

**Hopkins Youth Hockey  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2025  
7:00 p.m. Hopkins Pavilion**

**Roll Call:**

Officers: Almquist, Schadow, Hillen, Shortall

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

Non-Voting Members: Palmgren, Goff

Guests:

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm.

A motion to bring the HYHA June 16 2025 meeting to order was made by Mr. Almquist and seconded by Ms. Hillen. Mr. Almquist called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**May Consent Agenda Items**

- May Charitable Gambling Report
- Approval of May 2025 charitable gambling expenses
- Approval of Estimated July 2025 charitable gambling expenses
- Approval of HYHA Board Meeting Minutes from the May 2025 HYHA Board meeting

A motion to approve the HYHA May consent agenda items was made by Ms. Lazorik and seconded by Mr. Klemz. Mr. Almquist called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Open Forum** (10 minutes)

- New scoreboard
  - Looking at options to extend width to be able to see penalty minutes from goalie's perspective
  - Protective netting/cover around \$20k; City of Hopkins may cover this or chip in

**New Business**

**Officer Reports**

- President – Dave Almquist

- T shirts for 5k shot club (updates)
  - Try to promote this - talked to a few people who haven't seen it
  - Have info about it at jersey day (including QR code), on instagram - Jocelyn
- Merger conversations
  - Not a lot of updates - will get to more of it when discussing governance, which would lay a good foundation if it happened
- Religious holidays
  - Making an effort to put together a HYHA calendar that follows major holidays across religions.
  - Dave and Jessica working on this to make sure we observe major holidays, understand how different holidays work, communicate with all families
  - Likely will follow Hopkins Public Schools calendar
  - Caitlin needs this to put in appropriate titles for practices/clinics e.g. "Rosh Hashanah - practice optional"
- Goalies
  - We still need Pee wee, Bantam, 12U goalies (short 1 goalie at each level)
  - D3 understand the situation, says if we waive before tryouts we should be good, as long as it's not pulling from an association that's short; overall goal is to have kids play at a level that is appropriate for their skills
  - Andy is connecting with goalie coordinators from other associations, might do a happy hour
  - We'll get info to board members about what we can tell families that we know or meet. For now, can share that goalies pay at the most half / it's negotiable and we are investing a lot into goalie development in season.
- Vice President – Matt Schadow
- Secretary – Jessica Shortall
- Treasurer – Caitlin Hillen
  - Needs budget inputs before August meeting

### Other Reports

- Ice Scheduler – Stephen Randall: AVARIO
  - Clinic ice schedule is done
  - Plan is to get these into AVARIO and get all clinic and tryout stuff published this week
  - HDC meeting - discussed rookie camp with Nick
  - Going from 10 min to 15 min ice cuts, in line with other rinks
  - HS tryout week will be blacked out for Bantam scrimmages
- Registrar – Sean Palmgren
  - Registration is opened, fielding questions, 10 registered
  - Travel player registration closes 8/15/25 - gives Mike 6 weeks on jerseys; mites stays open
  - Board members have until 8/1/25 to get registered
  - Waiver requests - player needs to waive out of their association first, then Sean will get involved

### Director Reports

- District 3 Representative – Tim Klemz
  - January home scrimmages blackout – weekends only; if there is a big opportunity we can go to D3 and they'll try to find officials

