

New Prague Hockey Association

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Location: NP Fire Department Meeting Room
9/10/25 7:00p.m.

Meeting called to order at (TIME)

1. ATTENDANCE

NPHA Board

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

Bookkeeper - Sarah Schaeckel	Absent Excused
Clothing & Apparel Coordinator - Kaula Ryks	Absent Excused
Concession Stand Coordinator - Meghan Blonigen	Absent Excused
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	Present
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: Bill Leiske, Ryan Duede, Katie Brown

2. REPORTS

1. Secretary's Report (Kristi Nelson): Kristi shared the meeting minutes for August 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 July 2025 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Luke. Motion carried 9-0 (with 0 Board members absent). Kristi will post the July 2025 Meeting Minutes to the NPHA website

2. Treasurer's Report (Erica Denzer): 2,142 overdue registration fees 1,165 sportsengine. We are going to review and compare from past years to see where we are sitting. Working on reconciliations with Mary still. Still working on 2025, 2025 concessions are next then we will dig into 2024.

Waiting to make a motion for email to be sent.

A motion was made by Kirk to approve the August 2025 Treasurers Report, which was seconded by Luke. Motion carried 9-0 (with 0 Board members absent).

3. Gambling Report (Jason and Nate): Gambling is reviewing our information we sent into them. They cancelled the meeting with the lawyers which is a good sign. We now have authenticated emails, gambling included. Dan will send over the information. See attachments for all of the money totals.

A motion was made by Matt to approve the July 2025 Gambling Report, payment for the mini storage unit, pre approvals for payments and lawful expenditures which was seconded by Luke. Motion carried 9-0 (with 0 Board members absent).

3. OLD BUSINESS

1. Season Kick off - total revenue was 16k, expenses were higher than last year but we already have changes to help this for next year.

What went well:

1. People enjoyed it in the fall, instead of at the end of the season when everyone was done.
2. Everything in one day was good.
3. Band was good
4. We went through almost all of the food.
5. Lots of positive comments about the HDC and the Board working together

What to change:

1. Instead of selling alcohol call it a picnic and have people bring their own.
2. Boards did not go well - sell the tickets at the bar
3. Weather was not cooperating
4. Sell food outside - the line was too long
5. Start promoting the event WAY earlier

6. Maybe do it like Hockey Day Lakeville during a weekend where there are a lot of games.
7. Have descriptions on the silent auction baskets in the event.

4. COORDINATOR UPDATES

1. President
 - i. NPACC Manager (Justin Hauge):
 - ii. Gambling Coordinator (Nate and Jason): We are getting started on the raffle calendars. Any suggestions or ideas?
 - iii. Safe Sport Coordinator (Chelsea Casey):
2. Vice President
 - i. HDC Coordinator (Joe Birkholz): Can we make sure that there are locker room monitors at the preseason clinic. Finalized tryout scoring changes being pushed through team genius. Evaluators are set. Coaches meetings are set for October. ADM training with all teams to get them ready for the next level. Anything needs to be changed for tryout changes from the slideshow? No. Lengthy discussion about the squirts at our meeting. Only Edina and Shakopee are having A teams. We tried to find open ice other places, Shattuck is the only one available at the times we need. Can you discuss the Rubric please on how we are watching the performance of each level? Yes, started a few years ago with Butch, Drazen, and others. What should these kids have mastered before they go to squirts? It has changed this year. The goal of the level lead is to evaluate and converse at the coaches meetings. Is there anything you want communicated regarding tryouts before? No, its all in the handbook and will be discussed during tryout previews.
 - ii. Girls HDC Coordinator (Elsa Shorey): Katie Brown.
We have some asks:
Agility Mats
Mini Hurdles
Jacobs Ladders
Sprint Timer
Coach Subscription
U12 non parent coach fee - \$3,500 or \$3,000 if there is 2 head coaches
If the players fees (\$150 per player for head coach, \$50 for assistants) don't cover it does the association cover the remainder? Yes.
10u - can we have a discount for a new skater to make the team?
Being the devils advocate - there is going to be frustration with the boys if we advertise that. Instead of just for the girls - For any first year player discount them to the 3rd year mite fee cost all across the board.
Do we get rid of the 10u tryouts if there are not enough girls? no , we would like to have a benchmark of where the girls scores are at for this year. Deadline to get skaters would be the 21st. Lets see how

Kirk made a motion to approve up to \$339 for dryland equipment. Steven seconded. Motion passes 9-0.

- iii. Mite/8U Coordinator (Name):
 - iv. Ice Time Coordinator (Tyler Kienow): If Jr Gold is getting ice at shattuck can we please make sure that it is getting put into Avario. Reach out to Dan Rogers.
3. Treasurer
- i. Concession Stand Coordinator (Meghan Blonigen): Opening the stand Oct. 11
 - ii. Fundraising Coordinator (Kristina Dillon):
 - iii. Bookkeeper Coordinator (Sarah Schaeckel):
4. Secretary
- i. Registrar (Erin Becka): Jr Gold preseason clinic is live and will stay open until 11/10. Currently 1 player registered for that. Anyone registering now will be assessed a \$50 late fee. We approved and waived the \$50 (x2) fee for the Metzen Family as they were having IT problems during sign up before 9/1. Waivers have been received and are under way. Board members need to send me USA #, SafeSport, and background check information before we can submit rosters.
 - ii. Volunteer Coordinator (Aimee Bombardo): Posted hours for packet turn in and pick ups. Wants 10 for packet turn in, we are allowing 6. 14 volunteers for product pick up. Soft open on oct 11. Full open the following weekend once everything is in full swing.
5. Director of Operations
- i. Equipment Coordinator (Kristi Nelson) : Need more LTP sticks and bags for rental. Yes order them. 16 sticks is \$224(ish)
Matt made a motion to approve up to \$1000 for additional rental gear. Kirk seconded. Motion passes 9-0
 - ii. Outdoor Ice Coordinator (Marty Sticha):
 - iii. Tournament Coordinator (Name): Juncker will handle this if his kid is on the B2 team
6. Communications Director
- i. Sponsorship Coordinator (Name): 2 sponsorships came in. 1 diamond, 1 donation of \$200.
 - ii. Clothing & Apparel Coordinator (Kaula Ryks): Apparel stores are ready to launch. Will start sharing soon. GLH and with Brad are fundraisers so the association will get a kickback
7. Board Member at Large
- i. Recruitment & Retention Coordinator (Lainey/Stephanie): Quoted for flyers for the parade. 800 flyers for \$136.96. Can we send out email and fb post for the parade?
8. Past Board Member: Nothing
9. Manager Director: all of the managers that have applied so far are returning managers. Parade is on the 20th. Push the information please.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Bill Leiske : Please let me know how many bantams we have so I can let D6 know asap.

1. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

1. Manager Director (Brandy Rife):
2. Director of Operations (Steven Malecha
3. Board Member at Large (Matt Kaehler):
4. Interim Communications Director (Ashley Lindholm):
5. Interim Past Board Member (Kirk Crabb):
6. Treasurer (Erica Denzer):
7. Secretary (Kristi Nelson):
8. Vice President (Luke Witt):
9. President (Daniel Sacco):

Kirk made a motion to end the meeting at. Luke Seconded . Motion passes 9-0. Meeting ended at 9:08 pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristi Nelson, NPHA Secretary