



Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Skyline - 8:01pm-9:42 pm

Attendees: Garret Suihkonen, Ben Carlson, Bud Mickelson, Eric Albrecht, Jameson Lundquist, Chad Huttel, Adam Wright, Conrad Fox, Nate Kukowski, Marko Pedisic, Karl Gilbert, Jon Clauson, Ross Peterson, Sarah Johnson, Josh Peterson, Luke Olson, Andrea Mahnke

Guests: James Wentworth, Shawna Jokinen,

1. Call to order @8:01pm by Wright.
1. Review and Approval of July **2025** monthly meeting minutes – Request made to add net profit from gambling to July minutes. **Motion** made by Clauson, seconded by J. Peterson. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.
2. July Gambling Report August 27, 2025

Gross Receipts	\$328,842	Proposed July Budget	\$49,360
Prizes Paid	\$274,060	Actual July Budget	\$52,901
Net Receipts	\$54,782	End of last month carryover	\$134,060.85
Allowable Expenses	\$32,856	Proposed September Budget	\$34,060
Taxes Payable	\$4,797	Net Profit	\$16,947

Motion to approve the Gambling Report for July **2025** made by Kukowski, Second by Gilbert. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the Schedule C donation of \$81,000 payable to Zamboni USA made by Albrecht, Second by Suihkonen. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed

Motion to approve a proposed budget for September **2025** made by Huttel, Second by Clauson. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to add Danielle Harris, Lindsey Bucheger and Andrea Mahnke to the Gambling banking account and remove Lorene Dammer and Robert Schmidt made by Wright, Second by Albrecht. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

Andrea presented Gambling Report in new format and answered questions about gambling program. Discussion about allowable expenses. The following Sites currently participate in charitable gambling with HAHA: Fosters, Skyline Social, Beacon Bar, Pike Lake Golf, Pequaywan Inn, Hermantown Arenda. Exploring move to new system for monthly reporting improvements. Raffle ticket coordination will be taken on by Gambling, with additional support from volunteer association members. Raffle ticket and coupon book handout event being planned for when the materials arrive.

3. Old Business:
 - a. Outdoor Rink Replacement – Fox reported on meeting with the City of Hermantown, the issue is still being evaluated by the regulators. Planning for the end of September to grade out parking lot area to flood for winter season, no boards planned, just a pleasure rink. Need to hire an

outdoor rink maintenance worker for the hockey season. Fox to create job description and post the position. New net holders were built for the outdoor rinks. Zamboni maintenance discussed.

- b. Registration/Software - Albrecht shared updates on the first registration for HAHA with Crossbar, 149 registrations completed so far. Overall good feedback on Crossbar from the membership. Coordinators need to obtain coaching information for their levels and utilize the spreadsheet created by Eric. In the process of adding admin authority for various roles in preparation for the season.

4. New Business:

- a. Grade Move-ups – Discussion about move-up requests received. Motion made to grant grade level move-ups to: Ryann Knight, Callum Wollak, Elijah Sandlin, Brody Kerfeld, Owen Kerfeld, Japheth Hokanson, Brecken Soderlund, Julia Peterson, Claire Simpson, and Violet Ries made by Huttel, Second by Fox. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.
- b. Waiver Request – Mandatory Waiver request for 1st year squirt and Hermantown student Henry Dott, approved. Discussion about Discretionary Waiver request received for peewee Proctor resident, Hermantown student Hunter Kippola, approved. Board decided to consider future discretionary waiver requests on a case-by-case basis.
- c. Bantam Coaching – Bantam AA coach Taras Lendzyk resigned from position. Search ongoing for replacement.
- d. Squirt Tournaments – Hermantown attempted to register 1 team at each squirt level for the Squirt International tournament in Fargo. Unknown which of the registration attempts have been accepted, should find out soon.
- e. Ice Hockey Systems contract – Discussion about features and use of Ice Hockey Systems ahead of upcoming contract renewal decision. Based on feedback from association coaches, HAHA will not be renewing the contract.
- f. Motion to approve HAHA payment for 3rd U15B team due to no home tournament made by Wright, Second by Mickelson. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.
- g. Motion to approve HAHA payment of \$518.46 for U8 Mirage Goalie Equipment made by Albrecht, Second by Mickelson. All in favor – no opposed. Motion passed.

5. Treasurer's Report: Account Summary **August 25, 2025:**

Savings	CD	Checking	Total
\$452,938.63		\$36,725.94	\$489,664.57

YOY: \$10,456.94

Suihkonen provided a detailed review of the P&L and answered questions from the membership. Items of note - \$16,000 outstanding loan to gambling, \$13,000 Outdoor Rink Sponsorship outstanding.

Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Albrecht, seconded by Kukowski. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

6. Player Development:

- a. Huttel: No update
- b. Goalies: L. Olson – Pre-season goalie skate ice time scheduled
- c. Girls: Anick - No update

7. Level Coordinator Reports:

- a. Equipment Manager: Carlson - No update
- b. Outdoor Ice: Fox – Update provided earlier in meeting.
- c. Girls U13-U15: Johnson – Several non-parent coaches are available for the season and seem to be great options for the program
- d. Girls U10-U12: Clauson – Will present plans for coaching next month
- e. Girls U6-U8: Gilbert – No update
- a. BN: Kukowski – Working on coaching vacancy for bantam AA team

- f. PW: Pedisic – Scheduling tryout scrimmages for peewees, contacted by East as potential tryout scrimmage partner
 - g. SQ: Peterson – No update
 - h. M2- Mickelson – 6 teams planned, coaches are booking tournaments – Discussion about home tournament size and ice utilization. Voyageur league planned for season.
 - i. IM/M1: Lundquist – Tourneys for all teams booked, all 7 teams have a head coach, 7 planned move-ups from ice mites to M1
8. Open forum/Membership questions/concerns:
- a. Shawna – planning a grand opening event for the new arena that includes the overall hockey community. Please share any ideas or suggestions with her.
 - b. James Wentworth – Introduced himself to the board, James will be the peewee B1 head coach for the 25-26 season.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Peterson, Second by Fox. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed. Meeting Adjourned 9:42 PM