

**New Prague Hockey Association  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Meeting Location: NP Fire Department Meeting Room  
7/16/25 7:00p.m.

Meeting called to order at (7:02 pm)

**1. ATTENDANCE**

**NPHA Board**

President - Dan Sacco	Present
Vice President - Luke Witt	Present
Secretary - Kristi Nelson	Present
Treasurer - Erica Denzer	Present
Director of Operations - Steven Malecha	Present
Interim Communication Director - Ashley Lindholm	Present
Board Member at Large - Matt Kaehler	Present
Interim Past Board Member - Kirk Crabb	Absent
Manager Director - Brandy Rife	Absent

**Coordinator Positions**

Bookkeeper - Sarah Schaeckel	Absent Excused
Clothing & Apparel Coordinator - Kaula Ryks	Absent Excused
Concession Stand Coordinator - Meghan Blonigen	Absent Excused
Equipment Coordinator Jerseys - Kristi Nelson	Absent Excused
Equipment Coordinator Rental Gear -	Absent Excused
Fundraising Coordinator - Kristina Dillon	Absent Excused
Fundraising Coordinator (Trainee)	Absent Excused
Gambling Manager - Nate Borwege	Absent Excused
Gambling Manager Trainee - Jason Schlewsky	Present
Boys HDC Coordinator - Joe Birkholz	Absent Excused
Girls HDC Coordinator - Elsa Shorey	Present
Ice Time Coordinator - Tyler Kienow	Absent Excused
Mite/8U Coordinator	Absent Excused
NPACC Manager - Justin Hauge	Absent Excused
Outdoor Ice Coordinator	Absent Excused
Recruitment & Retention Coord	Absent Excused
Registrar - Erin Becka	Present
Safe Sport Coordinator - Chelsea Casey	Absent Excused
Sponsorship Coordinator	Absent Excused
Tournament Coordinator	Absent Excused
Volunteer Coordinator - Aimee Bombardo	Absent Excused

**Others present:** Bryan Frank representing HDC

Dan made a motion to excuse Kirk and Brandy from the meeting tonight. Seconded by Steve, Motion carries 7-0 (2 absent)

**2. REPORTS**

- 1. Secretary's Report (Kristi Nelson): Secretary Shares Prior Meeting Board Reviews and Approves.**

Dan made a motion to approve June meeting minutes, Erica seconded. Motion passes 7-0 (2 absent)

2. **Treasurer's Report (Erica Denzer):** Over ½ of the past due invoices are in. Need to pay coach now and Avarrio. Working with a bookkeeper to get Quickbooks up to date and correct. We are very sloppy right now and are working to fix it.
  - We need to talk about Jr. Gold and making sure we are at least breaking even with their costs vs. income. Concern with not giving them the increase, we would have to recoup that money from somewhere else within the association. If we do not have enough teams for the tournaments we signed up for, we would recoup some of that money from those refunds.
  - Revise the Jr. Gold pricing - Need to vote on this
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Luke made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Matt seconded. Motion passes 7-0 (2 absent)

3. **Gambling Report (Jason and Nate):** Sent May and June in the email. Training 7/17 at the Park Ballroom for pulltabs, they are going live 8/7. Rusty Spoke wants more special events - they are a flight risk. Can 2 people join to have a meeting with them in the next couple weeks to figure these events out? Meat raffles year round - weekly, bingo once a month. What other options are there besides meat raffle and bingo? Do we do this kind of stuff with anyone else who has pull tabs? No, Fish tale does not want to do this. Park Ballroom is new and we will be doing some bingos or other things. Can we get a poster in the bar, coupons for when we have tournaments etc? Bingo/Event coordinator would be nice once we get settled.

Ashley made a motion for pre-approval of all lawful expenditures, and payments that are needed to be made. Luke Seconded. Motion passes 7-0 (2 absent)

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Fall Fundraiser - are we doing this or not?** we should send a survey to see what the membership wants to do for fundraising if the puck and pour is not going to be happening. We need to work together in the board meeting room. Once we have positivity, it will over flow into the rest of our membership. Frustrating to see the important members of our leadership not show up to these sorts of things. Turn it into a golf scramble?
  - Kristi will call Creeks Bend tomorrow and get the details.
  - Make a facebook post to get people to sponsor each hole
  - Pull a permit to have a beer tent in the parking lot during the kick off.
  - Move the all association meeting earlier in August.
  - Call city and ask about permits and such for the kick off.
  - September 6th will be season kick off. Ask Rusty Spoke if they can bring the bar, maybe some food?
  - Where are we going to hand out fundraiser packets? Dryland room? After the meeting.
  - All Association Meeting will be on Sept 6th at 3 p.m.
2. **Fortis camp** - where are we at for numbers? - we do not have that. We will reach out to Stephanie to see. Kristi will email Stephanie to figure out when they want to do their parent meeting.

