



Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Skyline - 8:00pm-10:11 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, Ella Anick, Adam Lilyquist, Josh Peterson

Guests: Bob Schmidt, Shawna Jokinen, Kenny Kolquist, Steve Ruud, Andrea Mahnke, Reid Amborn

1. Call to order @8:00pm by Wright.
1. Review and Approval of June **2025** monthly meeting minutes – **Motion** made by Suihkonen, seconded by Kukowski. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.
2. June Gambling Report July 23, 2025

Gross Receipts	\$330,879	Proposed June Budget	\$49,360
Prizes Paid	\$286,394	Actual June Budget	\$63,315.59
Net Receipts	\$44,485	End of last month carryover	\$127,009.47
Allowable Expenses	\$31,625	Proposed August Budget	\$28,860
Taxes Payable	\$15,130	Net Profit	-\$2,270

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

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

Andrea Mahnke became the Gambling Manager effective July 3rd, with Bob remaining as her assistant for the interim until she has someone in place in and trained. Discussion about ways to improve performance of gambling program.

3. Old Business:
 - a. Recruitment/Growth Coordinator – HAHA not moving forward with adding this role at this time
 - b. Raffle Tickets – printing cost request – HAHA will receive a proof of the 25-26 season raffle tickets by 9/1/2025. Hoping to have them printed as early as possible. A suggested improvement for the future is to not have the vehicle title transferred directly to HAHA. Seeking someone to lead the raffle tickets handout and collection process.
 - c. Outdoor Rink Replacement – Motion to approve \$3,000 in funds for GEI Consultants to complete a Minnesota Joint Application for Projects Impacting Wetlands to the City of Hermantown made by Fox, seconded by Wright. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.
 - d. Registration/Software - Albrecht presented the registration features of the new crossbar site. Verified the teams planned for 2025 are accurate. Base Registration Cost by level discussion and what's included compared to previous seasons (Sock Fees, Gate Fees). Birthdate of June 1, 2023 and older established for ice mite program. New this season, a birth certificate must be uploaded for every skater at registration. This is required one-time and will remain on file, it will not need to be done in future seasons for a skater. Required forms for various HAHA policies

are built into the registration in Crossbar and must be signed. This will eliminate the need for team managers to collect them after the season begins. Discussion about payment plan options, upsells and discounts related to HABA fundraising programs. Concession stand buyout lowered to \$25/skater. Motion to approve fee schedule for 2025-2026 season made by J. Peterson, second by Pedisic. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

4. New Business:

- a. Assistant Gambling Manager – Mahnke and Schmidt recommended Lindsey Bucheger to be hired as assistant gambling manager at a salary of \$12,500/year. Discussion about her experience on fund raising committee and previous work selling pull tabs for another organization. The position is needed due to the gambling operation growing and now requires the work of more than one person. Motion to approve the hire made by Suihkonen, second by Huttel. All in favor – no opposed, motion passed.
- b. Peewee/Bantam Head Coaches – Discussion about coach selection at the peewee and bantam levels. Huttel shared recommendations for individuals identified for several roles.
 - i. Motion to approve Sean Stewart as Peewee AA head coach made by R. Peterson, second by Pedisic. All in favor – no opposed, motion passed.
 - ii. Motion to approve James Wentworth as Peewee B1 head coach made by Pedisic, second by Suihkonen. All in favor – no opposed, motion passed.
 - iii. Motion to approve Taras Lendzyk as Bantam AA head coach made by Kukowski, second by Albrecht. All in favor – no opposed, motion passed.
 - iv. Motion to approve Sam High as Bantam B1 head coach made by Wright, second by J. Peterson. All in favor – no opposed, motion passed.
- c. U15 registration for girls who try out for JV/Varsity Program - Discussion about players who are eligible for Mirage program but try out for JV/Varsity and how to handle registration. Players in this situation will register for U15, if they end up playing JV/Varsity, the full registration cost will be reimbursed. These players will still be required to participate in the raffle ticket and coupon book fundraisers.
- d. Creation of HABA Specific Social Media to link with Crossbar – A facebook account will be created that is specific to Hermantown Youth Hockey to share information about the boys and girls youth programs. Messages to families regarding HABA communications can also be connected through Crossbar to add an additional method for people to receive information.

5. Treasurer's Report: Account Summary **July 21, 2025:**

Savings	CD	Checking	Total
\$387,116.67		\$18,190.02	\$405,306.69

YOY: \$54,799.13

\$7,300 reimbursement from Hermantown Arena for March ice bill. Overall pretty quiet month. Reid Amborn discussion on Fund a Hawk program. Funded through clothing sales and donations.

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

6. Player Development:

- a. Huttel: No update
- b. Goalies: L. Olson – No update
- c. Girls: Anick - No update

7. Level Coordinator Reports:

- a. Equipment Manager: Carlson - No update
- b. Outdoor Ice: Fox – School board approved moving forward with permitting plans for outdoor rink replacement. Planning contractors for tree removal and site prep, getting quotes. First

volunteer event went well, junk cleaned up. Planning to do a siding project for player boxes. The next volunteer work day scheduled for the following week.

- c. Girls U13-U15: Johnson - No update
- d. Girls U10-U12: Clauson – No update
- e. Girls U6-U8: Gilbert – No update
- a. BN: Kukowski – Request for body contact camp. September 6:00 am skates planned with power skating
- f. PW: Pedisic – No update
- g. SQ: Peterson – No update
- h. M2- Mickelson – No update
- i. IM/M1: Lundquist – No update

8. Open forum/Membership questions/concerns: - None

Meeting Adjourned 10:11 PM