- Competition committee recommendations - will make recommendations about our team levels
- Charitable Gambling Manager – Jay Quale
  - Bit slow in summer (which is normal), hasn't seen a difference with baseball traffic to the Nugget
  - Bought a computer with software for a horse racing game
  - Working with the bars to get an event set up
  - Sites would love to see groups, meetings
  - Saving bingo for fall
  - Discussed HYHA offering drink tickets to encourage them to go to one of our sites (e.g. Nugget) and encourage them to play pulltabs
  - Jay will discuss with sites and then bring us in
- Director of Hockey Development – Anthony Goff
  - Coach registration is open on the website
  - AJ has 3 phone interviews this week; would like us to put general information out (not specific to teams) and share AJ's contact info.
  - We'd like to recruit for Squirt coaches specifically. Pretty solid on Bantam and Pee wee coaches; could use recruitment for a PWC coach
  - Per Tim - D3 will not roster teams and approve games/scrimmages with only one coach
- Youth/Boys Travel Coordinator – Trevor Knight
  - Tournament registrations are done
  - Boys are full
  - One 12UA spot still open
  - One 10UB spot still open
- Goalie Coordinator – Andy Treno
  - *Nothing to report*
- Girls Administrative Coordinator – Alex Bisbee
  - Governance recommendations - hold for July agenda
  - Not a lot of movement for the past few months - working to get the right people in the room to think through governance
  - Reviewing a governance document now, waiting for some comments
  - Base document defines roles in a hybrid entity that has representation from both associations and oversees the girls' program
  - Once roles are defined, will come back to HYHA to fill those roles
  - Core group / HP board will oversee the people in these roles in the first year
  - Aiming for refined document in the next 30 days, before then come to the two associations to fill spots
  - Starting to discuss having an HDC for the girls' program
  - Sara is working with Morgan Stangl behind the scenes to make sure registration processes are aligned
  - Re: HS tryouts, 15Us will try out at the same time as the Bantams. Losses to HS are even worse in the girls' program
- Girls Development Coordinator – Joe Pitzl
  - *Not present*
- Girls 8U Coordinator – Brandon Mickelson
  - *Not present*
- Mite Coordinator – Emily Larson
  - *Nothing to report*
- Assistant Mite Coordinator – Annie Gustafson

- Mite activities to create a fun environment that kids will want to stay in in Squirts and beyond
- Wild games, ice time at the X
- Da Beauty League for mites
- Mite 3 and 4, team managers do more social stuff for parents - 1 and 2 is a little harder to do
- Drop kids off, have bigger kids helping out on outdoor ice, let parents go to Mainstreet
- **AJ will send info to Dave**
- Webmaster – Sara Lazorik
  - Starting to roster people to clinic levels as they register so they will get clinic and tryout times to their calendars
  - Tournaments will be loaded into team pages by end of the month
  - Mites and 6U/8U, girls and boys are separated in process this year
  - Tryout policy for 2nd year Bantams eligible for HS tryouts - there's a new section on registration with that information. Players need to get association and coach permission to tryout; fees will be forfeited. This is in line with larger associations around us.
  - 15U - will change Mets to Nordic Storm on the website once information is received from Dain
- Tournament Director – Ashley Monseth
  - *Not present*
- Brand Manager – *position open*
- Director of Operations – Jocelyn Herby
  - Yard signs
    - Boys and girls
    - Did boys' signs in 2023
      - **Caitlin will look up costs, assume cost will have gone up**
  - Raspberry Festival
    - Parade 6/20, 1 pm
    - Does Byran want to haul a trailer again?
    - Kids loved throwing pucks - Sara and Jocelyn will figure out ordering; might want to up the order
    - Will do candy again
    - Can hand out rookie camp flyers - have some adults who can target families (we could also put these in concessions at baseball)
  - Try Hockey for Free 9/13/25, 10:45 am
    - Volunteers - dibs hours will be ready. Tying skates, doing equipment, talking to parents.
    - General Sports 10:30-noon to explain sizing etc to parents - Mike is on this
    - Equipment - we don't have as much to give this year.
      - **Should get a bin during clinics to collect equipment. Especially need tiny skates.**
      - **Mention at jersey day**
      - **Dave - put out a note to association, bring your old stuff and help kids get into Hopkins Hockey**
  - Pictures
    - Do not want to go with same photographer
    - Tim works for Lifetouch - will ask around
    - 2 Saturday mornings - dibs for 2 people total

- We'll cover HP photos
  - Jersey day
    - Fire Dept is loaning us a grill
    - Dave is hot dog guy
    - Mike will lead jerseys
- Volunteer Coordinator – Coriann Huston
  - *Not present*
  - Updates on Volunteer Hour decisions (Sara)
    - 15 hours per travel player
    - 10 hours per younger player
    - \$500 buyout
    - \$700 penalty
- Coach in Chief – Dylan Talkovic
  - *Not present*
- Equipment Coordinator – Mike Minick
  - Jersey day
    - Caitlin has iPads for inputs
    - Bunch of PWAs will be at camp; can connect with Mike
    - Sam will bring apparel to try (UNRL)
  - Great helmet stickers - from a Twins guy
- ACE Coordinator – *Open*

At 8:27 pm, a motion to adjourn the HYHA June 16 2025 meeting was made by Mr. Bisbee and seconded by Mr. Knight. Mr. Almquist called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Appendix I: Charitable Gambling Report: June 2025**

## **Appendix II: D3 Notes**