3. **Coordinator Positions** - how do we get these filled. Sponsorship, Recruitment and Retention, Fundraiser, Tournament.

#### 4. COORDINATOR UPDATES

##### 1. President

- i. **NPACC Manager (Justin Hauge):**
- ii. **Gambling Coordinator (Nate and Jason):**
- iii. **Safe Sport Coordinator (Chelsea Casey):**

##### 2. Vice President

- i. **HDC Coordinator (Joe Birkholz):** Met with Fortis to implement using them for this coming season. They are impressed with our tryout process. Every board member gets a copy of HDC meeting notes from Fortis. Met last week and discussed handbook changes and fortis.
- ii. **Girls HDC Coordinator (Elsa Shorey):** Selected level leads. U8 - Graham K. Josh R. u10. Katie B. u12. Brooke White will be the girls skating instructor. \$175 plus mileage per session. How many sessions will the girls get? Are we including u8? No, they can stay with the boys mites with Butch. Girls try hockey - Sunday August 18th, Saturday September 13th. Trying to find a way to have gear available. Call it an all girls skate, helmet and stick only, maybe elbow pads. Talked about do we need help with this, offer dibs hours? Could someone get a finders fee or discount for someone signing up from a friend. Shakopee and Prior Lake want to co-op, where do we fit into this. Co-op is a bandaid and does not help with recruitment. In the meeting they were encouraging more A teams at the squirt/u10 level, 2 different tiers from the districts in the pools.
- iii. **Mite/8U Coordinator (Name):**
- iv. **Ice Time Coordinator (Tyler Kienow):**

##### 3. Treasurer

- i. **Concession Stand Coordinator (Meghan Blonigen):**
- ii. **Fundraising Coordinator (Kristina Dillon):**
- iii. **Bookkeeper Coordinator (Sarah Schaekel):**

##### 4. Secretary

- i. **Registrar (Erin Becka):** Meeting with Miranda every 2 weeks. Registration will be ready by August 1st. Asked a list of questions from Miranda. Coaches agreement is good to go.
- ii. **Volunteer Coordinator (Aimee Bombardo):**

##### 5. Director of Operations

- i. **Equipment Coordinator (Kristi Nelson) :** Fittings August 6th 5-8pm. August 9th 11-2, August 20th 5-8pm, August 23rd 11-2. Jerseys and Sweatshirts. All at the rink. Jersey order will close on Sept 1st 11:59pm.
- ii. **Outdoor Ice Coordinator (Marty Sticha):**
- iii. **Tournament Coordinator (Name):**

##### 6. Communications Director

- i. **Sponsorship Coordinator (Name):**
- ii. **Clothing & Apparel Coordinator (Kaula Ryks):**

##### 7. Board Member at Large

- i. **Recruitment & Retention Coordinator (Name):** Erica made a motion to approve Lainey Schwartz and Stephanie Hebzynski for the roll of R&R. This will be a position where they both receive their full 22 hours of dibs. Seconded by Matt. Motion passes 7-0 with 2 absent.

- Move 5:30 practices to 6:30am since squirts dont start school until 9.

- Do we have yard signs for try hockey or can we get some? Registration, First year mites free, etc.
- Should we add it to registration for personalized yard signs? Ashley will look into this.

**8. Past Board Member:**

**9. Manager Director:**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- i. Please make a copy of meeting minutes for the bank to remove old treasurer off the accounts.

Erica made a motion to remove Ben Jones off of all bank accounts for New Prague Hockey Association. Luke seconded. Motion passes 7-0 with 2 absent

Erica made a motion to remove Sarah Robertson from the bank accounts for NPHA. Luke seconded. Motion passes 7-0 with 2 absent

- ii. Need to vote on making a secondary checking account for donations titled "Restrictive Donation"
- iii. Closed session to discuss more details of above.

Matt made a motion for the creation of a secondary checking titled "Restrictive Donation". Erica Seconded. Motion passes 7-0 with 2 absent.

**1. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

1. **Manager Director (Brandy Rife):**
2. **Director of Operations (Steven Malecha):**
3. **Board Member at Large (Matt Kaehler):**
4. **Interim Communications Director (Ashley Lindholm):**
5. **Interim Past Board Member (Kirk Crabb):**
6. **Treasurer (Erica Denzer):**
7. **Secretary (Kristi Nelson):**
8. **Vice President (Luke Witt):**
9. **President (Daniel Sacco):** Thank you to the HDC for working with us and making changes for the better of the association.

**Matt made a motion to adjourn at 9:35pm. Steve seconded. Motion passes 8-0 (1 absent)**

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristi Nelson, NPHA Secretary