

20 Aug HCF Board Meeting Minutes

1. Dave called the meeting to order at 5:42 PM.
2. Board Members Present: Dave, Megan, Ben, Wade, Kat, Josh (via teleconference)
3. Board Members excused: Luther, Audra & Togi
 - a. Audra was absent so Kat took notes.
4. Others Present: Anna, RT, Angela
5. Approval of Agenda: Megan motioned, Wade 2nd, motion carried.
6. No persons to be heard.
7. Approval of July Minutes. Megan motioned, Wade 2nd, motion carried
8. No President/Vice President Report
9. No ASHA report. ASHA meeting this Saturday (23 Aug), Ben will listen in.
10. Officials – Jason not present, provided written report via email.
11. Treasurer – Megan –
 - a. Bank resolution to add signers for Financial Managers for comp team (no motion required). Board reviewed names of signers to be added and no concerns were voiced.
 - b. Megan motioned to put reserve funds into McKinkley 6 month CD, Ben 2nd, motion carried.
 - c. Megan stated tryouts will have a profit and tryout \$ will go into the team's bank accounts.
12. Executive Director report (Anna).
 - a. HCF received a Brianna Decker grant for girls hockey. Thinking of using it to fund ice time, 2 sheets per month for all girls, which includes \$\$ for the instructor(s).
 - b. Lisa Kriley power skating ice dates secured and will be Sep 18, 19, 20, 21.
 - c. 12/14UB Girls assessment sheets will be cancelled.
 - d. Discussion about refunding an anonymous player's tryout fees. Board members voted no after significant discussion. The general feeling was that unless HCF did something wrong during the tryout process or the athlete was unable to attend tryouts, that no refund should be given. There were concerns about the precedence this would set if approved.
 - e. No firm dates yet for 2026/27 Season Dipper closure yet (besides the May 2026 – Oct/Nov 2026 range). No answer from Carlson Center about providing ice there yet. Should look into if Polar is willing to open Aug 1 in 2026 for more available ice.
 - f. Looking to schedule some basic dryland with Sarah for A/B players in Sept (3 days, 1.5 hours). Reason for scheduling the dryland is that last

year, Sarah provided feedback that a lot of her dryland involved teaching players the basics of how to do dryland. She's hoping to lay that foundation in Sept. There was also a suggestion to video these dryland sessions and put them on the HCF YouTube channel. Dave recommended contacting Hutch or UAF audio/video clubs/departments to see if students would be interested in taking this on as a project/training opportunity. Anna said she'd reach out to Hutch.

- g. For Photos, HCF is going with Marie this year.
- h. In regards to the new Sponsorship Structure, comp managers have been told that if sponsors give pushback, to provide that information to Anna, so she can bring it to the HCF Board for consideration/feedback on how the new structure is working out.

13. Hockey Director Report (RT):

- a. RT on ice for all the evals except for 12U (in the stands for those)
- b. 10U parent meeting location (2nd floor of Dipper) is not ideal when the older team is practicing below due to noise. The 10U meeting was also a bit too long. The 14UT2 parent meeting was given as a good example to follow. 12U's also had a good format for their parent meeting.
- c. Tryout numbers have been great.
- d. Additional feedback from 10U tryouts was that all the evaluators were parents of kids out on the ice.
- e. Kat suggested putting together a "Tryout FAQ" to post on the website for Families to provide information and guidelines on how HCF conducts evaluations and provide more transparency for the process. Anna took a note to get with Kat about this.
- f. Additional feedback for evals was to consider slimming down the pool of players and making cuts between Day 2 and 3 of the tryout or extending the tryouts into Day 4. Discussion occurred and it seemed like making cuts between day 2 and 3 was the preferred option, as long as it was communicated clearly to families prior to tryouts. There were a lot of kids for some of the tryouts and adding more evaluators in this case would be helpful as well.
- g. T2/Major/Minor hot stove before tryouts. A/B coaches hot stove right after tryouts.
- h. RT suggested capping 8U/10U at 100 kids to better manage the numbers on the ice and provide a better experience for the players (and coaches). Discussion emerged about finding more ice time (utilization of ice time at Polar, also non-prime times, such as 7am and 4pm ice).

14. Safe Sport Update – Dave, No updates, Safesport needed for 18U players.
15. Electronic scoresheets - Ipads have been purchased and are at the rinks. For manager training, Jason Beach (ASHA) is putting together a video tutorial for this.
16. Registrar report (Audra gone), but we did get Luther's USAH number and he completed his SS & BC.
17. HCF Clubhouse – Ben – Solar is being installed this month.
18. Soft Dividers - Custom Canvas to get those fixed up.
19. Clothing – Angela. Busy with sizing. One team has gotten their order in so far.
20. New Business
 - a. Suggestion was made for Scott to conduct a new equipment inventory (added to Anna's list)
 - b. RT was asked to fix the lights at Clubhouse
 - c. Modrell's are working on the Clubhouse roof issue.
 - d. Ben asked if we wanted to do any soft ice divider branding (I think the only suggestion was putting HCF everywhere on it)
 - e. Ben suggested 16/18's 3v3 jamboree. May be possible to do sometime in Sept if ice time is available. Discussion over prizes for teams, such as clear tape, PIAS skate sharpening cards, etc.
 - f. Discussion on going to Borough Assembly meetings and continuing to champion/put in applications for borough projects that benefit the hockey community, such as covered outdoor ice at Dipper.
 - g. The next HCF board meeting will be at 5:30 PM on 15 Sep.
21. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM. Megan motioned, Wade second, motion carried.