

**Chippewa Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Location: Lobby | **Time:** 7:00 PM



Board Members

- **President (2026):** Steve Gibbs- Present
- **Vice President (2028):** Doug Custer- Present
- **Treasurer (2026):** Dom Ryder- Present
- **Secretary (2028):** Rachelle Flater- Present
- **Directors:**
 - (2027) Nick Hart- Present, Derek Darrow-Present, Eric Mueller- Present, Billy Fransway- Present
 - (2026) Jason Darley-Present, Mike Patten- Present
 - (2028) Ashly Steinke-Present, Jason Sullivan-Present
- **Rink Manager:** Bob Normand-Present

Annual Meeting

- Meeting called to order at **7:02 PM**
- Treasurer Election:
 - Dom Ryder was the only candidate
 - Motion to appoint by Doug Custer, seconded by Steve Gibbs
 - **Motion carried**
- Year in Review presented
- Appreciation expressed to all members for their continued support of the rink

Directors Elected

- Steve Gibbs
- Mike Patten
- Ryan Hanrahan

Thank you to all the candidates who chose to run.

General Meeting

- No additional items
 - Meeting closed at **7:47 PM**
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1. Secretary's Report

- Report previously sent
 - Key Updates:
 - Walmart Round-Up program is active (link in weekly email)
 - Still seeking **3–5 volunteers** to assist with festivals to help offset association debt
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2. Treasurer's Report

- Report sent with no additional updates
 - Motion to approve by Derek Darrow, seconded by Mike Patten
 - **Motion carried**
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3. Correspondence / Officer Reports

- President's Report sent
 - No additional discussion
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4. Old Business

a. Work Nights

- April 22 at 5:30 PM
- May 19 at 5:30 PM
- Plan to continue monthly work nights until project work list is completed. We will periodize this list based off needs.

b. Rink Repairs- Tweet Garrott will be coming once the ice is off to making the repair on the south rink. We agreed to spend the estimated \$20,000 to repair the edge of on the south rink.

- Once repairs are completed:
 - All hands will need to be on deck to get the sand back in and the painting done.
 - We will need to work quickly to get the ice back on.
 - New logos will be installed

c. Lobby Facelift

- Tom Palmetto quoted \$1,400 to act as foreman and do the necessary drywall repairs and filling of holes.
- In addition to Tom we will need roughly 40 volunteer hours by members to help complete the painting.
- Korgers provided paint quote: **\$4,067.20** for lobby and south rink hallways
- Project deemed necessary but we need to Need to develop advertising opportunities for Korgers, and complete the priority list of things before we can get to painting.

d. Apparel Storefront

- Exploring partnership with Chippewa Store
 - QR code-based apparel sales
 - More information to be gathered
 - **Tabled until next meeting**
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5. New Business

a. Traveling Teams Hotel Contract

- Partnership opportunity to generate revenue:
 - \$17 per room per night returned to the association
 - No increase in room rates
- Ashly Steinke and Doug Custer to finalize details will present in May.

b. Community Nights

- First event was highly successful
 - Seen as a strong, low-effort fundraising opportunity
 - Next event: **1917- May 16, following Beerfest. Watch for details.** Thank you to Jason Darley for committing to our next event!
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6. Finance / Administration (Dom Ryder)

a. Year-End Review

- Fiscal year ends at end of April
- Meeting scheduled with Northwestern regarding loan refinancing
- Budget to be presented at next meeting

b. Fundraising (Jason Darley)

- **Keeping It Cool Campaign:** Report sent; Mason Trust meeting upcoming
 - **Bingo:**
 - Jackpot: \$1,082
 - Need replacement for Niki
 - **Golf Outing:** No updates
 - **Beerfest:** Update provided by Rachelle Flater
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7. Player Development Committee (Nick Hart, Eric Mueller)

- **Riverhawks Co-op:**
 - Season complete

- Two new Menomonie representatives
 - Riverhawks are seeking a new PDC Chair.
 - **Game Scheduler:**
 - We need to find a game scheduler 30 volunteer hours will be given. Please see a PDC or Board member to discuss more details.
 - **Summer Registration:** We are down in registration- Closing date will be happening soon we encourage you to get signed up. Coaching staff has committed and secured.
 - **Goalie Development:**
 - Pete Di Salvo will be running clinics information will be sent out in the weekly email for that.
 - Proposal for Friday mid-morning goalie sessions with Mike Patten.
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8. Concessions (Billy Fransway)

- Reached **\$100,000 in sales**
 - Bob and Billy met with Bills Distributing to go over details of some new equipment and details in the concession stand.
 - Committee meeting planned to review pricing and operations
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9. Equipment (Mike Patten)

- All the jerseys & equipment rental turned in
 - Equipment drive to come- hours will be going out on dibs to help with that event. Thank you to Abby Riley for helping coordinate that.
 - Working on creating a **Chippewa Thunder bags** to carry in the Pros-shop or order for our association.
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10. Operations & Maintenance (Derek Darrow)

- Continued focus on work nights and task completion- We need to get these jobs done, consider signing up on the google docs sheet.
 - Thank you Conrad High for committing to taking care of the law care and weed-whacking at the rink this summer.
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11. Tournaments / Team Reps (Ashly Steinke)

- No report
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12. Recruitment / Publicity (Jason Sullivan)

- Report sent
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13. Facilities (Bob Normand)

- Report sent
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Closed Session

- None
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Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at **9:10 PM**
- **Motion carried**