



# Great Falls Amateur Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 11 November 2025

**Time:** 6:30PM

**Location:** Great Falls Ice Plex, 4001 29<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Great Falls, MT 59404

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### 1. Call to Order

- By: Mike Pancich
  - Time: 6:37 PM
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### 2. Executive Board / Voting Members Attendance

- **Board Members Present:**
    - President – Mike Pancich
    - Vice President – Mike Zook
    - Treasurer – Jennifer Chambers
    - Secretary – Corey Smith
  - **Division Representatives Present:**
    - High School – Jeff Winkler
    - 14U – Becky Kujava / Charlie Hibl
    - 12U – Neal Popichak
    - 10U – Matt Baker / Scott Bambenek
    - 6U / 8U – Sott Moodie
    - House League – Cody Lee
    - 19U Girls Hockey – Becky Kujava
  - **Board Members Absent:**
    - N/A
  - **Division Representatives Absent:**
    - High School – Erik Stober
    - 12U – Meghan Haynes
    - 6U / 8U – Katie Biggs
    - House League - Amber Heck
  - **Guests/Observers:** Erik Powell (Referee), Chanel Maroney
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### 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Meeting Date: 14 October 2025
  - Motion to Approve: Becky Kujava
  - Second by: Neal Popichak
  - Vote: Unanimous (Motion Approved)
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### 4. Approval of Treasurer Report

- Motion to Approve: Jeff Winkler
- Second by: Becky Kujava
- Vote: Unanimous (Motion Approved)





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### 5. Executive Board & Committee Member Reports

- President – Mike Pancich
  - **Locker Room Assignments:**
    - Locker room assignments will now be posted on the GFAHA website (gfaha.net).
    - Ice Plex is installing TV monitors to display real-time locker room assignments.
    - Teams may occupy assigned rooms 1 hour before and 45 minutes after ice time, per policy.
  - **Locker Room Monitors:**
    - Mandatory for all divisions must be inside the locker room (not outside).
    - Division reps and Team Managers will ensure locker monitor signups are added to DIBS.
  - **Equipment Storage:**
    - Coaches' lockers must remain secure and clear—no storage on top.
    - Goalie gear will now be stored in the equipment room.
    - Any equipment left behind will be placed in Lost and Found nightly.
  - **Facility Updates:**
    - Garage doors being assessed by a parent volunteer to reduce costs.
    - A new employee has been hired to improve cleaning around the Ice Plex
    - Replacement of floor mats around the rink estimated at \$60,000.
      - Looking for Donors
    - Scoreboard repair (with Bluetooth capability) is expected within 2 weeks.
    - Sound system installation is still pending.
    - Dehumidifier remains non-operational pending electrical updates.
  - High School Varsity Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Starts at 7:30pm Figure Skaters are ending at 7pm
    - (Reps have more information, so please reach out to them)
    - No Music in Locker Rooms for first 30 Minutes to accommodate Figure Skaters
    - No entrance to building for any personnel until 7pm, unless paying to see Figure Skating Program
  - **Safety & Conduct:**
    - Operating Temporary Scoreboard Rules
      - No children allowed on top of locker rooms or operating the scoreboard.
      - Minimum two adults are required to run the scoreboard.
    - GFAHA will purchase a new referee door.
    - Ref locker rooms are for referees only.
    - Emphasis on improving GFAHA housekeeping and accountability.
- Vice President – Mike Zook
  - No new updates reported.
- Treasurer – Jennifer Chambers
  - Request to purchase 500 American Pins for upcoming season.
    - Motion: Purchase 500 American Pins for upcoming season – *Motion to purchase 500 American Pins for upcoming season: Neal Popicha, Second the Motion Becky Kujava – Approved 100%.*





