

Escanaba Area Junior Hockey Association
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 10, 2025
HIT Concession Area

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Nick Blankenheim at 6:02pm.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Board Members –
 - i. Present: Nicke Blankenheim, Andy Wilson, Holly Seidenstucker, Amanda Knuth, Erin Abb, Caley Corbett, Josh Lancour, Jordy Maloney, and Matt Hughes.
 - ii. Not Present: David Spilling and Korinne Lamoreaux
 - b. General Membership – Joe Knuth, Joel Clishe, Holli Arts, Carly Vertz, Mike Lasecki, Jennifer Blickham, Robert Spritzer, Rebecca Spritzer, Stacy Jenen, Ron Tulijus, Emily Marcott and Tiger Marcott.
- III. Approval of the Agenda – Motion made by Andy Wilson to approve the agenda, seconded by Matt Hughes. Motion carried.
- IV. Board Reports
 - a. Secretary’s Report – Minutes from the August 13th meeting presented as written. Motion made by Amanda Knuth to approve the Secretary’s report. Motion supported by Andy Wilson. Motion carried.
 - b. Treasurer’s Report – Not provided.
 - c. Division Director’s Report
 - i. IP (Arts) –Nothing new.
 - ii. Mites (Blickham) – Add Jennifer Blickham to Sports Engine and invite to the team meeting.
 - iii. Squirts (Lanaville) – Add Cassie Lanaville to Sports Engine and invite to the team meeting.
 - iv. PeeWees (Lasecki) – Add Mike Lasecki to Sports Engine and invite to the team meeting.
 - v. Bantams (Lasecki) – Add Mike Lasecki to Sports Engine and invite to the team meeting.
 - d. Standing Committee Reports
 - i. Complex (Fisher) – The rink will open next Wednesday, September 17th
 - ii. Sponsors (Vertz) – All teams now have sponsors. Bink’s double paid and would like to use the balance towards next year’s sponsorship.

- iii. Coaches (Hughes) – Coaches lined up for the season.
 - 1. IP – Mike Lasecki, Ben Booker, Jake Delvaux and Jake Easton
 - 2. Mites – David Spilling, Jordy Maloney, Brent Chailier, Jake Delvaux and Nick Kolich
 - 3. Squirts – Matt Hughes, Steven Weber, Brett Harma and Jeff Vertz
 - 4. PeeWee AA- Ron Tulijus, Clay Stearns and Emily Marcotte
 - 5. PeeWee A - Joel Clishe and Josh Lancour
 - 6. PeeWee B - Rob Spritzer and Nick Blankenheim
 - 7. Bantam AA – Tiger Marcott, Josh Fisher and Trevor Sholten
 - 8. Bantam B - Andy Wilson and PJ Grandchamp
 - 9. Motion made by Andy Wilson to accept the coach roster for the season, seconded by Holly Seidenstucker. Motion carried. Make sure to send Amanda Knuth all coach's USA Hockey number. Matt will attend one of the first practices for each team.
- iv. EAJHA Growth Coordinator (Abb) – 31 kids signed up for Try Hockey for Free already.
- v. Scheduling (Maloney) – AA teams almost done, skating competition, High School games and now adding parties.
- vi. Concession (Corbett) – Ready to post September – November DIBS. Will add more as the games are scheduled. Team managers should assign DIBS to families for their home games like last year. Stocking the concession stand next week. Will review the pricing with Rachel.
- vii. Equipment (Lamoreaux) – Pickup dates scheduled. Need help for next Friday. Black pucks are in, and we ordered 50 additional blue pucks. Mite's practice pinnies should be in by the end of the week. Jeannie is getting rid of the tires because they are marking up the wall. If you want to keep them, please let her know.
- viii. Fundraising (Vertz) – Nothing new.
- ix. Referees (Johnson) – Marquette is paying Bantam referee's \$79.50/ game. Josh Lancour motioned to raise our price to \$80/ hour, seconded by Andy Wilson. Motion carried. Earn your Stripes will be in Houghton on September 20th. Friday, September 12th is the deadline to sign up.
- x. Sportsmanship & Behavior (Lancour) – Locker room monitors are assigned for the three teams we already have.
- xi. Safe Sport (Hughes) –Nothing new.
- xii. Registration (Knuth) – 99 kids registered. 28 registered for Next Level Camp, forward the flyer to other associations. Changed the birth year so they can select the correct one for new players.

