

**CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, September 17th, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Board Room, North Rink



Attendance

Board Members

- **President (2026): Steve Gibbs – Present**
- **Vice President (2028): Doug Custer – Present**
- **Treasurer (2026): Dom Ryder – Present**
- **Secretary (2028): April Jansky- Resigned**
- **Directors:**
 - **2027: Nick Hart- Present, Derek Darrow- Present, Eric Mueller-Present, Billy Franswa- Present**
 - **2026: Jason Darley – Present; Mike Patten – Present**
 - **2028: Ashly Steinke – Present; Jason Sullivan – Present**

Rink Manager: Bob Normand – Present

1. General Meeting (Opened at 7:00 PM)

Guest: Spencer (Figure Skating Representative)

- **Discussion: Synchro scheduling must wait until South Rink is completed.**
 - **Ice rental: \$195/hour – Primary revenue source.**
 - **Communication needed between Bob (Rink Manager) and Figure Skating.**
 - **Request: Figure Skating was recommend to begin scheduling January 2026 ice now.**
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2. Secretary's Report

(No report – Secretary absent)

3. Treasurer's Report (Dom Ryder)

- **Revenue is beginning to come in slowly.**
 - **No major outstanding bills (Tweet Garrot)**
 - **Walmart Round-Up Fundraiser:**
 - **Motion to approve: Steve Gibbs**
 - **Seconded: Nick Hart**
 - **Motion Passed**
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4. Correspondence / Officer Reports

- **Fundraising: Keep our ears open for new fundraising opportunities as we may have to transition to other sources.**
 - **Donations Received:**
 - **Anonymous Donor: \$20,700**
 - **Additional Donor: \$1,400 for spray foam for south rink.**
 - **Personnel: New Rink Manager hired for Steel.**
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5. Vice President's Report (Doug Custer)

- Exploring revenue options and facility upkeep (e.g., lawn care).
 - Considering mower replacement.
 - Work shifts scheduling underway.
 - Open Skate Discussion: 5 total sessions – difficult to fill
 - Proposal: 2 sessions during Christmas break, 1 Super Bowl weekend (no Open skate), 2 in Spring (no open skate March 29th) be opened for assessment hours to the association to work.
 - Motion to approve: Derek Darrow
 - Seconded: Ashly Steinke
 - Motion Passed
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6. Old Business

Rink Updates (Bob Normand)

- Chiller Project: Still water in system – must be resolved before winter.
- Rink Cleaning: Ongoing
- Ice is 99% in and usable; figure skating is currently using it.
- Compressor currently running at 14°F

Software Update:

- Switching software to reduce costs.
 - Motion to approve: Doug Custer
 - Seconded: Dom Ryder
 - Motion Passed

Pop Machine Refurbishment

- Estimate: \$350
 - Decision: Tabled until next meeting
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7. New Business

a. Appointment of New Secretary

- Nominee: Rachelle Flater
 - Motion to approve: Derek Darrow
 - Seconded: Mike Patten
 - Motion Passed

b. Youth Pictures Contract

- Proposal: Sign a 2-year contract with Strawbridge, photos will return to the ice.
 - Motion: Nick Hart
 - Seconded: Ashly Steinke
 - Motion Passed
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8. Committee Reports

a. Finance/Administration (Dom Ryder)

- Continue to try and get funds coming in.
- Walmart round up information has been submitted waiting approval.

b. Rink Update

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c. Registration

- **Reminder: Board members, coaches and team managers must complete SafeSport training asap**
- **Registration numbers are low encourage but will come in at the last minute here.**

d. Fundraising (Jason Darley)

- **Keeping It Cool Capital Campaign: No major updates; still pursuing funds**
- **Bingo: Won by association member**
- **Brew Pub: Fundraiser status uncertain**
- **Beerfest 2025:**
 - **Date: May 16, 2025**
 - **Motion to approve: Nick Hart**
 - **Seconded: Doug Custer**
 - **Motion Passed**

e. PDC (Nick Hart, Eric Mueller)

- **Riverhawks Co-op:**
 - **Low player numbers at 14U; no coach yet**
 - **One player approved to move up**
 - **One-year cross-roster option; will need to decide girls vs. boys after**
 - **Ice time discussion ongoing**
- **Home Games: Scheduled and looking good**
- **Altoona Co-op:**
 - **2 players considered**
 - **Motion did not carry**

f. Concessions (Billy Fransway)

- **Open 9/19 steel game for assessment hours.**

g. Equipment (Mike Patten)

- **Inventory for pro shop has been ordered: Game socks, goal program sticks.**
- **Sharpener being prepped**

h. Operations & Maintenance (Derek Darrow)

- **No changes to report**

i. Tournaments / Team Reps (Doug Custer)

- **Nothing to report**

j. Recruitment / Publicity (Jason Sullivan)

- **GOAL program: At full capacity**
- **Suggest reviewing age threshold to start at 3-4 years (benchmark: USA Hockey = 4 years)**
- **Demographics: 35% of participants are girls**

k. Facilities (Bob Normand)

- **Chiller Construction Update: Functioning – “It’s cold.”**

9. Closed Session

- **Motion to enter closed session: Doug Custer**
 - **Seconded: Mike Patten**
 - **Entered at 8:42 PM**

- **Motion to exit closed session: Jason Darley**
 - **Seconded: Nick Hart**
 - **Exited at 8:58 PM**
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Closing Notes

- **Appreciation expressed for everyone's hard work on the South Rink**