



# Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Skyline - 8:00pm-10:07 pm

Attendees: Garret Suihkonen, Ben Carlson, Bud Mickelson, Eric Albrecht, Jameson Lundquist, Chad Huttel, Luke Olson, Adam Wright, Conrad Fox, Nate Kukowski, Josh Peterson, Marko Pedisic, Karl Gilbert, Jon Clauson, Ross Peterson  
Guests: Shawna Jokinen, Kenny Kolquist

1. Call to order @8:02pm by Wright.
2. Review and Approval of **April 2025** monthly meeting minutes – Request to change Eric Albrecht from Attendee to Guest at April 2025 meeting. – **Motion** made by Wright, seconded by Suihkonen. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.
3. April Gambling Report May 28, 2025

Gross Receipts	\$355,076	Proposed April Budget	\$39,560
Prizes Paid	\$297,974	Actual <b>April</b> Budget	\$44,671.04
Net Receipts	\$57,102	End of <b>last month</b> carryover	\$179,241.67
Allowable Expenses	\$22,735	Proposed June Budget	\$46,560
Taxes Payable	\$19,423		

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

**Motion** to approve a proposed budget for **June 2025** made by Suihkonen, Second by Lundquist. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

Andrea Mahnke will become the Gambling Manager July 1<sup>st</sup>.

4. Old Business:
  - a. Fundraising – Macy Johnson volunteered to take over the apparel side of the fundraising committee
  - b. HAHA Board representation at the District 11 annual meeting.
5. New Business:
  - a. Discussion from Level Coordinators and board members about anticipated registration numbers at each level to plan for upcoming season tournaments and ice scheduling. No changes proposed for Bantam, peewee, or Mirage levels for the 25-26 season. An additional team will be added at the squirt level. For the 25-26 season, planning to have A, B1, B1, B2, B2 squirt teams.
  - b. Discussion about Minnesota Hockey and District 11 request for associations to implement a Recruitment/Growth Coordinator position. Wright will get additional information about the position and it will be discussed further at the June meeting.
  - c. Discussion about District 11 implementation of C Teams. The conversation resulted in no interest in Hermantown adding C teams for the 25-26 season.
  - d. Registration – Albrecht gave an overview of issues observed with registration in previous seasons and shared plans to make improvements for the 25-26 season. Planning is underway

for registration with all board members asked to obtain USA hockey registrations prior to the June meeting. Updates planned for the annual registration Family Packet and clean-up needed for the website. Discussion about the features available to the association through various youth sports software on the market. A comparison of strengths and weaknesses of both Sports Engine and Crossbar were presented. Discussion resulted in board members determining that a change to Crossbar would improve registration and user experience through the season for families. **Motion** to transition from Sports Engine to Crossbar made by Albrecht, seconded by Suihkonen. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

- e. Discussion about the need for wetland permitting support as part of replacing outdoor rinks lost during the arena expansion project. **Motion** to approve \$1,500 in funds for GEI Consultants wetland services made by Fox, seconded by Wright. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.
- f. Discussion about request for HAHA float in 2025 Summerfest Parade. Email to be sent to all association members seeking volunteers.
- g. Email sent to association members on May 2, 2025 seeking self-nominations for vacant Tournament Director board appointed position. Discussion on job duties and input from arena manager. **Motion** to appoint Adam Lilyquist as HAHA Tournament Director for 1 year term made by Wright, seconded by Pedisic. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.
- h. A proposal to purchase new jerseys for Mirage teams was shared. Discussion about the need for newer jerseys at various levels and growth of the program. **Motion** to approve \$20,000 for a Mirage Jersey Order made by Albrecht, seconded by Fox. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.
- i. Discussion about in-arena camera technology available to organizations and the current cameras/streaming services at Hermantown Arena. The high school teams widely utilize the technology and there is an opportunity for youth teams and coaches to better incorporate video usage during their seasons to enhance player development. Camera's/streaming are the norm at arenas across the country and are currently used by association families. Discussion about a proposal received 5/28/25 for video services to be used by HAHA. Discussion about costs of various services and opportunities to lower the long term financial commitment through increased public viewing/subscriptions of streams from games played at Hermantown facilities. **Motion** to approve a 3-year, up to \$1,900/year commitment by HAHA for equipment installation and access to software with Spiideo made by Huttel, seconded by Kukowski. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report: Account Summary **May 28, 2025:**

Savings	CD	Checking	Total
\$405,411.67		\$24,007.16	\$429,488.33

YOY: \$26,679.90

Tournament registration fees are higher than previous years and registration for tournaments tends to open earlier each year, costs hitting the association earlier than seen in previous seasons.

Discussion about Fund A Hawk administration and HAHA contributions to program. **Motion** to approve \$1,500 contribution to Fund A Hawk, with full 2025-2026 funding coming out of clothing sales, made by Suihkonen, seconded by Albrecht. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

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

7. Player Development: Huttel: Discussion about filling vacant Player Development Sub-committee positions, plan to have more information to share at June meeting.
8. Level Coordinator Reports:
  - a. Equipment Manager: B Carlson: No update.

- b. Outdoor Ice: Fox – Conrad presented a plan for rink maintenance over the summer and discussion around possible locations on the property to add outdoor rinks. Discussion about how to source materials and find volunteers to complete work.
  - c. Goalies: L. Olson – No update.
  - d. Girls U13-U15: Johnson – unable to attend
  - e. Girls U10-U12: Clauson – Registering for tournaments. Shared insight on annual reconciliation between HAAH and PAHA for Mirage program expenses. HAAH tends to cover certain expenses while PAHA supplies the bulk of the ice time for the Mirage players. Generally results in a fair arrangement between the associations.
  - f. Girls U6-U8: Gilbert – Registering for tournaments
  - g. BN: Kukowski – Discussion about coaches for teams, Motion to approve HAAH payment for 3<sup>rd</sup> tournament for Bantam AA team due to no home tournament made by Albrecht, seconded by Huttel. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.
  - h. PW: Pedisic – Tournament registration is going good. Morning skate setup for all peewee age players. Discussion about coaches for teams. Motion to approve HAAH payment for 3<sup>rd</sup> tournament for Peewee AA team due to no home tournament made by Wright, seconded by Kukowski. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.
  - i. SQ: Peterson – Registering for tournaments. Motion to approve HAAH payment for 3<sup>rd</sup> tournament for Squirt A team due to no home tournament made by Suihkonen, seconded by Pedisic. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.
  - j. M2- Mickelson – 6 teams last season of about 9 players on each, planning for 6 teams next season, working on coaches and tournament registration
  - k. IM/M1: Lundquist – Last year 7 teams, expect 7 next season. Question about move-up protocol, refer the policy. Discussion about ages for kids to start ice mites
9. Open forum/Membership questions/concerns:
- a. Shawna – New arena construction update – invitation to board to come for a group tour