

Escanaba Area Junior Hockey Association
PeeWee A Team
August 19, 2025
HIT Concession Area

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Nick Blankenheim at 7:01pm.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Board Members –
 - i. Present: Nick Blankenheim, David Spilling, Holly Seidenstucker, Amanada Knuth, Caley Corbett, Josh Lancour, Matt Hughes and Jordy Maloney.
 - ii. Not Present: Andy Wilson, Korinne Lamoreaux and Erin Abb
 - b. General Membership –Joel Clishe
- III. The topic of the meeting tonight is at the PeeWee level should we have two house B teams or one A team and one B team.
 - a. It was discussed how the A Team idea came about. Josh Lancour said they were approached by families about it. There are a lot of 2014 families that are very dedicated to hockey and take their kids to camps and would like to continue to play at a higher level.
 - b. When Nick talked to all the families there was only one family that was all in for an A team. There were a lot of concerns on the cost and the amount of travel.
 - c. 70% or more families Nick talked to were wanting their kids on an A team to avoid having a certain coach again. 12 or more families stated if that coach comes back they would pull their kid and go play for another association. Some were also concerned about behavioral problems with a few players. This is what motivated the parents to wanting an A team.
 - d. It was a concern when multiple families said they are better than house hockey. That is the kind of thing that divides families and takes down an organization from within and is a red flag. Not sure if they realize the speed is much different jumping from Squirt to PeeWee hockey and a 12U house team is still a challenging level.
 - e. There is only 1 A team in the UP to play, the rest would be in lower Michigan or norther Wisconsin. Per Joel Clishe WAHA teams are eligible for the game count for districts.
 - f. Upper Michigan only offers CUP League and NIHL, neither of which have an A Team.
 - g. There is a concern that the 2013's would not have an opportunity to try out.
 - h. It is nice when we can intermix the talent on the teams so kids can learn from each other.
 - i. Rob Spritzer has agreed to be a head coach.
 - j. There will have to be a try out set.

- k. Amanda Knuth motioned to have an A Team at the PeeWee level and it was seconded by Josh Lancour.
 - i. All in favor of the A Team
 - 1. Josh Lancour, Matt Hughes, Amanada Knuth, Jordy Maloney, Caley Corbett, Holly Seidenstucker and David Spilling.
 - ii. All opposed
 - 1. Nick Blankenheim
 - iii. Josh will line up ice time for try outs.
 - iv. Nick motioned for the two Manistique players that reached out wanting to play for us. They would play at the B level and this would bring us another coach. Jordy seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Next Meeting – September 10, 2025, at 6:00pm in the HIT Concessions Area
- V. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm by President Nick Blankenheim.