



# EPHA BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2025

Call to order at 6:02 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Invited:** Barry, Day, Engelstad, Hedlund, Heggstad, Hilden, Huestis, Kiecker, Langaard, Martin, Nguyen, Persian, Pike, Richards, Rochford, Sarazine, Steidl, Walters, Waltman

**Absent:** Pike, Nguyen, Heggstad, Persian

## MINUTES

Last month's Board Meeting and Gambling Committee minutes were approved and posted to the EPHA website.

**Motion by Sarazine, second by Langaard; all approved.**

## HIGH SCHOOL COACHES REPORT

## NOTES

Girls Coaches Report // Persian  
Boys Coaches Report // Nguyen

- No updates at this time.
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## NOTES

<b>Charitable Gambling:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$341k in gross receipts / \$58k in net receipts / \$12k net gain</li> <li>● Another good for a month with \$12k in eTabs</li> <li>● Approved \$2,100 for purchases of a meat raffle wheel and horseracing game for more gaming options.</li> </ul>
<b>President</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● D6 presidents meeting. Brad Hewitt was reelected to his position as Director of D6.</li> <li>● D6 Waiver discussion, no major changes or outcomes. Aligned to follow "play where you live".</li> <li>● New Squirt/10U proposal for Gold and Silver divisions at the A level. Likely to go through at Squirts but not 10U.</li> <li>● New dryland area is complete! (Kudos to Cully Huestis and Mike Rochford).</li> <li>● Waivers are starting to come in for review. D6 is aligned to support "play where you live".</li> </ul>

## NEW BUSINESS

	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>Travel Coach Placement:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Coaching placement announcements:</li> <li>● Jeff Dessner, PWAA Head coach</li> <li>● Adam Steven, BB2 Head Coach</li> <li>● Eric Flam, BB1 Head Coach</li> <li>● Dave Lynne, BAA Head Coach</li> <li>● Dani Benson 10U B1 Head Coach</li> </ul>
<b>Communications Planning</b>	Presented a new communication planning document, as well as a request form. All Board members are asked to populate the annual planning document with known events, milestones, deadlines, etc., and use the new form to manage requests.



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DIRECTORS REPORTS	NOTES
<b>Home Tournaments: Heggstad</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates on work in progress.</li> </ul>
<b>Ice Scheduler: Barry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All growth and tryouts ice allotted. Negotiating ice for regionals and other tournaments in February 2026. Also working with Jefferson to clinics and tryouts organized for 12U and 15U.</li> </ul>
<b>Vice President: Richards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tryout dates are set for September 20 for Peewee, Bantam and 12U.</li> <li>Squirts and 10U will begin October 20 and we will use time for additional skill sessions in the interim. This helps avoid fall sport conflicts and better aligns with other D6 teams. It also gives kids more time in the transition year to travel.</li> <li>Preseason clinics will be reformatted this year with skills, body contact, puck protection, power skating, etc.</li> <li>Skaters will have the flexibility to sign up for sessions through SportsEngine vs. being assigned to specific dates.</li> <li>HDC has been an integral part of the planning and will continue to be an integral part of the session management.</li> <li>10U will not field an A team this season and will play B1.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer: Hedlund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates on work in progress.</li> </ul>
<b>Registrar: Rochford</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration numbers are steady.</li> <li>Squirt goalies and new players incentives are being taken advantage of which is great news!</li> <li>Responding to waivers as they are submitted.</li> </ul>
<b>Coaches: Sarazine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition to coaches named in new business, finalizing coaching staff where there are openings.</li> </ul>
<b>Sponsorship: Huestis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dryland update complete.</li> <li>Working on new sponsorship after the main sponsor backed out.</li> <li>Working in pictures, mouthguards and hotel sponsors.</li> </ul>
<b>Growth: Engelstad</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All growth dates are set and multiple events are coming up.</li> <li>Reorganized Termites to be one longer session vs two to provide more ice time to registrants who tend to sign up for both sessions anyway.</li> </ul>
<b>Player Development: Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intro to goalie programs starting this month and are full!</li> <li>We have a new shooting instructor, Alex Ziegler, signed up to help the Association this year, and Grace Nass is coaching power skating.</li> <li>Working on lesson plans.</li> </ul>
<b>Communications: Steidl</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executing on comms requests.</li> </ul>
<b>Commissioners &amp; Volunteers: Pike</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absent no update.</li> </ul>
<b>Mites: Martin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on Mite tryout and team selection plan.</li> <li>Plan to continue the 3v3 league.</li> </ul>
<b>Girls Director: Waltman</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls Summer Series is in progress - big numbers for the next event.</li> <li>Starting planning for Girls Hockey Day.</li> <li>Working through 12U co-op implementation which gives players an A, B1 and B2 option that has not been available for some time.</li> </ul>
<b>Equipment &amp; Apparel: Hilden</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jerseys are designed. Fit checks are going well.</li> <li>Store is filled and will be open July 31-August 4.</li> </ul>



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<b>Travel Tournaments: Langaard</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Majority of tournaments are registered for. A few are still being booked at some levels. Now working on hotels for teams.</li></ul>
<b>Secretary: Walters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organizing Association comm calendar, communication request process and milestone planning document.</li><li>• Continuing updates and improvements to the website.</li><li>• Starting planning for October player kickoff event.</li></ul>

**Motion to adjourn by Cully Huestis at 7:45 pm, second by Rochford; all approved.**

Next meeting is 6:00 p.m. on August 4, 2025.