

Fergus Falls Hockey Association- 2025 March 5 Meeting Minutes

FFHA Purpose Statement

The Fergus Falls Hockey Association (FFHA) is committed to providing youth athletes with programs to learn and enjoy the sport of hockey. We promote and support a fun and fair hockey environment that encourages athletes to respect themselves and others, become a better teammate, build self-confidence, and develop leadership skills. We work toward a common goal of developing each athlete's physical, social, and emotional health and personal values that enable life-long success.

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Committee Chairs

Registration Chair	Kylene Johnson		ffharegistrar@gmail.com
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Tournament Chair	Amy Wedll		ffhatournaments@gmail.com
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Facilities Chair	Curt/Tom		
Public Relations Chair	Sarah Casey		
Discipline Chair	Nikki Kaasa		
Beginner Program	Nikki/Erin/Rebecca		
10K Puck Coordinator	Bill Nelson		
Concessions Chair	Megan Odland		ffhaconcessions@gmail.com

Voting Members Present: Kylene, Sarah S, Josh, Megan Johnson, Bill, Becca, Erin, Heather, Sarah C via phone, Amy, tim, Mike W, Megan O

- I. **Establishment of Quorum (need 9/17 voting members) / Call Meeting to Order:** 5:33 PM call to order by Sarah Shol.
- II. **General Membership Open Forum:** none
- III. **Approve February 2025 Meeting Minutes:** Bill made a motion to approve the February 2025 minutes. Josh seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
- IV. **Approve March 2025 Agenda:** Kylene made the motion to approve the March 2025 agenda. Erin seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
- V. **Approve February 2025 Gambling Report:** nothing to report on this month as Jessica was absent.
- VI. **Approve February 2025 Treasurer’s Report:** Megan reported on the financial position for the association. She commented on the Association’s expenses and income for the month.
 - Timeline: Pay coaches in December/February
 - All the paid Board positions are due: Dec./end of the term (end of March and April)
 - Notice: Amazon purchase flagged and the Treasurer does not have a card at this time but

will be here in 10 days. Mike Welde needs a card to sign up and pay for tournaments as he signs up the ages.

VII. City Updates:

- Facilities Committee (Curt): Curt and Users meeting with City week of March 10th. FFSC considering no summer ice. Waph to purchase summer ice for FFSC skills.
- Arena Scheduling (Pam): Done with March and will wrap things up. Looking into the summer schedule. High school girls are looking to switch from Tuesday/Wednesday 4-5, after HS boys and before bantams. Question about hosting regions, complication FFSC and their needs to be timelines between FFSC testing dates and they use both sheets of ice and this is FFSC fundraiser. Discussion: to find ice time for Regions/brainstorming with figure skating. A selling point for hosting Regions is the economic impact for the city.

VIII. Old Business: none

IX. Hockey Director Report: Josh reported that the 12UA moved into Regions. Overall, decent season. There is a concern for the 10U for next year because there are no goalies committed for next year.

Josh reported on summer ice. He would like to offer different options instead of a 1x 8 week deal. The plan is to have two sessions of three weeks. There will be a two week break in between the two sessions. Andrew is coming back to coach summer this year.

Josh reported having a meeting with Tim and the high school coaching staff regarding establishing a 15 U girls hockey team and its potential impact for high school numbers. Then, there will be a meeting with all the families afterwards. Designations: August/Sept for the athletes to commit to high school or 12U if age eligible to remind with the 12u team. The goal for Mike W is to have all information for tourneys and game scheduling in June for the 15U

Josh reported that Aaron: SNH Goalie clinic: willing to work the Association and billing to come in at the end of the season for goalies. We are not spending 8-10,000 on PEP and we are investing into our goalie development. He has an app for the coaches for goalie 10-15 min drills. Coaches are to go to goalie clinic dates. Price to remain the same for three years Josh motioned to approve the 3 year contract for goalie development for preseason and for the season and to host a one day clinic per month for our mite goalies. Tim L seconded and it was carried unanimously.

- Boy's Hockey Committee :
- Girl's Hockey Committee :

I. Committee Reports:

- Registration Committee (**Kylene**): Getting Josh the numbers for next year for each age level. Waiting for summer ice registration to open up.
- Public Relations/Membership Committee (**Sarah C**): nothing to report
- Sponsorship/Fundraising Committee: (**Sarah S**): all done nothing to report
- Game Scheduling (**Mike W**): Mike W reported on cancellations on the 3rd week of February. Mike to talk to 15U schedulers to give information to Josh S for
- Referee Coordinator (**Jason**) : nothing to report– Jason has decided he will come back as the referee coordinator.
- Beginner Programs: (**Nikki/ Erin/Rebecca**): nothing to report
- Equipment Committee (**Rebecca/ Andrew**): Rebecca reported that jerseys are being

returned. She was working on gathering more information about families purchasing their own jerseys. A jersey survey will be sent out to the families. An idea was proposed that if an athlete sells extra raffle tickets to help cover jersey cost. Pay for the jersey with the registration fee. A \$1500 donation Dave Dierkman Otter Gopher age group goalie leg pads.

- Tournament Committee (**Amy**): Amy reported on laying the framework for tournaments for the team managers and the tourney coordinator. Send out a survey to the managers that attended for feedback and reminders of jobs for tourneys. Amy is waiting on dates for tourneys and waiting for a new tournament coordinator to step up. 8u Prairie Center and Marshall complimented and thanked the Association for hosting an 8U jamboree. Keep pushing for regions and State in youth hockey if it works out for youth hockey.
- Safe Sport Coordinator (**Bill**) :: Bill reported nothing to report. It was a manageable year.
- 10K Puck Coordinator: (**Bill**): Bill reported nothing new. But he asked the Board members about more motivating incentive ideas to get our athletes to participate in the 10K Puck program.
- Discipline Committee (**Nikki**): nothing to report
- Concessions Committee (**Megan O**): Megan reported on the concession stand hours short on 150 hours for our volunteers. The concessions have not paid out another person outside of the leads. If a family doesn't work all their hours, they get billed for the missing hours. Megan will open more hours available in the concessions, if people will reach out to Megan for extra hours. Megan sent out a spreadsheet for hours completed at the beginning of the month.
Megan J read the financial income for the concessions for the month of March. A concern in the concession stands was that it would be too warm for workers in the back, away from the concession stand window. It was explained that once the concession stand windows are open, the cool air cools the back of the concessions.

II. President's Report:

- District Meeting Notes: Likely bringing back delayed offsides and icing at Bantam and 15U
- This season had lowest number of incidents in as many years as Mac could remember
- Mac will develop a draft of a proposed District 15 universal referee pay structure to help standardize pay rates to avoid "association jumping"

X. New Business:

- BOD (Board of Director) Timeline Document Updates
- Reminder to Review By-Laws for Annual Meeting only time to change it. Change number of voting members
 - Please send revision requests to the Secretary to compile before the annual meeting. Will coordinate with Nikki to redline and add as necessary

- Set Annual Meeting Date, Time, and Place (April 9th?)
- Coordinate and Confirm Venue for Annual Meeting
- **Vote: Summer Ice Costs:** Josh made the motion to approve the summer ice costs. Kylee seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
- Dave Kantrud Foundation: \$2,500
 - 0. Consider where to apply these funds and recognize DaveDiscussion for next meeting on April 9th, 2025

XI. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 9th, @ 5:30 PM at Eagles

- Annual Meeting to follow regular meeting at 6:30 PM

XII. Adjourned: Josh made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously to adjourn at 6:49PM.