

New Prague Hockey Association
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Meeting Location: NP Fire Department Meeting Room
10/8/25 7:00p.m.

Meeting called to order at (7:00 PM)

1. ATTENDANCE

NPHA Board

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| 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 | Present |
| Manager Director - Brandy Rife | Present |

Coordinator Positions

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| Bookkeeper - Sarah Schaeckel | Absent Excused |
| Clothing & Apparel Coordinator - Kaula Ryks | Absent Excused |
| Concession Stand Coordinator - Meghan Blonigen | Present |
| Equipment Coordinator Jerseys - Kristi Nelson | Present |
| Equipment Coordinator Rental Gear - | Absent Excused |
| Fundraising Coordinator - Kristina Dillon | Absent Excused |
| Fundraising Coordinator (Trainee) | Absent Excused |
| Gambling Manager - Nate Borwege | Present |
| 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 - Marty Sticha | Absent Excused |
| Recruitment & Retention Coord - Lainey/Stephanie | 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 | Present |

Others present: Ryan Duede, Bryan Frank, Bill Leiske, Sam Blank

2. REPORTS

1. Secretary's Report (Kristi Nelson): Kristi shared the meeting minutes for September 2025 with the Board prior to this meeting and there were no suggested revisions or changes to the minutes.

A motion was made by Kirk to approve the September 2025 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Steven. Motion carried 9-0 (with 0 Board members absent). Kristi will post the September 2025 Meeting Minutes to the NPHA website

2. Treasurer's Report (Erica Denzer): See attachment for bank balances. No more overdue invoices for quickbooks. \$1,200 overdue for sportsengine - none of these people are registered. Erica will send the items needing to be paid to Nate to see if gambling is interested in paying them. Will pay the ice bills this month and revisit next month.

Matt made a motion to approve the September 2025 Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Steven. Motion carried 9-0 (with 0 Board members absent).

3. Gambling Report (Jason and Nate): See handout/attachment for all totals. Would be willing to help pay for the tvs to get set up at Rusty Spoke to start horseracing and other games. Maybe advertise as a paid position to run these events per time to get help to do this. Bingo at the Rusty Spoke on Oct 25th at 2pm. \$40 per card. Tons of prizes and gift cards.

Luke made a motion to approve 2 paid event coordinators for events at the Rusty Spoke. Ashley seconded. Motion passes 9-0 with 0 absent.

Luke made a motion to approve the August 2025 Gambling Reports as well as the Pre-Approvals for Allowable Expenses and Lawful Purpose Expenditures, which was seconded by Ashley. Motion carried 9-0 (with 0 Board members absent).

3. OLD BUSINESS

1. Vote to amend bylaws is open until Oct. 17th with the final voting in-person at the rink. Need 206 votes minimum. We are at 191 as of this meeting.
2. Brooke White - we missed this connection with Tyler Kienow to get this stuff on the ice. Elsa : I have given a girls HDC update at every single HDC meeting and they are holding onto the 50 hours of skating coach to Butch when we just want the percentage for the girls. Can we please try to make this work, this is a huge miss for the girls program if we don't make it work. Wanting to start Brooke after MEA week, first week of November.
3. Please make sure someone reaches out to Tyler about Shattuck and who is supposed to be scheduled there and at what time. Motion to utilize Shattuck to the best of the ability. Seconded by Brandy. Motion passes 7-1 with one member abstaining.

4. COORDINATOR UPDATES

1. President

- i. NPACC Manager (Justin Hauge): Ryan Duede: Subcommittee forming to build a second rink. Everything is in the works to get this going. Need coaches to talk to the kids about respecting the rink, the locker rooms, and the benches. No sitting on the boards when the zam is out. Can we place an order for pop and stuff for the vending machines? Yes get with Meghan to place that order. Who cleans the bathrooms? The girls bathrooms are disgusting can we fix this? Steve cleans them every day. We are looking at adding a water fountain to locker room 3-4 side of the rink. Send an invoice for the parking spot please. Waiting for the new dasher boards to put them all up at once. Dryland room: if you want a lock on it please buy one and put it on the door. The rink is not going to patrol it.
Dan made a motion to approve a door lock not exceeding \$500 for dryland. Matt seconded. Motion passes 9-0 with 0 Absent
- ii. Gambling Coordinator (Nate and Jason): Meeting with Abby for raffle calendars on Monday, trying to get them out as soon as mite teams are formed.
- iii. Safe Sport Coordinator (Chelsea Casey): Need to make sure that the LRM are safesport certified because if we get caught we will get a huge fine. We also need to think of a different solution instead of refunding everyone.

