

**ACYHA Board Of Directors
Membership Meeting Minutes
August 2025**

**Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting
Date: August 11, 2025
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: NHIA Meeting Room 1**

Attendees

**Brian Thul - President - X
Dustin Glad - Vice Chair - X
Scott Allen - Treasurer - X
Kevin Pote - D3 Rep. - X
Kim Nau - Secretary - absent
Michael Thompson - Boys Travel Director - X
Norm Orstad - Girls Travel Director - absent
Scott Tousignant - ACE - X
Derrick Raymond - Ice Scheduler - X**

**Julie Wahl - Sales/Fundraising - absent
Susie Melynchuk - Tournament Dir - absent
Matt Inciti - Concession Manager - X
Jim Lewandoski - Mite Director - X
Sarah Guzman - Mite Program Director - X
Drew Herron - Communications and Marketing - X
Ryan Hegarty - Safe Sport - X
Wendy Mathiason - At Large - absent
Tina Schochow Greazel- Volunteer Program Dir - X**

Additional Representatives

**Lance McKinnon - WEB Admin - X
Tracee DeNeui - Gambling Mgr - X
James Tousignant - Asst. ACE -
John Dooley - Eval Coordinator - X
Erin Dungan/John Knutson - Equipment - X
Kari Karsnick - Registrar - X
Ryan King - HDC Chair -
Miranda Hortenbach - Skate - absent
Lida Knoll - Graphic Design - absent
Lindsey Brekker - Fundraising Director
Liz Tratnick - Ass't Treasurer
Michael Kautzman - Ass't Ice Sched
Heather Arenson - Ass't Girls Travel Coordinator - X
Stephanie Hagen - 2026-2027 incoming Secretary X**

LEVEL COORDINATORS

**Bantam - Cam Opel - absent
PeeWee - Peter Houghtaling - absent
Squirt - Jake Standafer - absent
Goalie - Andrew Cooper - X**

18 Current voting members; 10 required for quorum

Topics:	Presenter(s):
pm	Call to Order Brian Thul Roll Call Kim Nau

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion: Scott Allen Seconded: Dustin Glad

1. Gambling Director (Tracee)

Checkbook balance end of July 2025: \$75,454.18
Profit for July %53,335
Will be re-opening the booth at New Hope Bowl on September 3rd, etabs continue at the bar

Approval of gambling report: Motion: Dustin Glad Seconded: Matt inciti

2. Chair (Brian)

Great work Kari, Tina, Drew, Julie, Erin Jon and and the rest of the team with launching the registration season! It is

hard to believe that we are almost back on the ice for the 2025-26 season. Thank you Kari for the updates and reminders on making sure our board is registered. This is really important and I will be making sure I have everything completed as well. Make sure you complete your requirements ASAP!

Huge thank you to Scott for all his extra work completing the MN Audit. I know it was more time than you had and it is appreciated. We will continue to keep you informed as results from the Audit become available.

Continue talking to neighbors and other friends about playing hockey. We can increase our U8 and mite numbers if we all commit to growing our association. Thank you to our mite team for all your planning as we move into recruitment season!

Waiver Requests, various different waivers across levels
Camp Plan, Overspeed dryland training during camps, look at hockey development budget
Monday Night Skills

3. Treasurer (Scott)

Light expenses in the beginning of the season

Unemployment audit, no action needed. Board compensation may change, may not be 1099 paid employees

Send receipts to Scott for background checks

4. Secretary (Kim)

Parent meetings, Kim contacted Calvary

5. District 3 (Kevin)

D3 meeting is on 8/13. Will give updates at our next meeting.

Board members complete your registration so we can start exhibitions.

6. Concessions (Matt)

Two student workers becoming managers

Shifts starting soon with Elite leagues starting

7. Marketing/Communications (Drew)

See document sent out - THFF, Mural update, 10k Puck Challenge, Marketing Slogan - 'Our Neighborhoods. Our Hockey. Wings Hockey.', branding with ISD 281

8. Registrar (Kari)

Registration going well! 140 registrations as of today.

To do:

-Board registration MUST DO'S: USA Hockey, Safe Sport, background check if needed

-Coaches corner has been updated with links and steps on what they need to get done.

-multiple discount codes, scott and brian will make this right

9. ACE director (Scott)

Coaching Updates: ACE coordinators have compiled lists of coaches at each level, and have been in talks with returning parent coaches to gauge their coaching interest for the 25-26 season*Need to wait for evaluations to see where players land.

At the Bantam Level: Have identified head coaches at the A, B, and C levels. Will need to identify a parent assistant at the B1, and C levels.

At the Peewee Level: Interviewing coaches for the Peewee A, hope to have a coach finalized this week. Peewee B1 and C, we have identified parent coaches but need to wait for placements.

At the squirt level, we have identified and have spoken with some parent coaches, and need to wait for placements.

