

Worthington Hockey Association

June 16, 2025 – Board Meeting Minutes JBS Fieldhouse – Worthington, MN – 7:00 PM

Members Present: Matt Kennedy, Nick Einck, Tyler Nienkerk, Jason Johnson, Jenna Feldman, Nate Grimmus, Anna Smith, Andy Berg, Josh Miller, Jason Bush, and Jason Larsen

Also Present: Shannon Andrea

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the May 2025 meeting were approved. A motion was made by Jason Bush and seconded by Jason Larsen. Motion carried.

2. Arena Manager Report

Anna Smith reported that there were no major updates from Corey, who had prioritized the pool project. WHA had sent a list of requested changes, and Anna plans to follow up. Tyler asked whether Corey had provided recalculated hours; Anna confirmed he had, but they still need to be validated.

3. Finance Report

Jenna Feldman presented the financial report.

Account Balances	
FSB CD #5194	\$21,706.44
UPB Checking #9254	\$44,682.38
FSB Fundraising #7530	\$20.47
CD #1415	\$100,000
CD #1569	\$200,000
UPB Savings #8678	\$6,204.44
Wombats #3675	\$7,215.81
CD #9252	\$105,075.38
Pledges 6434	\$69,726.26
Total Current Assets	\$554,631.18

Discussion followed regarding whether the high school hockey bill should be paid now or delayed assessing whether co-op schools should be billed. Anna and Andy met with the school and learned the school may be open to taking over the financial responsibility of hockey programs. There was discussion about whether co-op schools (like Adrian) improperly charged families. Tyler will follow up with a parent from Adrian. Jenna advocated for paying the full bill now and reviewing policy changes for future years.

A motion was made by Jason Larsen to approve the finance report. Seconded by Andy Berg. Motion carried.

4. Pull Tab Report

- Presented by Shannon Andrea. The board voted to pay the City an additional \$10,000 for Ice Rental - A motion was made by Jason Bush to approve the pull tab report, seconded by Jason Larsen, Motion Carried

Location	April	Year to date
The Tap	\$1819	\$14037
VFW	\$6,227.30	\$30682.30
The Mav Grill	\$10,410.13	\$44874.42
Forbidden Barrel	0	\$7,300.12
Raffles/Calendars	0	\$9,750.00
Total	\$ 18456.43	\$106,643.54
Total rent paid to city to date	\$55,000.00	

Rent Paid to City YTD: \$55,000 (target is \$65,000 through September)

UPB Balance: \$36,183 (as of June 15) does not include the \$10,000 check paid to the City as that has not been cashed yet.

Machine Lease: A new three-game machine is being leased for \$250/month at The MAV. The machine received mixed reviews due to its low window height and small ticket retrieval hole. Visibility and ADA compliance were discussed. A decision was made to continue the lease short-term and assess performance before considering returning to a two-game machine.

Anna requested historical gambling data to track trends over time. Shannon confirmed records are available and will share them.

A motion was made by Nick Einck to approve the gambling report. Seconded by Jason Bush. Motion carried.

5. ACE Coordinator Report Discussion took place around Project Hockey and pushing kids going to camps over the summer instead. A motion was made by Anna Smith **to approve a \$250 reimbursement match for goalie camps**. If a family registers their goalie for a camp (e.g., valued at \$700), the association will reimburse up to \$250, but not exceeding that amount regardless of the total cost of the camp. Seconded by Tyler Nienkerk. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

a. 2024/25 Survey Summary - Anna Smith provided a brief overview of the season wrap-up, highlighting areas of strength and concern. She noted that registration numbers remained stable but emphasized the need for improved communication and volunteer participation, particularly during off-season events and fundraising efforts. She also shared feedback she had received from families, including frustration with summer scheduling and a general lack of clarity around expectations for fundraisers and DIBS hours. The board discussed incorporating these observations into planning for the 2025–26 season.

b. DIBS Update

- A motion was made by Andy Berg to implement a policy stating that individuals in paid positions within the association must choose between receiving payment or earning DIBS hours for their time—they may not receive both for the same work (“no double-dipping”). This policy will take effect on **July 15, 2025**, and applies moving forward to the **2025–26 season**. The motion was seconded by Tyler Nienkerk. Motion carried unanimously.
- The board voted to adopt a new DIBS policy for the 2024/25 season. All returning families will be required to complete **25 DIBS hours** per season. Of those, **5 hours must be completed in concessions**. This concession requirement also applies to families with a coaching member. New families must complete 10 hours, with 5 hours in the concession. The policy was unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.
- The board discussed whether families with varsity players should continue to receive DIBS credit for activities such as scorekeeping, announcing, and penalty box duties during varsity games. Currently, these roles **do count toward DIBS hours for varsity families**, whereas they **do not** for families with players at other levels. The rationale for the existing exception is that varsity families typically do not have access to tournaments or other large DIBS-eligible events to fulfill their hours. Board members were **divided** on whether to continue this exception or to require varsity

families to meet their DIBS requirements in the same manner as others. A **roll call vote** was taken. The final vote was:

- **6 in favor** of maintaining the current policy: Josh Miller, Matt, Jenna, Tyler, Nick, Jason Bush
- **5 in favor** of removing the exception- Andy, Anna, Jason Larsen, Nate, Jason Johnson
- As a result, the **policy will remain unchanged**: varsity families will continue to receive DIBS credit for their contributions during varsity games.

c. Registration- Anna Smith presented registration fee comparisons from neighboring communities, showing that WHA's fees were significantly lower. After careful consideration, the board voted to increase registration costs by 12% starting with the upcoming season. The board emphasized that continued fundraising participation is essential to keeping registration fees affordable. The motion was made by Josh Miller and seconded by Jason Larsen. Motion carried.

D. Golf Tournament- Matt gave an update on the golf tournament, registration is low so far so try to get the word out there for it.

E. Committees- Anna Smith proposed reorganizing WHA committees to help board meetings run more efficiently and stay focused at a higher level. The idea is for **each board member to take ownership of one or two committees** and handle the detailed work within those groups. Then, during monthly board meetings, committee leads would **present decisions or recommendations** to the full board for discussion or approval. The goal is to reduce time spent in operational details during full board meetings and streamline decision-making.

F. Hockey Night at The MAV:

- Scheduled for July 25.
- Includes gun raffle drawing at 6:30 PM.

G. Jason Johnson gave an update on the new arena campaign updates.

8. Next Meeting

July 21, 2025 – 7:00 PM – JBS Fieldhouse

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Andy Berg and seconded by Jason Larsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:59 PM.