

## CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

### Board Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025**

**Location:** North Rink Board Room

**Start Time:** 7:02 PM



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

**General Meeting Attendees:** Spencer Mayer (Figure Skating), Hallie Patten, Sarah Dahlstrom, David Bloom

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### General Discussion

Hallie Patten requested additional ice time for the Mite 8U Tournament, potentially extending into open skate time. Registration issues for some teams, because some teams were using a CYHA tournament email address that does not appear to be monitored, resulting in missed registrations. To accommodate scheduling needs, ice time has been added on Friday night to begin games. This email has been removed from the mites tournament page.

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**Secretary's Report-** Nothing to report.

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### Treasurer's Report

- a. Financial reports were sent out prior to the meeting.
- b. All current bills have been paid.
- c. \$17,000 paid in interest to date.
- d. Total funds collected toward the chiller project: **\$677,000.**
- e. Emphasis on the need to keep funds coming in.

Motion to approve Steve Gibbs Second: Derek Darrow Motion carried.

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**Correspondence / Officer Reports:** Reports were sent out.

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## Old Business:

### SNAP! Online Fundraiser

- a. Launch date: **January 19, 2026**, running for **28 days**.
  - b. Envelopes for cash donations are printed and will be available in concessions for team managers to distribute- Members will be asked to follow the online directions that will be sent VIA social email. This is going to be extremely important to make the fundraiser successful.
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## 5. New Business

### a. Sound System – *Steve Gibbs*

- South rink sound system failed during a Chi-Hi hockey game.
  - Thank you to Dan & Steve for providing speakers for the weekend and Steel game.
  - Bob Normand is obtaining **three quotes** to determine next steps.
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### b. Hockey Day Chippewa – *Ashly Steinke*

- Goal: Bring fun and excitement back to the rink and create a strong community buzz.
  - Would include a fundraiser during hockey season with activities for kids.
  - Target timeframe: **January–February 2027**.
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### c. Rink Appearance / Spruce-Up Ideas – *Ashly Steinke*

- Discussion on improving the rink's appearance.
  - Idea proposed to incorporate elements of the **Chi-Hi locker room** into public areas.
  - Derek Darrow to assist with forming a committee to develop a plan.
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### d. Hockey Development – *Ashly Steinke*

- Discussion of **East Grand Forks hockey model**.
  - Concern that younger levels (Squirt and below) may be rushing into full-ice games too early.
  - Coaches from the association will present ideas to the **PDC** and report back.
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## 6. Finance / Administration – *Dom Ryder*

- Continued emphasis on keeping funds coming in.

### Fundraising – *Jason Darley*

#### a. Keeping It Cool Capital Campaign

- \$125,000 check received from **RCU**.
- RCU signage and table toppers are being installed.

**b. Bingo – *Bob Normand***

- Two bingo nights this month.
- Current jackpot: **\$1,550**.
- KC's attendance remains a challenge.

**c. Golf Outing-** Nothing to report.

**d. Beerfest – *Rachelle Flater***

- **825 sponsorship sheets** being mailed.
- Advanced Mail is donating mailing services.
- Mailers will go out in **January**.

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**7. Player Development Committee (PDC) – *Nick Hart, Eric Mueller***

- A lot of coaches on the coaching list still have not completed the necessary coaching requirements to be on the ice. They will NOT be allowed to be on the ice in the future if not completed. Due to no coaching clinics left for the season, they will be given a 1-time volunteer on ice contract. They will have to complete this clinic still when available. They will be required to assist with a coach that has completed all of the required courses.

**Motion to approve:** Motion: Doug Custer, second: Nick Hart, Motion carried.

Additional discussion items:

- Riverhawks Co-op- Big tournament in the Wisconsin Dells this weekend.
- Game schedules- Completed and being sent out.
- Registration: **3 new registrations** since last meeting

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**8. Concessions – *Billy Fransway***

- Things are looking good in the concession stands, keep the waste down while working in the concession stand.
- Credit card transaction fee. YTD we have spent about \$2400.00 in fees.

**Motion to add a 3% transaction fee** Motion: Ashly Steinke Second: Doug Custer Motion carried.

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**9. Equipment – *Mike Patten***

- We are really in need hockey skates in sizes **7–10** for the pro shop, motion Mike Patten to approve 1 hour of volunteer hours per set of skate donated, second Rachelle Flater. Motion Carried.

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#### **10. Operations & Maintenance – *Derek Darrow***

- Eric and I will change blades to do ice maintenance tomorrow morning.
- The small ice machine in the back Zamboni room is now working.
- ODR if everything goes well will be open Friday night!

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#### **11. Tournaments / Team Reps – *Ashly Steinke***

- Tournament last weekend ran smoothly.

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#### **12. Recruitment / Publicity – *Jason Sullivan***

- New goal program is open for January 26'
- Plans for January GOAL is underway
  - Dates will be 1/12, 1/14, and 1/19
  - Minimum age is 5 years old
  - Participation capped at 20
  - We will use the ice in the neutral zone and practice alongside the other beginners
  - We will charge the \$25 registration fee

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#### **13. Facilities – *Bob Normand***

- Approved moving forward with **window/glass cleaning**.
- January ice schedule posted through the **third weekend of January**.
- Outdoor rink must remain open to the public.
- **2027 season calendar** has been sent.

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#### **Closed Session**

- Entered closed session at **8:29 PM**.

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#### **Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion: Steve Gibbs Second: Nick Hart

Meeting adjourned. 8:49pm