

Minnesota Special Hockey Board Meeting Minutes

1/19/2026

Zoom

Members in Attendance: Holly Tchida, Kay Morris, Jane Cashin, Amanda Pickett, Keith Kloubec, Rob Shaust, Brock Buckellew, Jen Lynch, Tia Graves, Cathy Carter and Scott Foley. Guests: Nick Hadfield and Jared Wieseler. Absent: Tom Schunemann.

Secretary's Report: Motion made, seconded and minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made, seconded and approved financial report.

Nick's Report: (a) Nick attended the yearly meeting in Nashville. This year's focus will be blind and special hockey. (b) Please use event tracker for sanctioned events. (c) USA Hockey insurance will not cover SHI festival in Canada. Players with Medical Assistance should also be aware that insurance won't be accepted in Canada. (d) Classic will be held in Tampa fall of 2026. (e) February 16 Hockey without limits. We have the inside rink available if it is cold. (f) March 1 Diversified hockey night. MSH will skate in the 2nd intermission. (g) Wild Foundation is doing split the pot. There is a grant to apply for to receive funds. Up to \$50,000.00. Scott will fill out the grant. Nick will ask if we can come and help sell tickets for a game. (h) Nick sent logo agreement to Tom. To use the logo, an approved apparel retailer must be used. Strauss and Sota Stick are approved. Nick will get us the name of the place approved for promotional items. (i) Coach in chief will have a coaching module and level up opportunity available at the Hendrickson Festival.

Logo and Vendor: (a) Keep using Strauss as they are approved. (b) By 2028 all jerseys must be replaced. Players will be unable to wear the old ones. (c) It would be beneficial to make them a little different, maybe remove the laces or change the stripes. (d) MSH would rather replace all the jerseys as soon as possible to make the transition easier.

Would we like to go to 3 jamboree style games and 3 team games next season?

Players are asking to play at Mariucci or Grand Casino Arena, like we have in the past.

Should we try to have a scrimmage early in the season? Jerseys won't be in and it could be difficult for our new players.

Hendrickson Foundation Festival: (a) Should we charge a registration fee to get players to be more committed to attending? Teams need to be combined. (b) Ice time will be 6 hours Friday, 9 Saturday and 3 Sunday. Each player will play in 3 games. (c) Registration needs to be made earlier. (d) Motion made for a \$25.00 registration fee and if player registers on time and attends the festival, they will be given a coupon for \$25 of

HF merchandise. Motion seconded and approved. (e) Coaches will also be eligible for the coupon. (f) Amanda is unavailable for the HF Festival.

Season Topics: (a) MSH will wait until next fall to celebrate our 20th year anniversary. In the 2026-27 season registration we will ask for a t-shirt or hoodie size. They will also be available in the store.

Hockey Day Lakeville needs coaches. Scott will ask Lakeville's assistant coaches or Colin from Rochester is willing to help. 4 goalies and 34 skaters are registered. The lights are off and there is a fog/smoke machine. Mascots will be kept away.

Alexandria Jamboree: (a) They have asked for funds for a giveaway instead of a pizza party. (b) Motion made to have a small towel to wipe skates made to give away. MSH logo will not be used. Motion seconded and approved. Jane will approve the design of the towel. Last year there were 125 participants. (c) Brock will send the player levels to Dale.

SHI Festival: (a) USA Hockey rosters are needed. (b) No shirts this year. (c) Players need to check hotel reservations and Tia sent an email regarding passports, pass cards and enhanced ID's. (d) Tia sent rosters to be in the program. (e) Participants must participate in 50% of regular season practices and games. (f) Brock will see if he is ability to attend.

Registration will need to be created for Diversified Hockey night.

Wisconsin Festival: (a) March 28-29 in Madison. Games will begin on Saturday at 10:30am. (b) Last year we gave a \$200.00 stipend. (c) Number of coaches needed will depend on the number of athletes who register.

Holly and Cathy will update the manager page and remove Linda from it.

End of season party: Motion made to raise the amount per athlete and active volunteer to \$30. Seconded and approved.

Jane will send an email to the Lakeville team that there is a new manager.

Jared has a connection with the Mounds View hockey association. Maybe they could help with ice time for next season.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay Morris, Secretary