

Worthington Hockey Association

September 22, 2025 Minutes

JBS Fieldhouse – Worthington, MN

Members Present: Anna Smith, Matt Kennedy, Jason Johnson, Nate Grimmius, Josh Miller, Tyler Nienkirk, Shannon, Jenna

Absent: Jason Bush

Guest: Corey

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

- The board agreed to table the approval of the July and August minute and financials until the next meeting, the minutes were not prepared yet and not all members had reviewed financials.

Arena Manager Report:

- Corey provided updates on arena scheduling, Zamboni maintenance, and ice preparation.
- Discussion included coordination of practice and game schedules, communication protocols, and facility access times.
- The board discussed the importance of clear communication with city staff and the need to finalize the end-of-year banquet date. It was called out that Jason Johnson should be included in any schedule changes so he can upkeep the WHA calendar. Anna and Corey will do monthly audits to ensure both parties are on track with how many hours have been used.
- Cleaning responsibilities and proactive maintenance expectations were reviewed.

Finance Report:

- Jenna presented the financial report, including account balances, CDs, and fundraising accounts.
- Jason Johnson discussed the need for clear tracking of new ice arena funds, pledges, and the separation of association and project funds.

- The board discussed the process for reconciling pledges, fundraising, and interest income, and the need for a clear financial breakdown for the new arena project.
- Jenna announced her resignation as treasurer effective October 31, 2025, and discussed the transition process. Jason will work with Jenna to ensure he understands the pledges.

Gambling Report:

- Shannon reported on gambling profits, for August of \$10,034.64
- The board discussed the management of pull tab machines, the process for handling complaints, and the plan to switch to a two-game machine.
- The gun raffle and options for the remaining gun were discussed.
- Calendar sales and outstanding advertising payments were reviewed.
- The association is being audited by the Gambling Control Board Shannon will keep us updated on the results.

Old Business:

- Ongoing efforts to sell remaining cheesecake inventory and strategies to break even.
- The board discussed the need for more targeted fundraising and volunteer engagement, including the possibility of reducing the number of small fundraisers.
- Communication and engagement strategies were discussed, including adopting a family program for new members.
- The board discussed the need for a mission statement, updated bylaws, and committee structure to improve meeting efficiency and organizational clarity.

Golf Tournament:

- Matt provided an update on the recent golf tournament fundraiser, noting that 17 meals were sold.
- The board discussed the potential for future tournaments and the importance of targeting events with greater fundraising potential.

New Arena Project:

- The board discussed a significant shift in the new arena campaign: instead of pursuing a completely new facility, the City of Worthington is now planning a full renovation and addition to the current ice arena.

- The city's new plan involves renovating the existing facility and adding a new sheet of ice, with expanded locker rooms and updated amenities.
 - Board members expressed the need to update messaging to donors and pledgers, clarifying whether their pledges still apply to the renovation and addition project.
 - Anna Smith noted she would work with Jason Johnson on communications to current pledgers, asking if their support remains valid for the new direction.
 - The board agreed that clear, organized outreach is needed before sending thank-you notes or further fundraising appeals.
 - Josh Miller will be the association's representative on the city's special workgroup for the arena project.
- Jason Johnson made a motion that if the City of Worthington moves forward with a total renovation and addition to the existing facility, the association would give up its ownership to the city, contingent upon reaching a long-term lease agreement with favorable terms for ice time, advertising, and concessions. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

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

Next Meeting: October 20, 2025, 7:00 PM JBS Fieldhouse