



Great Falls Amateur Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

Date: 14 October 2025

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Great Falls Ice Plex, 4001 29th Street SW, Great Falls, MT 59404

1. Call to Order

- By: Mike Zook
- Time: 6:32 PM

2. Executive Board / Voting Members Attendance

- **Board Members Present:**
 - Vice President – Mike Zook
 - Treasurer – Jennifer Chambers
 - Secretary – Corey Smith
- **Division Representatives Present:**
 - High School – Erik Stober / Jeff Winkler
 - 14U – Mona Williams / Becky Kujava
 - 12U – Meghan Haynes / Neal Popichak
 - 10U – Matt Baker / Scott Bambenek
 - 6U / 8U – Katie Biggs / Scott Moodie
 - House League – Cody Lee / Amber Heck
 - 19U Girls Hockey – Becky Kujava
- **Board Members Absent:**
 - President – Mike Pancich
- **Division Representatives Absent:**
 - House League - Amber Heck
- **Guests/Observers:** Andrew Vecchione-Perez, Sheri Sanchez

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- **3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - Meeting Date: 09 September 2025
 - Motion to Approve: Erik Stober
 - Second by: Becky Kujava
 - Vote: Unanimous (Motion Approved)

4. Approval of Treasurer Report

- Motion to Approve: Erik Stober
- Second by: Corey Smith
- Vote: Unanimous (Motion Approved)





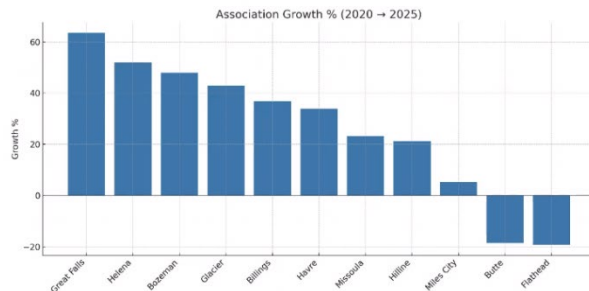
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5. Executive Board & Committee Member Reports

- President – Mike Pancich
 - Locker room assignments will be posted at the Ice Plex starting next week.
 - Appointed Charlie Hibl to SafeSport Coordinator
 - Annual MAHA Meeting recognizes GFAHA as the fastest-growing organization over the past five years.

– Association Growth % (2020 → 2025)

Association	Growth % (2020→2025)
Great Falls	63.48
Helena	51.91
Bozeman	47.93
Glacier	43.0
Billings	36.8
Havre	33.88
Missoula	23.2
Hilline	21.18
Miles City	5.32
Butte	-18.57
Flathead	-19.25



- Vice President – Mike Zook
 - No new updates reported.
- Treasurer – Jennifer Chambers
 - Monthly report provided
- Division Representatives
 - High School – Erik Stober / Jeff Winkler
 - No new updates reported.
 - 14U – Mona Williams / Becky Kujava
 - **New 14U Rep:** Charlie Hibl – *Motion to approve Charlie Hibl as the new 14U Representative: Becky Kujava, Second the Motion: Neal Popichak – Approved 100%.*
 - 12U – Meghan Haynes / Neal Popichak
 - Alvah Apuzzo moving up to 12U – *Motion to approve Alvah Apuzzo’s request to move up to 12U division: Katie Biggs, Second the Motion: Neal Popichak – Approved 100%.*
 - Player Refund – *Motions the approval of a full 100% refund for player that will not be participating this season: Meghan Haynes, Second the Motion: Scott Moodie – 100% Approved*
 - Reminder that 12U will be holding the State Tournament this season... More details to come.
 - 10U – Matt Baker / Scott Bambenek
 - Coaching Approvals
 - Head Coach 10UB Red – Andrew Vecchione-Perez
 - Asst Coaches 10UB Red - Drew Gehler, Gary Bell, Casey Shaw





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- *Motion to Approve coaching selections has presented: Neal Popichak, Second the Motion: Matt Baker – 100% Approved*

- Coaching Approvals
 - Asst Coaches 10UB Blue – Richie Jensen, Jud Troyer
 - *Motion to Approve coaching selections has presented: Neal Popichak, Second the Motion: Matt Baker – 100% Approved*
- 6U / 8U – Katie Biggs / Scott Moodie
 - Request for use of the Conference Room for next week – coordination with M. Zook and Ice Plex
- House League – Cody Lee / Amber Heck
 - 25–30 kids per session; 5–6 potential coaches working on certifications.
 - Solid coaching coverage for first session.
 - *Motion to allow Eagle Mount Tuesday session to share ice with House League – Katie Biggs, Second the Motion: Becky Kujava – Approved 100%.*
- 19U – Becky Kujava
 - Glasgow hosting a 12U jamboree January 10–11, 2026 (\$250 fee, 3–4 games). Interested teams to contact Becky.
- Committee Members:
 - Registrar – Sarah Carper
 - Operations proceeding as needed
 - Equipment Manager – Ty Hoffman
 - Received 30 sets of gear, 15 helmets, and 15 bags ordered. Ty labeling all gear.
 - Referee – Ken Speidel
 - Still recruiting; members directed to contact Ken via email at ammoken92@gmail.com
 - Ice Foundation – Helena Harper
 - Helena has stepped down.
 - Financials strong; summer ice increased revenue.
 - Ongoing maintenance: new sound system in progress, dehumidifier completion in coming weeks.
 - Web / PR – Amber Heck / Mike Zook
 - Dibs format distributed for team inputs.
 - Concession – Jordan Keller / Chelsea Keller
 - \$209 in credit card tips since receiving new POS System
 - New popcorn machine installed.
 - Inventory tracking system implemented.
 - Selling NEW gear items (propane tanks, tape, water bottles).
 - Tournament Director – Mona Williams
 - “Intent to Play” applications due 10/15; coaches notified 10/16.
 - All divisions at minimum capacity or better.
 - No JV Tournament this season yet
 - Goalie Development Coordinator – Amber Heck
 - No new updates reported.
 - Ice Scheduler – Sarah Carper
 - No new updates reported.
 - Coach-In-Chief – Matt Leaf
 - Continuing education planned.





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- Coming Soon!! Special Guest: Guy Gosselin, two-time U.S. Olympian and Paralympic gold medal coach, will visit Great Falls to work with coaches.
- Safe Sport Coordinator – Charlie Hibl
 - No new updates reported.

6. Open Forum / Public Comment

Off-Ice Training:

- Renting GF Americans shooting room (\$10/hr).
- Motion: GFAHA to cover 4 hours/week (~\$920 annually) – *Motion to approve GFAHQA covering presented amount for Off-Ice Training: Erik Stober, Second the Motion Becky Kujava – Approved 100%.*

Flex Ice:

- Adjusted Ice Time for Curling League: Sundays 5:15–6:45 PM.
- Monday “Breakfast Club” 6–7 AM – all ages welcome; promotional poster to be created.

Volunteer Hours:

- TABLING DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MONTH’S MEETING:
 - JV Tournament canceled; related volunteer hours voided
- Sherri Sanchez raised concerns regarding volunteer hour tracking.

7. Next Meeting

- Date: 11 November 2025
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8. Adjournment

- Motion by: Scott Moodie
- Seconded by: Becky Kujava
- Time: 8:30PM

