



Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Skyline - 8:00pm-9:41 pm

Attendees: Garret Suihkonen, Ben Carlson, Bud Mickelson, Eric Albrecht, Jameson Lundquist, Chad Huttel, Luke Olson, Adam Wright, Conrad Fox, Nate Kukowski, Marko Pedisic, Karl Gilbert, Jon Clauson, Ross Peterson, Sarah Johnson
Guests: Bob Schmidt, Shawna Jokinen, Kenny Kolquist, Steve Ruud, Andrea Mahnke, Adam Lilyquist

1. Call to order @8:00pm by Wright.
2. Review and Approval of May **2025** monthly meeting minutes – Request to add Ross Peterson as an Attendee at May 2025 meeting. – **Motion** made by Suihkonen, seconded by Mickelson. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.
3. May Gambling Report June 25, 2025

Gross Receipts	\$267,778	Proposed May Budget	\$46,560
Prizes Paid	\$220,720	Actual May Budget	\$59,344.67
Net Receipts	\$47,058	End of last month carryover	\$174,085.42
Allowable Expenses	\$32,792	Proposed July Budget	\$49,360
Taxes Payable	\$15,986		

Motion to approve the Gambling Report for May **2025** made by Wright, Second by Huttel. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.

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

Andrea Mahnke will become the Gambling Manager July 1st, with Bob remaining as her assistant for the interim until she has someone in place in and trained. Beacon Bar Pull Tab Booth went live in June. Electronic gaming started at Pequaywan Inn in June.

Special recognition of Bob Schmidt for 25+ years of work on charitable gambling for HAHA. Bob's son's Kyle and Ryan were excellent players and students who came through the program and the family contributed to the success of Hermantown hockey on and off the ice. Bob spent countless hours coaching, serving on the board, flooding, and leading the gambling effort, including long after his own sons were through the program. Thank you Bob for everything you have done for Hermantown Hockey!

4. Old Business:
 - a. Recruitment/Growth Coordinator - Discussion about Minnesota Hockey and District 11 request for associations to implement a Recruitment/Growth Coordinator position. Wright shared the job description and requested members to consider how to proceed.
 - b. Registration/Software – Albrecht and Crossbar working on building the new site, going well. Working on test sheets. Site will be operational for the 25-26 season registration window, shooting for an August 8th, 2025 go-live.

- c. Outdoor rink development – Discussion about HABA's approach to ensuring the association keeps up on outdoor rink maintenance. Fox presented information on the number of work hours required each year and a proposal to track volunteer time. Discussion about the policy of fining a team for missing a flooding commitment. Board to encourage participation from association members and support rink maintenance efforts, but no changes to the outdoor rink volunteer expectations.

5. New Business:

- a. Raffle Tickets – Discussion about the car raffle tickets for the 25-26 season. Tickets will be printed after the make & model of the car is determined. Other prizes to be kept the same as last year, no changes to the family commitment. Drawing date and time will align with the final home boys varsity game of the season, February 7th, 2026.

6. Treasurer's Report: Account Summary **June 24, 2025:**

Savings	CD	Checking	Total
\$396,305.08		\$12,520.12	\$408,825.20

YOY: \$54,327.61

Discussion about tournament registration fee increases and general budget trends. No significant issues anticipated.

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

7. Player Development:

- a. Huttel: Coaches for 25-26 season nearly set. Working on filling open Player Development Sub-committee positions. Working on demo with Crossbar of the Tryout feature of the software.

8. Level Coordinator Reports:

- a. Equipment Manager: B Carlson: Socks about to be ordered for the season. Planning underway for the coupon books.
- b. Outdoor Ice: Fox – Outdoor rink wetland jurisdictional determination was approved. Fox meeting with the school board July 14th to pitch plans for outdoor rink replacement.
- c. Godlies: L. Olson – No update.
- d. Girls U13-U15: Johnson – U15 tournaments are all booked. Working on plans for coaches for each team. Targeting former Mirage players for involvement with the youth program.
- e. Girls U10-U12: Clauson – Anticipating about 20 skaters at 10U, planning for 2 B teams. Anticipating about 26 skaters at 12U, planning for A and B teams. Tournaments nearly set. Try-out dates set. Motion to appoint Ella Anick to the position of Girls Player Development Coordinator made by Huttel, seconded by Albrecht. All in favor – No opposed. Motion passed.
- f. Girls U6-U8: Gilbert – Tournament registration is set. Coaches identified.
- g. BN: Kukowski – No major updates. Tournaments and tryout dates are set. Working on coordinating potential scrimmages during tryouts.
- h. PW: Pedisic – Tournaments booked and tryout dates set. Working on identifying coaches. Other associations reaching out to schedule swings through the area. Booked ice for morning skates pre-season.
- i. SQ: Peterson – No updates
- j. M2- Mickelson – Anticipating about 60 skaters, 6 teams, 6 head coaches identified. Tournaments being booked.
- k. IM/M1: Lundquist – Several coaches lined -up. Tournaments nearly booked.

9. Open forum/Membership questions/concerns:

- a. Shawna – Association members interested in contributing materials or services to the arena construction project should reach out to her. Construction on schedule.