- xiii. Tournaments (Blume) – Talk to David about the amount left in the In the Sticks budget from prior years.
 - e. CUP Report – Nothing new.
 - f. NIHL Report – Portage Lake no longer in league.
- V. Correspondence
 - a. Email – PeeWee A Team emails and Jennifer Blickham’s email.
 - b. Mail – None.
- VI. Action Items Follow Up
 - a. Matt – coaching committee set up to talk about practice plans for next season and set a date for coaches meeting. Will meet with each team at one of their first practices. Done.
 - b. David – did all the families that did not complete DIBS or have no shows pay?
 - c. Erin – post Try Hockey for Free date. Also post looking for coaches at 12U level. When both registrations are opened, please post. Done.
 - d. Andy/Korinne – look at the blue pucks to see if we need more. Order Mite pinnies. State Championship Banner update. Done.
 - e. Nick – tournament request to MAHA and set budget for tournament. Talk to Kevin Yohe on how he wants the team binders set up. – Andy Wilson built the binders.
 - f. Holly – change pricing on raffle tickets. Done. Nick approved the new ticket.
 - g. Amanada – open registration for the season and for Next Level Camp. Done.
 - h. Jen – flyers for Try Hockey for Free. Done.
 - i. David – send new invoice to Enbridge. Send an email to the family that only paid for their first half of DIBS.
 - j. Within the week, respond to Josh and Joel about the 12U A team. Done.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Grants – On hold
 - b. Official Fees – review amounts we pay to see if they are competitive with the area. Overtime pay if having to cover more than 2 games per day. Reimbursement of USA Hockey Fee if they ref a certain number of games. Post on Facebook about needing referees with the link to USA Hockey with the details. Andy talking with other associations.
 - c. Player alignments
 - i. Mite move-up to Squirt – Mason Hayes, Sawyer Leckson, Colt Arts and Patrick Wils– tabled until we get the numbers for next year.
 - ii. Several players emailed lately waiting to join our association.
 - 1. Ben Winkle at 10U – tabled until we get the numbers in.
 - d. Practice plans with multiple teams –
 - i. Coaching committee to be set up to determine rules for multi teams practicing at the same time. A portion of the practice should be full ice.

- e. Did we get all the background checks back for the board members? Yes.

VIII. New Business

- a. Pick a draft date for the Squirts team and notify MAHA. Matt will talk to the other coaches then let Nick know the date so he can contact MAHA.
- b. Bylaw amendment for out of association players – researching what other associations have, and we need to update the boundaries.
- c. Concession prices are okay or do we need to raise them based on the cost. Caley and Rachel will discuss next week.
- d. Tuesday 30 extra minutes of ice time, PeeWee teams fill with their extra 2 hours of practice time? Andy Wilson motioned to allow the PeeWee teams to keep their 2 hours of practice time, and the association will pay for the extra 30 minutes on Tuesday's. Josh Lancour seconded. Motion carried.
- e. Hoodie order – Melissa Tuljus will make another smart sheet to add orders. Will also offer the blankets again this year.
- f. Goalie stuff – Goalie's Inc will be \$2,500 again this year. Will need one coach from each level to commit to being the goalie coach and using 15 minutes of each practice to work on the goalie training sent by Jim Stanaway. Each player will have access to the online Goalie's Inc website to look up practice plans and be able to upload videos for critiquing. Holly Seidenstucker motioned to have the association pay for this again this season. Amanda Knuth seconded. Motion carried.

IX. Public Comments/Concerns of the General Membership – Jordy Maloney will look into having Open Hockey in October before games are scheduled.

X. Action Items –

- a. Nick - check the email links on the website
- b. Rachel/Caley – investigate the prices for the concession stand
- c. Look at the dates for the High School games and figure out how to adjust the practices for those nights.
- d. David – figure out who still has an outstanding balance from last season. They cannot go on the ice until it is paid.
- e. David – line item for Jamboree
- f. Matt – let Nick know the date of the 10U draft so he can contact MAHA
- g. Ron/Nick – hoodie and blanket order
- h. Nick – talk to the complex about giving 7-8 free hours of ice time for goalie training.

XI. Next Meeting – October 8, 2025, at 6:00pm in the HIT Concessions Area

XII. Adjourn – The meeting was motioned to adjourned by Nick Blankenheim and supported by Holly Seidenstucker. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.