



Great Falls Amateur Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

Date: 9 September 2025

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Great Falls Ice Plex, 4001 29th Street SW, Great Falls, MT 59404

1. Call to Order

- By: Mike Zook
 - Time: 6:32 PM
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2. Executive Board / Voting Members Attendance

- **Board Members Present:**
 - 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 / Neal Popichak
 - 10U – Matt Baker / Scott Bambenek
 - 6U / 8U – Katie Biggs / Scott Moodie
 - House League – Cody Lee / Amber Heck
 - 19U Girls Hockey – Vacant
 - **Board Members Absent:**
 - President – Mike Pancich
 - **Division Representatives Absent:**
 - **Guests/Observers:** Ryan Meyers, Marc Troyer, Rachel Gumenberg, Jamie Gumenberg, Andrew Vecchione-Perez, Stacy Van Miert, Sarah Carper, Jordan Keller, and Paul Lameline (representing Referees)
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3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Meeting Date: 12 August 2025
 - Motion to Approve: Erik Stober
 - Second by: Becky Kujava
 - Vote: Unanimous (Motion Approved)
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4. Approval of Treasurer Report

- Motion to Approve: Erik Stober
 - Second by: Jeff Winkler
 - Vote: Unanimous (Motion Approved)
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5. Executive Board & Committee Member Reports

- President – Mike Pancich

The Concession Contract was officially signed for the upcoming season, and discussion was held on evaluating Summer Ice to establish a fair baseline between financial burden and success, with emphasis on improving future participation rather than judging by this past summer alone. The board also approved restructuring some job descriptions to streamline scheduling and dedicate more time to PR, advertising, and promotion of the Ice Plex. After voting, Coke was selected over Pepsi, and a five-year contract will be signed to ensure stability. The Ice Plex Board agreed to waive the rental fee for the September Try Hockey for Free event, confirmed readiness to





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purchase TV monitors, and requested a volunteer to handle purchase details. Clarification is needed on ownership and labeling of black folding tables in concessions. Funding was approved for Zamboni and major mechanical repairs, while sound system issues are being addressed with possible donor support and temporary alternatives. A generous \$6,000 donation from the Heck family was recognized with gratitude, and although finances show the Ice Plex ahead by nearly \$13,000 compared to last year, those gains were offset by recent maintenance and equipment expenses.

- Treasurer – Jennifer Chambers
Monthly report provided
- Division Representatives
 - High School – Erik Stober / Jeff Winkler
 - Eligibility: Must be enrolled in high school to play.
 - 31 Registered Players
 - Team Declaration: 1 Varsity, 1 JV.
 - Erik Stober motioned to approve the declaration of 1 Team playing in the Varsity Level and 1 Team playing at the Junior Varsity Level for the High School Division; Jeff Winkler second the motion; **Approved** unanimously
 - Practice Jerseys: 24 additional jerseys requested (\$400).
 - Scott Bambenek motioned to approve \$400 towards practice jerseys for the High School Division to be purchased through Howie Hockey; Scott Moodie second the motion; **Approved** unanimously. Erik Stober offered to cover any excess cost over the \$400.
 - Senior Banners: 9 seniors, \$172 per banner (est. \$1,600 total). Becky Kujava motioned for GFAHA to cover the cost for 9 Seniors to get their banner made and hung in the Ice Plex for the 2025-2026 Season; Mona Williams second the motion; **Approved** unanimously
 - 14U – Mona Williams / Becky Kujava
 - 16 Registered Players
 - Team Declaration: 1 “A” Team.
 - Mona Williams motioned to approve the declaration of 1 Team playing at the “A” Team Level for the 14U Division; Neal Popichak second the motion; **Approved** unanimously
 - **Needs:** 1 representative is needed.
 - Parent Meeting scheduled for Thursday.
 - 12U – Meghan Haynes / Neal Popichak
 - 15 Registered Players
 - Team Declaration: 1 “A” Team.
 - Meghan Haynes motioned to approve the declaration of 1 Team playing at the “A” Team Level for the 12U Division; Neal Popichak second the motion; **Approved** unanimously
 - 12U MAHA Commissioner Seat is available.
 - Great Falls will be hosting 12U “A” State this year
 - 10U – Matt Baker / Scott Bambenek
 - 31 Registered Players
 - Team Declaration: 1 “A” Team; 2 “B” Teams
 - Jeff Winkler motioned to approve the declaration of 1 Team playing at the “A” Team Level and 2 Teams playing at the “B” Team Level for the 10U Division; Scott Moodie second the motion; **Approved** unanimously





