

Worthington Hockey Association

August 18, 2025 Minutes

JBS Fieldhouse – Worthington, MN

Members Present: Anna Smith, Matt Kennedy, Jason Johnson, Nate Grimmius, Josh Miller, Nick Einck, Jason Bush, Shannon, Andy Berg, Tyler Nienkerk and Jason Larsen

Absent: Jenna

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM

Approval of Minutes:

- The board reviewed and approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

Arena Manager Report:

- Discussion about increased arena rental costs and the need to negotiate with the school district and city regarding billing for high school hours.
- Jason Johnson and Anna Smith discussed the process for asking the school to cover excess costs and the city's billing practices.
- Anna Smith raised concerns about the city's calculation of hours and will be doing a formal audit

Finance Report:

- Discussion about separating the new arena fund from the general account for clearer financial tracking.
- Jason Johnson agreed to work with Jenna to set up a dedicated account for the new arena fund.
- The board discussed the need for two signatures on checks over a certain amount for added security.
- The possibility of donating gambling funds to the general fund to cover insurance and legal expenses was discussed, pending clarification of the 70/30 rule.
- Jenna was not present for the July financial report, the board did review the financials and voted in October to approve the July financials.

Gambling Report:

- Shannon presented gambling profits and discussed the process for pulling games and handling complaints from patrons. In July the gambling profit was \$20,401.68
- The board discussed the management of pull tab games at various sites and strategies for maximizing profits while maintaining good relationships with patrons.
- The gun raffle profit was reported of \$4,635, and options for selling the remaining gun were discussed (tip board, split-the-pot raffle, or using as a prize at a tournament).
 - Shannon will explore the tip board option and report back at the next meeting.
- The board discussed calendar sales, advertising rates, and maintaining the current payout structure.
- The association is being audited by the Gambling Control Board, and Shannon will keep the board updated.

Old Business:

- Ongoing efforts to sell remaining cheesecake inventory, including potential bulk sales to the teachers union and other strategies to break even.
- The board agreed that future large purchases require board approval and discussed setting a dollar threshold for such decisions.
- Communication and engagement strategies were discussed, including assigning board members to teams for more effective outreach.

Golf Tournament:

- Matt provided an update: The recent golf tournament was successful, with 20 teams and increased sponsorship compared to last year. Net proceeds were around \$6,000.
- Planning for next year's tournament will consider both weekday and weekend options.

Adjournment:

- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: September 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM – JBS Fieldhouse