
- **HOC Admin-** Kevin Hillman
- **Girls/Boys Travel Directors-** Megan McChesney, Rachel Johnson

VII. **Executive Report**

- **VP of Operations-** Adam “Woody” Schoh
 - A motion was made by Megan McChesney and seconded by Rachel Johnson to approve the 2026–27 tournament budgets as presented. Motion approved.
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11NtlHjXgx9AJdBuDjTkXqFOLtFHZSCvEX8K5lfzbVA8/edit?gid=0#gid=0>
 - A motion was made by Chad Olson and seconded by Kevin Hillman to approve the purchase of up to 40 first aid kits for travel, Mite/8U teams, and spares, at a cost not to exceed \$900. Motion approved.
 - Registration Policy
 - Discussed the proposed Registration Policy and the waiver approval process. The intent is for a majority of the five designated individuals to either approve or deny a discretionary waiver, but the handbook doesn't read that way.
 - District 5 will review the policy/handbook to ensure it is in alignment with District 5 and Minnesota Hockey requirements.
 - The association will review current address discrepancies and all waivers on file.
 - The policy will be revised to require three of the following as proof of residency: valid driver's license, lease, voter registration card, court-filed marital termination or custody agreements (if applicable), school enrollment form, cover page of a tax return, property tax bill, utility bills, or other persuasive evidence establishing where the player resides.
 - A pending relocation will not be considered the player's residence until the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have completed the purchase or executed a market-rate lease and moved into the new residence.
 - Add language addressing requirements for players moving or transferring from out of state.



- Add language addressing new players who have never previously had a USA Hockey registration.
- The revised policy will be sent to Lena for review and then brought back to the Board for further discussion and approval before a vote is taken.
- **VP of Finance-** Tim Steier
 - 2022-2024 taxes have been returned and are being reviewing with the auditors.
 - Reimbursement of
- **VP of Communication-** Kristin VanHeel
 - A motion was made by Kristin VanHeel and seconded by Chad Olson to approve Heather Spencer & Erin Bruflodt as Kickoff Co-Chairs and Heather Faucher as Social Media Coordinator. Motion approved.
- **President-** Amy Hertzog
 - District 5 Update
 - Team Fees: \$130–\$135 per team.
 - Officials: Registration is open to officials beginning at age 14 this season.
 - Tournaments: All out-of-state tournaments must be approved by the District Director.
 - Blackout Dates: Blackout dates will be released soon. One is expected to fall around Hockey Day Minnesota.
 - Team Declarations: Final team declarations are planned for September. With D4 and D5 combining this season, D4 crossover games will be scheduled first. Playoff discussions will begin in November, with the goal of having brackets posted around Christmas.
 - USA Hockey/Registration: The USA Hockey portal is currently experiencing issues, so the registration team will need to verify addresses to ensure players are within association boundaries. School waivers must be approved prior to registration. A player's home association is determined by where they live and the applicable association boundaries, and players must first be released by their home association. All school waivers will be required to be submitted with team rosters this year.
 - Coaching Temporary Cards: Temporary coaching cards are a once-in-a-lifetime exception. Two coaches used them last season. Coaches should complete all requirements before getting on the ice



and must have everything completed by the end of December.

- Mouthguards: All Squirt/10U players and above are required to wear a colored (not clear) mouthguard that is attached to the helmet. This rule will be enforced.
- Jerseys: New this season, jerseys must be approved by the District Director to ensure adequate color contrast on the numbers, per officials' request. Our jerseys have already been approved.
- Exhibition Games: Exhibition games require approval prior to being played. Please send the game information to Amy Hertzog so it can be submitted to the District Director.
- GameSheet/iPads: GameSheet needs to be updated. All iPads must be running iOS 15 or newer. iPads older than 2017 may not support the required update. Chad Olson will take care of reviewing and updating the iPads.
- Nets: Changes to required net sizes are coming. We should begin planning for what this will mean for our association, including whether additional nets will need to be purchased and accounted for in the budget.
- District 5 Game Reports/Game Misconducts: Game Misconduct reports will be sent from the District Director to the Association President. If a player or coach is removed from a game, they must sit the next game. During tournaments, if the incident occurs early enough, they should sit out the next tournament game.
- GameSheet and app training will be provided to help reduce misconducts being reported incorrectly. Coaches should also verify that penalties are recorded correctly to avoid reporting errors.

VIII. **New Business-**

IX. **Old Business-**

- Discussion of Sports Psychology - Chad Olson will invite Canon Piper to share at the Working Board Meeting.
- Bylaws - To be discussed at September Meeting - will be sent to legal for review.
(<https://www.stmayha.org/about/documents/1890>)

X. **Open Forum-**

XI. **Adjourn- 9:18 PM**