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- Secretary – Corey Smith
  - Request to forgo December Meeting for the Holidays.
    - Motion: Forgo December Meeting for the Holidays. *Motion to Forgo December Meeting for the Holidays: Becky Kujava, Second the Motion Scott Moodie – Approved 100%.*
  - Request to reimburse Amber Heck for the GST (Goods and Services Tax) that was charged at the Canadian Boarder when picking up the approved Goalie Gear. .
    - Motion: Reimburse Amber Heck for the GST (Goods and Services Tax) of \$1,467.00 that was charged at the Canadian Boarder when picking up the approved Goalie Gear. *Motion to Reimburse Amber Heck for the GST (Goods and Services Tax) of \$1,467.00 that was charged at the Canadian Boarder when picking up the approved Goalie Gear: Jeff Winkler, Second the Motion Neal Popichak – Approved 100%.*
  - Request to reimburse Amber Heck \$259.00 for mileage expenses while traveling to Canada for GFAHA business.
    - Motion: Reimburse Amber Heck \$259.00 for mileage expenses while traveling to Canada for GFAHA business. *Motion to Reimburse Amber Heck \$259.00 for mileage expenses while traveling to Canada for GFAHA business: Neal Popichak, Second the Motion Jeff Winkler – Approved 100%.*
- Division Representatives
  - High School – Jeff Winkler
    - Two Varsity and two JV games completed to date.
    - All volunteer opportunities (Practice/Games) must be added to DIBS for visibility.
  - 14U – Becky Kujava / Charlie Hibl
    - Two games completed this past weekend.
  - 12U – Neal Popichak
    - Upcoming games in Havre—support encouraged.
  - 10U – Matt Baker / Scott Bambenek
    - No new updates reported.
  - 6U / 8U – Scott Moodie
    - Strong showing during the recent Canada weekend event.
    - Request to purchase Learn to Play Mailer/Flyer.
      - Motion: Purchase Learn to Play Mailer/Flyer – *Motion to Purchase Learn to Play Mailer/Flyer: Becky Kujava, Second the Motion Scott Bambenek – Approved 100%*
  - House League – Cody Lee
    - Six high school players will assist with House League activities this weekend.
  - 19U – Becky Kujava
  - No new updates reported
- Committee Members:
  - Registrar – Sarah Carper
    - No new updates reported
  - Equipment Manager – Ty Hoffman
    - No new updates reported
  - Referee – Ken Speidel
    - Ken is seeking clarification from the State regarding penalty time discrepancies. Potential issue identified with software assignment timing for penalties.
  - Ice Foundation – Vacant
    - No new updates reported





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- Web / PR – Amber Heck / Mike Zook
  - No new updates reported
- Concession – Jordan Keller / Chelsea Keller
  - Register is nearly paid off from tips alone.
  - Volunteers are reminded not to take both concession spots as a single person.
  - No-shows at scheduled times continue to be a problem.
  - New gourmet hot chocolate machine added with three flavors.
  - **No minors** are allowed in concession areas unless their parent is working.
  - Volunteers **must be 14 years or older** to work in any capacity.
- Tournament Director – Mona Williams
  - 10U Tournament: December 5
  - Mite Tournament: December 12
  - 14U Tournament: Only 6 teams registered recruitment encouraged.
  - Next Season: Chanel will assume the role of Tournament Director.
  - JV Tournament: No tournament this season
    - Request to wave all required Tournament volunteer hours for JV Parents for this season.
    - Motion: Request to wave all required Tournament volunteer hours for JV Parents for this season.
      - *Motion to wave all required Tournament volunteer hours for JV Parents for this season: Becky Kujava, Second the Motion Charlie Hibl – Approved 100%.*
  - State Tournament: Tournament Director awaiting communication from the State.
    - Each division must contribute a \$250 raffle basket.
  - Planning will begin for the Varsity/JV “Casey Cup” Tournament for next season.
- Goalie Development Coordinator – Amber Heck
  - No new updates reported.
- Ice Scheduler – Sarah Carper
  - No new updates reported.
- Coach-In-Chief – Matt Leaf
  - Special Guest: Guy Gosselin provided coaching support during the past month and expressed willingness to return for additional sessions.
- Safe Sport Coordinator – Charlie Hibl
  - No new updates reported.

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## 6. Open Forum / Public Comment

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## 7. Next Meeting

- Date: 13 January 2026
- Time: 6:30PM
- Location: Great Falls Ice Plex. 4001 29<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Great Falls, MT 59404

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## 8. Adjournment

- Motion by: Neal Popichak
- Seconded by: Becky Kujava
- Time: 8:06PM

