



# Great Falls Amateur Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 12 August 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: 6:35 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 – Erik Stober / Jeff Winkler
    - 14U – Mona Williams / Becky Kujava
    - 12U – Meghan Haynes
    - 10U – Matt Baker / Scott Bambenek
    - 6U / 8U – Katie Biggs / Scott Moodie
    - House League – Cody Lee
    - 19U Girls Hockey – Willow Rossmiller
  - **Board Members Absent:**
  - **Division Representatives Absent:**
    - House League – Amber Heck - Proxy Votes to J. Chambers
    - 12U – Neal Popichak – Proxy Votes to M. Haynes
  - **Guests/Observers:** Cheyenne Smith, Ryan Meyers, Mark Apuzzo, Mike McIntosh, Reed Link, Marc Troyer, Rachel Gumenberg, Josh Dahl, Sarah Carper, Matt Leaf
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### 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Meeting Date: 12 July 2025
  - Motion to Approve: Jennifer Chambers
  - Second by: Mona Williams
  - Vote: Unanimous (Motion Approved)
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### 4. Approval of Treasurer Report

- Motion to Approve: Jeff Winkler
  - Second by: Erik Stober
  - Vote: Unanimous (Motion Approved)
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### 5. President – Mike Pancich

- Presented coaches' gifts and distributed them to Division Reps to show appreciation for last season's coaching dedication.
- Gun Raffle (Scheels): 2–3 high-value firearms plus various caliber firearms; awaiting final list of guns to send to Amber for ticket printing.
- Pay-up-front fees pending.
- Discussed the cost of pre-season ice time.
- Spring hockey discussion: Estimated 6 weeks = \$6,000 for ice time.





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- Motion: GFAHA to fund pre-season hockey — 10U to HS (4 weeks), 6U/8U (3 weeks), estimated \$4,500. Motion by Scott Moodie.
  - Second: Scott Bambenek.
  - Vote: Unanimous approval.
  - Matt Leaf to coordinate schedule/age groups based on budget
  - Division lockers will be assigned.
- Vice President – Micheal Zook
- All DIBS are loaded and available for member sign-up.
- Treasurer – Jennifer Chambers
- Monthly report provided
- Division Representatives
- High School – Erik Stober / Jeff Winkler
    - 15 players registered to date.
    - Email distribution list for HS is believed to be complete.
    - Helena player is considering joining GFAHA.
    - Request for senior player pictures to create rink banners — Scott Moodie will coordinate photographer with Erik.
  - 14U – Mona Williams / Becky Kujava
    - 3 players registered to date
  - 12U – Meghan Haynes / Neal Popichak
    - 8 registered to date
  - 10U – Matt Baker / Scott Bambenek
    - 15 players registered to date
      - Expecting 11 to 13 more players
      - Possible 3 teams
    - Scott Bambenek and Cheyenne Smith request to be considered for vacant 10U representative position – Board vote approves Scott Bambenek
  - 6U / 8U – Katie Biggs / Scott Moodie
    - Katie Biggs requests to be considered for vacant 8U representative position (vacated by Scott Bambenek) – Board vote approves Katie Biggs
    - Requesting to create a grant with Bauer
    - Requesting all NEW goalie gear – House League will use as well
    - Will provide a proposal at next meeting on New reversable jerseys for 6U/8U
  - House League – Cody Lee / Amber Heck
    - Cody spoke with a couple of different people to coach House League
    - Registration will begin after Early Bird Registration closes/early September for session to begin early October
  - 19U – Willow Rossmiller
    - There will not be a girls' team this year, Helena and Havre are good to receive for the girls that do want to play
  - Committee Members:
    - Registrar – Sarah Carper
      - Board Members – Need USA Hockey Number, Background, SafeSport information
      - Anyone on the ice or bench need to register as a coach
      - USA Hockey Number forth (4<sup>th</sup> digit) should be a “6”
      - Locker Room monitor must have Background Checks
      - Locker Room monitor must be registered on official roster and be someone other than a registered coach