2. Vice President

- i. HDC Coordinator (Joe Birkholz): Bryan Frank: Thanks for everyones help the last couple of weeks. Fortis commended us on how smooth our tryout process is and how great everything went.
- ii. Girls HDC Coordinator (Elsa Shorey): Dryland equipment - do you want me to use the card or pay for it and be reimbursed? Reimbursement will happen. Sometimes coaches will give kids homework, there are apps that teams can use. I will research them and try them this year, and if they are good and we like them we could expand them to the whole association. Need an estimate not to exceed X amount of dollars. It would be best as an association to do 1 girl and 1 coed in the fall and one of each in the spring. If we have success with these things we can get reimbursed through the state. Can we make a plan and have a reserve for kids who want to join hockey later than the normal time. 4,5,6th grade levels. Don't need to make a decision now, but talk about later.
- iii. Mite/8U Coordinator (Name):
- iv. Ice Time Coordinator (Tyler Kienow):

3. Treasurer

- i. Concession Stand Coordinator (Meghan Blonigen): Ready to go for the season. Opening Saturday. Do you need anything from the board for help? No we are good to go.
- ii. Fundraising Coordinator (Kristina Dillon):
- iii. Bookkeeper Coordinator (Sarah Schaekel):

4. Secretary

- i. Registrar (Erin Becka): Jr Gold preseason clinic closes on the 14th. As of today we have 316 players. 2 new players today. Coaching applications we have 92. Please do your coaching ceps ASAP. Working hard to get everyone rostered. Sportsengine is done, working on USA Hockey portals now. Would like to get rosters done by this weekend. Lets look into a new software for all of this especially with how people are getting double charged on it. Board roster is submitted so we are on track to getting teams sent in on time. Erica Motion to approve, Brandy 2nd. Motion passes 9-0
 - ii. Volunteer Coordinator (Aimee Bombardo): Dibs have been posted and filled for this weekend. Everything is picked up for the fundraiser. Tryout jerseys need to be washed and sorted, can we put them in the front for them to pick up?
- 5. Director of Operations
 - i. Equipment Coordinator (Kristi Nelson) : Puck bags are ready. Practice jerseys need to be sorted out and put into team bins.
 - ii. Outdoor Ice Coordinator (Marty Sticha):
 - iii. Tournament Coordinator (Name):
- 6. Communications Director
 - i. Sponsorship Coordinator (Name):
 - ii. Clothing & Apparel Coordinator (Kaula Ryks): Everything is going well. Team apparel is almost done.
- 7. Board Member at Large
 - i. Recruitment & Retention Coordinator (Lainey/Stephanie): Want to push learn to skate to neighboring communities. Rink is open for field trips. Have you reached out to community ed at all? Putting these events into the community ed catalog for new people in the community.
- 8. Past Board Member:
- 9. Manager Director:

5. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Meghan approved to be added to bank account. Ashley made a motion to add Meghan Blonigen to the Concession Bank Account. Kirk 2nd. Motion passes 8-0 with 1 abstaining.
- 2. Level 5 cep - will we reimburse hotel and flight. Yes. Luke made a motion to reimburse these funds. Ashley 2nd. Motion passes 9-0 with 0 absent.
- 3. Gambling to pay butch bill?
- 4. Shakopee needs Bantam C Players. We are not doing this. Too high of a risk of injury/illness to give them any of our players.
- 5. Sam Blank : I am here to talk about the bylaw vote and how is it legal to "appoint" the board members when technically we need an association vote. Our legal council approved this happening.
- 6. Brandy made a motion for utilization of Brooke White within the current schedule if possible. Ashley Seconded. Motion passes 8-0 with 1 abstaining.

1. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

1. Manager Director (Brandy Rife): Game sheets are all loaded to the ipads. Only got 4 keys back so this year we are doing a master key for all 4 lockers with Brandy having 1 backup key. Managers all have their binders.
2. Director of Operations (Steven Malecha):
3. Board Member at Large (Matt Kaehler):
4. Interim Communications Director (Ashley Lindholm): Received an email after sending out the bylaw email. We should adjust how we do the coaching applications if we are going to do the 1-3-1 coaching adjustment. Also, if we are going to call out bullying across the association we should look within our own HDC members and discipline them accordingly. Looking to send a message to coaches who did not get selected to coach, but can we tell them the reason why they weren't picked to coach? Bryan Frank says the HDC Lead would reach out to coaches who have not been picked to explain why. "Most of the time they didn't agree with the decision or accept it" Are we going to give them a chance to fix it or change something?
5. Interim Past Board Member (Kirk Crabb):
6. Treasurer (Erica Denzer):
7. Secretary (Kristi Nelson):
8. Vice President (Luke Witt):
9. President (Daniel Sacco): Updated the handbook, board please look at this and let me know what you think of the changes.

Brandy made a motion to close the meeting at 9:16pm. Luke 2nd. Motion passes 8-0 with 1 abstaining.

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristi Nelson, NPHA Secretary