

**Hopkins Youth Hockey
Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2025
7:00 p.m. Hopkins Pavilion**

Roll Call:

Officers: Almquist, Hillen (virtually), ~~Schadow~~, Shortall

Directors: Bisbee, ~~Goff~~, Gustafson, Herby*, Huston, ~~Klemz~~, Knight, Larson, Lazorik, Mickelson*, Minick, Monseth, ~~Palmergren~~*, Pitzl*, ~~Quale~~, Talkovic, Treno

Guests:

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm.

A motion to bring the HYHA August 18 2025 meeting to order was made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Bisbee. Mr. Almquist called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items

- August Charitable Gambling Report - not ready, will have to review at October meeting
- Approval of August 2025 charitable gambling expenses - not ready, will have to review at October meeting
- Approval of Estimated September 2025 charitable gambling expenses - not ready, will have to review at October meeting
- Approval of HYHA Board Meeting Minutes from the August 2025 HYHA Board meeting

A motion to approve the HYHA August meeting minutes was made by Mr. Treno and seconded by Ms. Lazorik. Mr. Almquist called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum (10 minutes)

- Try Hockey: New Squirt wants to join. Dave will contact the family to welcome them.
- Shooting room: HYHA owns this space, do not need permission from the Pav to improve it.
- Trophy case: HYHA bought the current one, not a great size to fit trophies. Ashley should bring in any trophies and put them in the coaches' room.
- TV: getting in lobby for concession workers, anyone out front for a livestream into the rink. Youth will be on LiveBarn; HS on MN Hockey TV. Sara will check in.
- Noisemakers: Can we get stickers that say "no noisemakers"? Dave will find out if we can post, who would enforce.
- Shelley shirts: Find a point person on the board to do it, ask for a donation from HYHA to resell, profits go to Sojourners. Sales via WOM, send a HYHA email out.
- Chevy sponsorship (see Appendix III): Doesn't have to be at the Pav. **Need a point person - start with Jocelyn.**
- Board cultivation:
 - Board happy hour, send emails to welcome people with interest. Do it during a MT/SQ/PW practice
 - **Talk to Jocelyn**

New Business

Officer Reports

- President – Dave Almquist
 - Board meeting attendance: bylaws require permitted attendance at least one-half of the meetings in the prior 12 months. We currently have 4 board members who meet this definition.
 - Expectations of board members: representing HYHA even as a parent, coach, fan. Responsibility to bring your concerns about association to the board and/or individual board & HDC members.
 - Bantam C merger: ~8 Bantams are going to merge with SLP skaters for a co-oped team. Working with SLP for a unified jersey that draws from both teams' looks. Trying to get as close to a 60/40 split of ice at SLP/Pav. SLP will host the administrative elements.
 - Need to make sure we do a senior night at one of their last games at the Pav.
- Vice President – Matt Schadow
 - Scoreboard, sponsors: New scoreboard comes this Friday 9/19. Does the company provide any training? Video online. It's the same one that almost all rinks use.
- Secretary – Jessica Shortall
 - Check-in on plans for terms that end in 2026
 - Bylaws changes
 - Language cleanups, voting directors, attendance and absences, President eligibility, cleanup of listed board positions
 - EC will meet to finalized proposed changes
 - Will present proposed changes and updates to board, likely Nov/Dec - then vote at the following meeting (at which we'll need very good attendance)
- Treasurer – Caitlin Hillen

Other Reports

- Ice Scheduler – Stephen Randall: AVARIO
 - Need all blackout dates for school concerts ASAP
 - Ice scheduling is pretty much done
 - Please email Caitlin if we see something weird
 - Tiny tweak to tryout schedule forthcoming - should be up now
 - Goalies - Sara updated
 - Mite schedule is in the works
- Registrar – Sean Palmgren (*absent but submitted an update*)
 - Registration update
 - 307 total as of 9/15 (vs. 280 at same time 2024)
 - 217 boys - BA down 3, PW down 2, SQ up 9 (includes 6 mites playing up), MT down 19
 - 90 girls - 15U up 7, 12U flat, 10U down 2, 8/6U up 4
 - SafeSport
 - Ashley expires 10/5
 - Tim expires 10/16
 - Coaches

- Register with HYHA if you plan to coach at all this year:
<https://www.hopkinshockey.com/registration/22558>
- 58 coaches; 15 of these are non-parent
- Sean is in touch with all to get credentialing done
- BA 9 coaches/3 levels
- PW 15 coaches / 3 levels
- SQ 8 for 3 levels
- MT 22 for 4
- HP 18 for 6

