



AHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 16th, 2025

7:00 PM AHA Boardroom

- 1) Call to Order/Determination of Quorum (Witte)
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm. Members present: Duke Witte, Derek Hadrick, Katie Linke, Laura Edwards, Mike Schmit, Tony Mulder, Scott Oswald, Garrett Wobst, Mark Gederos. No guests.
- 2) Open Forum Discussion (Witte)
 - a. none
- 3) Presentation and Adoption of the Agenda (Witte)
 - a. Motion by Linke, second by Wobst. Motion passes.
- 4) Presentation and Approval of Last Month's Board Meeting Minutes (Edwards)
 - a. Motion by Hadrick, second by Linke. Motion passes.
- 5) HDC Facilitation Update (Witte/Linke)
 - a. Katie met with all coordinators of Squirt to Varsity. 8U will be on Sep 17.
 - b. Master Coordinator will be Carrie Weisenburger for Squirt and up levels.
 - c. Rental equipment has all been received. Community Foundation money has been received. The Foundation is planning for Sep 29th at noon for a photo at the rink.
 - d. Elliott Gall is scheduler. There is a calendar widget on the website to see all activities on the ice under "Facility". App will only show your team schedule.
 - e. DIBS need to be accessed through the website, not the app.
 - f. All new jerseys are completed and will be delivered this week. Invoices sent out today for jerseys.
 - g. Growth Coordinator position has been sitting vacant. Amber Schwab has agreed to serve. Will take on social media and links to the website. USA Hockey has guidance on this role.
- 6) Hockey Operations Update (Schmidt), given by Witte.
 - a. All head coaches confirmed except 8U. Working to identify practice schedules.
 - b. G14U/BAN/JV/V start practices Oct 11. Lower levels will gradually be added to the schedule with later start dates.

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- c. Thinking of 6U & 8U first year players Learn to Skate sessions and then phase into Learn to Play. Jeremy Wasem will lead. Jeremy is working with David Mitchell.

7) Rink Committee Update (Urlacher)

- a. Sunday, Sep 14–CO2 pipe broke on compressor, some oil leaked also. Repairs were under warranty and will be replaced.
- b. AHA takes possession of Expo on Oct 1. Ice will be set mid-month.
- c. Still trying to get estimates on fire alarm system.

8) Acceptance of Financial Reports (Linke)

- a. Monthly Transactions
- b. Profit & Loss / Budget vs. Actuals
- c. Aging Report
- d. Katie will move old invoices from SportsEngine to Crossbar.
- e. QQP coordinates sponsorship of program book and ads. We get about \$10k from the sponsorship plus cost of printing is covered.
- f. The County has requested an adjustment to our agreement for the Expo, now asking for a percentage of the ice fees paid by Curling club to be returned to the County.
 - i. Motion by Schmit to approve 33% of curling rental revenue to go to County.
Encourage getting written agreement/addendum to our lease to include this fee.
Second by Edwards. Motion does not pass.
 - ii. Board members will ask for more time to consider this request while they gather more information.
- g. Motion to accept treasurer's report by Gederos, second by Wobst. Motion passes.

9) Concessions Operation (Witte)

- a. Linke family has presented a proposal for a 5-year contract to operate the concession stand.
Email voting passed 4-3 in favor. Witte will finalize contract with Linke family.

10) Tickets for Cleaning staff at Wings Games (Witte)

- a. Snow Queens are continuing cleaning. Wings will not pay for admission tickets for cleaning crew.

11) AHA Discipline Update (Hadrick)

- a. none

12) Update from SDAHA/USA Hockey Meetings (Witte)

- a. Witte attended the Northern Plains district meeting in Deadwood. Focus on growth of numbers of players (especially girls), player development, SafeSport.

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- b. Witte attended the State League meeting.
 - i. Some requests to play down were approved. Brandon Valley & Sioux Center will move Bantam A down to Bantam B.
 - ii. Boys Varsity will have 22 game season, 12 teams. Sioux Falls will host state tournament.
 - iii. Boys JV will have 13 team, 24 games. Watertown will host state tournament.
 - iv. Girls Varsity will have 21 games, Mitchell will host state tournament.
 - v. 6 teams are fielded for Girls JV, no state tournament.
 - vi. Girls 14U state tournament will be hosted by Oahe.
 - vii. Bantam A will play 18 game season. Yankton will host state tournament.
 - viii. Bantam B will field 8 teams, 14-21 games. 2 teams not eligible (play down for Brandon and Sioux Center). Aberdeen will host 6 team tournament.
 - ix. PWA will field 8 teams with 18 games. Brookings will host state tournament.
 - x. PWB will field 8 teams with 18 games. Huron will host state tournament.
 - xi. PWC will field 6 teams with 14-16 games. Rapid City will host state tournament.
 - xii. SqA 8 teams. SqB 10 teams. SqC 9 teams. ABR will field SqA and SqC teams. All Squirt levels will play 16 games and additional jamborees.
 - xiii. Rebrand SDAHA? Committee assembled to help with this. Asking for help in social media, news releases around the state.

13) Wings Beer Sales Officer (Witte)

- a. Need to fill slots on Oct 10, 11, 31 and Nov 1.

14) Greg Swanson Day (Witte)

- a. January 24, 2026
- b. Swag Shoppe will print shirts with profit sharing to AHA.

15) Summer Concert Fundraiser(s) (Scott Oswald)

- a. No update
- b. RAFFLE: Schmit would like new ideas for prizes. Can do same as before but open to adding new prizes. Will start working on this in Sep-Oct.

16) Executive Session (Witte)

17) Adjournment 9:01 pm

Next Meeting 10/21/2025 7:00 pm AHA Boardroom

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