At the 12U A level: We have had no interest from non-parent coaches*No shortages of interested parent coaches willing to lead this group*Need to identify which of these parent coaches want to take the reins (or maybe they Co-Head?).

U12 B and U10's: parent coaches have been identified , need to wait for placements.

10. Boys Travel Coordinator- (Michael)

Squirt numbers are looking strong, along with goalie #s

Peewee registration numbers may bring us to three teams, potential levels - A, B1 and C

Bantam numbers are strong, goalie situation

10.1 Peewee Coordinator (Peter)

I'm closely monitoring Peewee registrations and have emailed the Peewee families so I can have as accurate a projection as possible. We are currently projecting 45 or 46 skaters plus 5 or 6 goaltenders. This is barely enough for four teams. We are looking at Squirt numbers and are discussing if an association need may exist, in which case we may consider asking if a couple of the older Squirts are interested in playing up. If numbers drop further, we may have to consider going to 3 teams at Peeweess.

Can we revive the equipment swap?

11. Girls Travel Director- (Norm)

1. Girls Hockey Day – December 14

Recruiting volunteers to help coordinate the event. Last year's activities included craft rooms, gift bag donations, and setup/teardown.

Working with other board members on the event schedule and activities.

Goal is full event coverage without pulling resources from regular season game support.

2. U15 Minneapolis/Hopkins/St. Louis Park Mets Open House

Date: Wednesday, August 13 at SLP Rec Center Banquet Room.

Info Session: 8:15–9:15 PM

Open Skate: 8:45–9:45 PM – U15 skate on the West Rink.

Promoting attendance to ACYHA U15-eligible families.

3. Player Numbers & Team Formation

U15: Not enough players for a standalone ACYHA team; working with families on placement options.

U12: Preseason planning in progress; evaluating with HDC reducing placement days from four to three.

U10: Planning to pull four players from U8 Travel to balance team numbers.

4. Preseason / Evaluations

Preparing coaches and locker room monitors for camp and evaluations.

5. Community Engagement

Sharing player highlights (Ellie Mulcahey – District 3 Walleye, Natalie Larsen – Spring Festival).

Continuing promotion of summer development opportunities and ACYHA events.

Planning space for girls to write personal invitation cards for Try Hockey For Free Day (Sept. 13, 2025), encouraging each to invite two friends.

6. Coordination with High School Program

Exploring connections between the HS girls team and ACYHA girls teams through on-ice help.

Reviewing USA Hockey's Student Coach registration requirement for HS players.

Next Steps (September)

Finalize preseason and placement schedules for U10 and U12.

Confirm volunteer assignments for Girls Hockey Day.

Support U15 families through the placement process with the Mets program.

Set up and run card-writing space for THFF invitations; track outreach goal of two friends per player.

Begin coach coordination for season startup.

Continue communication with the HS girls program about player and coach involvement at the youth level.

11.1 Girls Coordinator (Heather)

Mite parent mtg oct 12 11am-room reserved. Coaches meeting-early/mid September.

Applied for "Pass the Puck" grant

"Achieving Dreams" does a job or volunteer shift at excel, that money goes into your own account and then you can apply it towards which non profit

12. Mite Coordinator (Jim/Sarah)

Mite leveling- Mite coordinator will work with HDC on this.

12.1 Mite Recruiting (Lance/Steph)

Since our last meeting we've had some successful mites recruitment events at Crystal Frolics & The Great Rdale Get Together with solid interest and commitments from families whose children are within the 281 district.

Try Hockey For Free events have been scheduled with USA Hockey and placed on the website for prospective families to begin registering as we head into fall.

Solid recruitment team to do Back to School Nights and Try Hockey For Free events as well. Looking forward to welcoming new families into the association :)

Steph set up Mite Pool Night for 8/20 and New Hope Pool. Cabana rented

13. Tournaments (Susie)

14. Sales and Fundraising director (Julie)

15. HDC Update (Ryan K)

See document sent out

Overspeed/HS collaboration

Info on specific player situations

Coach interviews

Ice scheduling and player development

New goalie family at Pee wee level

16. Equipment (Erin/John)

Jersey orders

17. Ice Scheduler (Derrick)

Ice schedulers around town are changing the way things are scheduled throughout the year

18. Safe Sport Coordinator (Ryan H)

August 8th marks international Safe Sport Day with free resources for parents, kids and teenagers. Handbooks are available that dive into the various violations and how to report them if necessary. This could be a good handout to provide the parents during the association meetings.

Prepare information for coaches and managers meetings.

19. Volunteer Program Director (Tina)

2025-26 DIBS Sessions are activated and ready for the season.

20. Skate Coordinator (Miranda)

Google form has been created and working on incorporating the GPA calculator within the doc. This form can just be sent to teams and all data will come to me. This should eliminate the need for team managers to have to collect and manage the data. I will still need a chaperone for each team at the event but all the paperwork can be filtered through this one form.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm - Motion:Matt Inciti Seconded: Dustin Glad