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- Kids 2008 and older must complete SafeSport
- Rosters should be finalized by Oct 1st
- Equipment Manager – Ty Hoffman
  - There were no updates or action items to report at this time.
- Referee – Ken Speidel
  - There were no updates or action items to report at this time.
- Ice Foundation – Helena Harper (Michael Zook reports)
  - Two (2) TVs will be installed for locker room assignments
  - Rates will stay the same for this season
  - De-humidifier to be installed TBA
- Web / PR – Amber Heck / Mike Zook
  - SWAG Link does not work from Registration and Home Pages
- Concession – Jordan Keller / Chelsea Keller
  - Coke vs. Pepsi is still in discussion
  - First game – GF Americans White vs Blue on 17 August 2025
  - Banking paperwork is all finalized, waiting on Debit Card
  - Will stock concessions per needs with first order of season
- Tournament Director – Mona Williams
  - Specific email has been created, waiting on confirmation of email address
  - Contact form has been updated with email address
  - Finalizing sanction letters and forms to go live within the next week
  - All divisions are moving to Intent to Play – Deadlines are set
- Goalie Development Coordinator – Amber Heck
  - Goalie Camp – Look at Ambers email
  - Goalie Practice to continue – Matt Leaf to work with Marcus on scheduling
- Fundraising – Amber Heck – Looking to get fundraising items to registered members around 1 Sept.
- Ice Scheduler – Sarah Carper
  - There were no updates or action items to report at this time.
- Coach-In-Chief –
  - Sent out to Board on Coaches Meetings and way forward for the season
    - Assistant Coaches
      - 6U/8U – Casey Shaw as Head Coach
        - Motion to Approve Casey Shaw as 6U/8U Head Coach - Scott Moodie
        - Second: Katie Biggs
        - Vote: Unanimous
      - 10U – Marc Troyer
        - Asst Coach will be determined after the try-outs
      - 12U – Mark Apuzzo
        - Asst Coach Brian Finkle and Trevor Haynes
        - Discussion regarding Brian Finkle’s background and recognition as a non-parent coach at 12U level
        - Motion to Approve Brian Finkle and Trevor Haynes as 12U Asst Coach - Becky Kujava
        - Second: Willow Rossmiller
        - Approved (Unanimous)





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- 14U – Mike McIntosh
  - Asst Coach – Mike Panich, Trevor Mertle, Cam McIntosh
  - Discussion regarding Trevor Mertle’s background and recognition that per policy GFAHA will only reimburse two non-parent coach travel expenses. Parents will be responsible for third non-parent coach travel expenses or must seek board approval prior to season beginning to cover additional expenses.
  - Motion to Approve Mike Panich, Trevor Mertle, Cam McIntosh as 14U Asst Coach - Willow Rossmiller
  - Second: Mona Williams
  - Approved (Unanimous)
- JV – Pending Tryouts
- HS – Josh Dahl
  - Asst Coach – Marcus Ivey and Reed Link
  - Motion to Approve Marcus Ivey and Reed Link as HS Asst Coach - Erik Stober
  - Second: Jeff Winkler
  - Approved (9 in favor –6 opposed)
- Ice Schedule Proposal – Table until next month
- Safe Sport Coordinator –
  - There were no updates or action items to report at this time.

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### 6. New Business

- New Representatives
  - 10U – Scott Bambenek
  - 8U - Katie Biggs
- USA Hockey – Try Hockey for Free – 13 September
  - Motion to cover cost of event – Approved (Unanimous)
- Willow Rossmiller’s 50% Registration off wants to donate to another family
  - Motion to allow Willow to transfer her 50% Off Registration - Approved (Unanimous)
- Willow has officially resigned as 19U Rep effective immediately

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### 7. Open Forum / Public Comment

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### 8. Next Meeting

- Date: 09 September 2025
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### 9. Adjournment

- Motion by: Erik
- Seconded by: Jeff
- Time: 8:56PM

