



ANOKA AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

DATE: February 23rd, 2026
Anoka Ice Arena

Motion to call meeting to order at 7:01pm by Mike Buss

Minutes taken by: Ashley Christensen

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Members present: Mike Buss, Ashley Christensen, JP West, Cole Sianko, Jeanne Bohler, Jay Wagamon, Bill Robyt, Joe Super, Mike Hauglie, Melissa Thalín, Cory Collette, and Simone Schara.

Members Absent: Matt Satzinger, Jesse Thalín, and Jason Lindberg

Remotely: n/a

Ancillary Members present: Melissa Wengler, Brandon Rykkeli

Ancillary members absent: n/a

Guests Present: N/A

Motion to approve January minutes by Cole, seconded by Cory. Motion carried unanimously.

The December financial report was not approved last month because we were waiting on several documents from our account. Motion to approve the December financial report motioned by Cole, seconded by Mike. Motion carried

Motion to approve January's financial report made by Cole, seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

Motion to approve January's gambling report by Cole, seconded by Bill, motion carried.

Motion to approve up to \$180,000 for March gambling motioned by Mike Buss, seconded by Ashley. Motion carried.

ANCILLARY MEMBERS REPORTS

Ice Scheduler: N/A

Registrar: N/A

Finance: N/A

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President: Season is winding down, congrats to the teams who finished this season this weekend and to the teams who are continuing onto Regions. Congrats to the 12B2's and the Bantam B2's who are going to the Super Series tournament.

Bylaw Amendments have gone out to the membership. We will add a vote yes or no on the google form this year. Reminder that these bylaw changes if approved will not go into effect until the following board meeting.

Vice President: Participated in Hockey Operations meetings and discussions; coordinated all planning and setup for the F5 Summer Hockey Camp (including schedule, structure, website, and registration) with staff and the Hockey Ops Committee; took part in gambling and bylaws discussions; reviewed prior months' financials and meeting minutes; and reviewed policies and procedures for potential updates.

Treasurer: Attended weekly finance meetings, filed and reviewed taxes.

Secretary: Worked on the annual board report as well as met with the executive board.

Player Development: Took part in the Hockey Committee Meeting. They F5 Planning Began looking at anticipated travel/mite numbers for next season

Tryouts: N/A

Recruitment and Retention: managed program operations and participant support, including coordinating equipment returns and a donation drive with Hat Trick Hockey, planning the 2026 F5 Summer Program, and overseeing Spring Cyclones administration. I worked to increase inclusion by establishing a protocol for youth volunteers to assist special needs participants. I also served as the District 10 Membership Development Committee Representative, reviewed and suggested updates to AAHA's bylaws, and designed the AAHA Volunteer Awards program to recognize outstanding contributions.

On the financial and community side, I helped secure an \$18,500 Skate It Forward payout, led 30 volunteers in MN Wild fundraising sales generating \$2,312 (with \$1,500 benefiting the association), applied for a USA Hockey Foundation grant, and coordinated a \$150 donation to the Anoka Alumni Athletic Club scholarship program. I strengthened community partnerships through approved logo use by a local business and maintained public visibility through media engagements, including live interviews, written articles, and meetings with the Minnesota Wild Foundation. I also managed coach engagement by coordinating sign-ups for the MENTOR End-of-Year Party.

Volunteer: Set up DIBS for Mentor Night and the Regional Tournament, and sent association-wide reminder emails to help ensure members complete their DIBS requirements for the year.

Communications and Fundraising: Managed association communications through email and social media, including *Save the Date* for the annual board meeting, equipment donation day, DIBS for the Bantam Regions tournament, volunteer award nominations, district game schedules, F5 registration, and player/team social media shout-outs.

Supported fundraising efforts by posting sponsor shout-outs on social media and following up on returned raffle checks.

Tournaments and Marketing: Continued to work on the 2026/27 guides, reached out to around ten associations to drop an early bird note. Updated the F5 pages on the website.

Mites: Helped run the A, B and 8UA Jamboree. Huge thanks to Brandy Satzinger and Heather Wilson for doing everything to put on a great Jamboree! Season end HEP will happen at the end of the month.

Traveling Boys: Followed up on outstanding tournament refunds, monitored player discipline in coordination with coaches, and communicated tournament information to coaches and team managers.

Traveling Girls: Prepared transition documentation for the Girls Traveling Director role, supported teams during District Playoffs, planned the next Co-Op Committee meeting, coordinated summer apparel for Swarm, gathered and shared recommendations for summer development camps and programs, collected season-end feedback from parents, coaches, and players, reviewed regular-season results and monitored playoffs, collaborated with the Co-Op on future youth and high school player projections, and met with the Champlin Activities Director regarding potential future high school co-op opportunities.

Financial: Completed 2024–25 taxes and audits, voided volunteer payments for members who fulfilled DIBS requirements, sent January and February financial reports, and completed preparatory work for year-end billing.

Gambling: Attended working session with the Anoka city council.

Equipment: Coordinated with Directors to recover loaned equipment, managed goalie equipment inventory and credits, and handled ongoing dryland area upkeep.

New Business

On February 3rd, a motion was made via email by JP asking that as an association, we do a \$150 Tee Box sponsorship to support the Anoka Athletic Alumni Club. This money directly supports the scholarship fund for graduating Anoka athletic letter winners. The motion was passed February 4th with a majority vote. These funds came out of the general fund.

Ashley motioned for us to purchase a \$400 ARAA Sponsorship Dinner table. The event took place on February 13th. Mike seconded and motion passed. This will be out of the general fund.

Ashley motioned to give a \$500 donation to the Anoka American Legion scholarship fund. Cole seconded this. These funds came out of the general fund as well.

Melissa T. motioned that each player from the PWB1 team be refunded \$100 because one of their tournaments were cancelled and they did not earn a spot in districts. Ashley seconded the motion. Motion passes with three board members abstaining from the vote (Jeanne, Bill, and Cory).

Motion from Melissa T. to increase our goalie credit budget an additional \$1200 (from the general fund) as we are short. Cory seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Simone read through a letter from the Minnesota Gambling Control Board. We received a rating of 5 stars. This is an evaluation that is based on the percentage of its annual net receipts spent on lawful purpose expenditures.

JP put together an AAHA Logo and Brand policy to add to our handbook. JP motioned for the document to be approved, seconded by Cole. Motion passes.

Jeanne discussed collecting broken sticks for Rusty Nail Custom Creations, a local small business that specializes in repurposing materials into meaningful keepsakes? In exchange, we'd get an American flag creation. We will try to gather broken sticks at an upcoming equipment return event.

Joe will finalize the plan for the coaches room organization/security. He wants to wait for Bob to return to determine the location for the hockey stick flag and hospitality room decor.

Coach Ashley was present at about 60% of the practices this year so we will be paying her \$1000.

Melissa Thalín is going to waive her board member compensation this year.

Both of the Melissa's had a meeting with QuickBooks where they decided to keep our finances offline. They feel as though there are plenty of checks and balances in place for the financials of the board.

Brandon gave us a few tentative dates to think about for next season's tournaments:

- November 19th (Bantam tournament)

- December 3-6th (Girls tournament)
- January 7-10th (Pewee Tournament)

A motion to end the meeting at 8:04 pm by Mike Buss, seconded by Ashley. Meeting adjourned.