Director Reports

- District 3 Representative – Tim Klemz
 - Put coach/manager meetings on team calendars - Sara will create a “Coach” team and calendar it
 - Want to limit Mite games to 15 games outside of association (including jamborees). But (per Emily) you can do shared ice where you practice on half the ice and scrimmage on the other half.
 - Talk to coach in chief - if we do coaching clinics, D3 can get us CEU credits (for level IV people)
 - Gamesheet adjustments will benefit us financially
 - Two open positions
 - Girls’ Coordinator
 - Membership & Development
 - Referee shortage
 - Discussed doing trainee refs for Mite 4 games, lower pay
- Charitable Gambling Manager – Jay Quale
- Director of Hockey Development – Anthony Goff
 - Tryouts: Closed. Evaluators in the stands, paid coaches on the ice. Level coaches and HDC watch separately, along with a third-party moderator - can help with decisions bubble players if/when needed.
 - Decisions: SQ/PW ends Saturday 9/27, BA ends Sunday; hope to get all rosters out Sunday night 9/28.
- Youth/Boys Travel Coordinator – Trevor Knight
 - 8-9 kids did the summer stickhandling challenge - T-shirts for each of them, put it on social
 - Jocelyn
- Goalie Coordinator – Andy Treno
 - Goalies go to all tryouts + one extra. Would like to make sure evaluators aren’t assessing kids who attend their goalie school, but almost all goalies are represented at the big four goalie schools. Working on getting non-conflicted evaluators.
- Girls Administrative Coordinator – Alex Bisbee
 - Governance recommendations - still working through it. Got put on hold, hope to be done by beginning of year
 - 15U - 2 teams
 - 12U - 2 teams
 - 10U - will likely end up being 2 teams
 - Across the board, have enough returning A players to justify A teams at each level
- Girls Development Coordinator – Joe Pitzl

- Coaches - we have 8 paid coaches across 6 travel teams. Historically contracts and payment have been handled by HYHA. One is a former goalie who will rotate across all teams.
 - Forecheck scheduled for girls but waiting until after rostering so coaches can be there
- Girls 6U/8U Coordinator – Brandon Mickelson
 - Working on jerseys
- Mite Coordinator – Emily Larson
 - Great feedback from parents on Rookie Camp
 - Moved some kids out right away who had more skating skills
- Assistant Mite Coordinator – Annie Gustafson
- Webmaster – Sara Lazorik
- Tournament Director – Ashley Monseth
 - Tournament + levels open - down to one 12UA spot open for Raspberry Jam
 - Need Dave et al to look at tournament rules
- Brand Manager –
- Director of Operations – Jocelyn Herby
 - Try Hockey for Free readout - per Dave, great event, kids didn't want to come off the ice
 - Pictures - settled and on the schedule
 - Check with Linhoff - do we need to do anything to preserve the archive?
- Volunteer Coordinator – Coriann Huston
 - Coriann was told she is responsible for cleaning
 - We take rental ownership on 10/1 - it needs to be given to us in usable condition
 - Lots of old 57 gear, Dirty Old Hopkins - keep these in the store, sell at Tuttle's event
- Coach in Chief – Dylan Talkovic
- Equipment Coordinator – Mike Minick
 - Jerseys are on track for mid October
 - Bantams start playing immediately but they have jerseys and we have enough stock to work it out
 - Helmet stickers are done
 - Working on HP and Hopkins yard signs
 - Working on a store for coaches that want jackets, working with Dave/Caitlin on discounted pricing
 - For new coaches: Propose for HYHA to pay 50% for parent coaches, 100% of paid coaches (15).
 - Caitlin will run the numbers to figure out what's doable - Mike will update costs.
 - Working on Car stickers
 - Request to offer choppers
 - First round swag store open day after tryouts; second one ahead of holidays
- ACE Coordinator – Open

At 8:42 pm, a motion to adjourn the HYHA September 15 2025 meeting was made by Ms. Shortall and seconded by Mr. Bisbee and Mr. Treno. Mr. Almquist called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Appendix I: Charitable Gambling Report: August 2025

Appendix II: Charitable Gambling Report: August 2025

Appendix III: Chevy sponsorship

From: Stephanie Villegas <svillegas@gmdealerprograms.com>

Subject: Please Reply: Chevy Youth Hockey Sponsorship

Date: September 12, 2025 at 2:19:09 PM CDT

Good afternoon!

I am following up to let you know your local dealership would like to sponsor your organization through the 2025-2026 Chevy Youth Hockey program! This program allows dealerships to sponsor youth hockey organizations by giving them beneficial assets (listed below). Please respond to this email with your opening day, the name to be printed on the check, and to confirm your participation!

Through this program, they will provide your organization with the following program assets:

- A sponsorship check
- Two Chevy Youth Hockey banners to hang at your park
- Chevy Youth Hockey Test Drive Fundraising Opportunity

Your local Chevy dealership hopes to make a big difference in the lives of the players and coaches in your community through this program. In return, we hope that you will keep your local Chevy dealership top of mind for any marketing opportunities that might come up during your season.

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Otherwise, please respond to this email to accept the sponsorship, and I will send you additional information and next steps.

Thank you!
Stephanie