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- **Needs:** Equipment: Quotes being gathered for 2 sets of goalie gear (to be shared via email).
- 6U / 8U – Katie Biggs / Scott Moodie
 - Jerseys: Still in progress; reversible jerseys estimated at \$5,700.
 - **Needs:** goalie gear.
- House League – Cody Lee / Amber Heck
 - Registration opens 16 September 2025
 - Session 1 Begins: 04 October 2025 and Ends: 25 November 2025
- 19U – Vacant
 - Board Secretary will develop a Special Purpose Amendment to allow Becky Kujava to represent the Girls Division for this season.
- Committee Members:
 - Registrar – Sarah Carper
 - Rosters should be finalized by 01 October 2025
 - Equipment Manager – Ty Hoffman
 - There were no updates or action items to report at this time.
 - Referee – Ken Speidel
 - 15 returning Officials so far; looking to boost numbers as season progresses
 - Significant Rule Changes –
 - <https://www.usahockey.com/2025-29-usah-rule-changes>
 - Once on site click on 2025-29 Playing Rule Change Summary
 - Ice Foundation – Helena Harper
 - See Presidents comments above
 - Web / PR – Amber Heck / Mike Zook
 - There were no updates or action items to report at this time.
 - Concession – Jordan Keller / Chelsea Keller
 - Coke vs. Pepsi
 - Decision: Proceed with Pepsi products for upcoming games, if able until Coke contract is finalized.
 - Transition to new signage and inventory dependent on contract signing process.
 - **Needs:** Popcorn Machine and Ticket Printer for Back of House Operations.
 - Erik Stober motioned to approve up to \$500 towards a Popcorn Machine and Ticket Printer for Back of House Operations; Jeff Winkler second the motion; **Approved** unanimously.
 - **Acknowledgment:** Keller family was thanked for the concession stand setup with the extra number of hours they have already committed on making sure everything is working and set up for a successful season.
 - Tournament Director – Mona Williams
 - **Needs:** A person to shadow Mona this season for Tournament Director position next season.
 - Applications are coming in slowly. Push planned to expand outreach to other states/associations.
 - Considering JV Tournament on MLK Jr. Weekend.
 - **Casey Cup:** Will transition to Varsity and JV divisions next season.
 - Goalie Development Coordinator – Amber Heck
 - Further discussion on practice scheduling
 - Ice Scheduler – Sarah Carper
 - Ice availability is limited due to increased hockey and figure skating operations.





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- Will assist in Recommendation of ice schedule that was presented to the board by the Coach-In-Chief to finalize the schedule.
- Coach-In-Chief – Matt Leaf
 - Additional Head and Assistant Coach Recommendations

Division	Head / Asst Coach	Motion By	Seconded By	Vote Outcome
8U	Ty Hoffman (Asst)	S. Moodie	B. Kujava	Approved (100%)
6U	Chase Christean (Asst)	S. Moodie	M. Haynes	Approved (100%)
10U A	Matt Baker (Asst)	N. Popichak	B. Kujava	Approved (100%)
10U B	Mike Zook (Head)	B. Kujava	N. Popichak	Approved (100%)
JV	Josh Dietrich (Head)	M. Williams	B. Kujava	Approved (100%)
JV	Landon Stubbs	M. Haynes	C. Smith	Approved (100%)

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- Safe Sport Coordinator –
 - There were no updates or action items to report at this time.

6. Open Forum / Public Comment

7. Next Meeting

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8. Adjournment

- Motion by: Katie Biggs
- Seconded by: Scott Moodie
- Time: 8:43PM

