

MITCHELL SKATING & HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – August 2025



Tuesday August 12th, 2025 – 6:30 pm – Bradley’s Meeting Room

Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darcy Sabers (Pres) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Gebhart (VP) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dustin Warnke |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Lemke | <input type="checkbox"/> Megan Sabers (absent) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Lee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nichole Busmus | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AJ Bauer – left @ 7:55 p.m. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bri Prickett |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jen Zens | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Maeschen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Backlund |

Guests: Lori Goldammer (Treasurer) Mark Zens (SDAHA Rep), Levi Loken, and Sara Thuringer

Quorum Met: Yes

- Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Darcy.
- 00. Motion to approve the August 2025 agenda to include additions to the assistant varsity coaches by Josh, 2nd by Nick B. Motion carried with 9 ayes, 1 abstain.
- 01. Motion to approve the July meeting minutes by Nick L, 2nd by Jen Z. Motion carried all voted aye.
- 02. Public input – Sara T. stated she saw the start date for 8U to be November 10th and wanted it moved up for the older mites but was okay for the mini mites to start later. Darcy clarified that is the plan it was just miscommunicated in the registration notes. Returning 8U skaters and traveling 8U skaters will start the same time as the other teams. Sara was good with that plan.

03. President’s Report (Darcy)

- Reviewed list of hockey dates and events from SDAHA & MSHA sent for reference to the board.
 - Try hockey free dates are fluid for now. For the national Try Hockey Free date, we advertised as a floor hockey event due to not having ice in the rink yet.
 - Culture committee to coordinate the Try Hockey Free event(s).
- Random rink cleaning days will keep coming up to prep for the season and will communicate those to seek additional volunteers.
- GV State Tournament – Mitchell is hosting this year. There is a committee starting the planning but they will need help from multiple others for a successful event.

04. Treasurer’s Report (Lori)

- Motion to approve the July 2025 Financials by Nichole, 2nd by Dusty. Motion carried, all voted aye.
- Signature cards will be ready by the next board meeting.
- Lori sent out a copy of the updated reimbursement form to help the treasurer know where to allocate those items.
- Discussion was held regarding a signage agreement to use going forward.
- Lori stated she is trying to items back from savings into capital improvements and moving it around so the numbers will fluctuate a bit from the bank accounts.
 - She reported she never received money for the pucks from the SDAHA event other than the Venmo. She will need to get that covered to clear that account. Darcy to follow up.
- Lori indicated the Raise right scrip program is going to be offering a new program for travel that might help boost our earnings related to teams staying for tournaments.
- Financials are up to date currently for fundraisers, sponsors, etc.
 - Discussed the member balance summary are just the members that are set up on payments for registration.
 - Building improvement budget is \$3000 for the year but had funds left from the Fuzz Smith grant and will apply for another one this year.
 - Lots of painting being done at the rink and the city is covering the cost of the paint.

- New net for the West end of the Toshiba rink was purchased.
- Glass was ordered to replace a missing piece.
- Flooring is being installed as able related to Fuzz Smith funds.

05. SDAHA Delegate Report (Mark Z)

- Reported hearing lots of conversation regarding Girls Varsity state tourney and there may be changes in the future.
- The state is looking for a volunteer for the upcoming girls' weekend, a couple potential candidates they will reach out to.
- Pee wee team counts came to Mark from the state, and he forwarded to the board.
- He will attend a hearing next Thursday related to a player transfer from BV to SF.
 - Brandon usually denies releasing the player, so the player then appeals to the SDAHA, most will likely vote to approve the transfer.
- Mark not attending the Northern Plains meeting this year in Deadwood.
- Fall SDAHA meeting was moved up to the weekend of Sept 13th in Watertown.
- If anyone has proposals for rules let him know, none given from the board.

06. Old Business: None

07. New Business:

- Honorary MSHA Members: Ashley Zimmer (Girls Player Development), Todd Kludt (State Disciplinary Representative)
 - Motion to include them as members of the association to participate in association activities by Josh, 2nd by Nick L. Motion carried, all voted aye.
- Coordinators decided there will be one app used for all communications to ensure consistency across all levels. Team Reach is the app and it can include parents, coaches, and players.
 - There was additional discussion to determine if we could stop using Constant Contact which we pay a subscription for, that will be determined later.
- Hockey Development Committee (HDC) has been decided. There is no official chairperson yet and programs committee will need to identify DIBS for these roles. There's already a player development tab on the website that can be updated also. The HDC includes the following individuals:
 - Josh Gebhart for new player integration.
 - Nick Lemke for boys' player development.
 - Ashley Zimmer for girls' player development.
 - Tyler Ladd for coaching development director.
 - Goalie development – vacant.
- The HDC met recently and have proposed the following for 2025-26 season coaches for approval:
 - Boys JV/Varsity – Nick Lemke HC, Sam Helleloid AC, Parker Denne AC, Levi Loken AC (part-time)
 - Girls JV/Varsity – Chris Tronnes HC, Ashley Zimmer AC
 - 8U – Josh Gebhart HC, Josh Enquist AC, Sara Thuringer AC, Alex Loes AC, Cody Miles AC, Nick Backlund AC, Ryan Adrian AC, Dillon Miles AC
 - Motion to approve the above listed coaches by Nichole 1st, Dusty 2nd. Motion carried, all voted aye.
 - Paid coaches are Nick L, Sam H, Parker, Levi, Chris T, Ashley and they will be paid according to previously set guideline.
 - All other coaches will earn Dibs according to the guidelines.
- Team Counts & Placements: Play down requests are due by August 15 to SDAHA.
 - PW is set to have A & C teams.
 - Bantam is set to have an A team.
 - Discussion held that some members want Bantams to be an A team and some members want them to be a B team. Board is okay with an A team.
 - Motion to have a non-parent head coach at Bantam level for 2025-2026 season, assistant coaches could be a parent at Bantam level by Nick L, 2nd by Josh G. Motion carried, all voted aye.

Committee Reports:

08. Buildings Committee (Phil)

- Reviewed committee minutes.
- Purchases: West End net (\$760), Rink glass (\$958 est.), will get another roll of locker room flooring, should be good on the budget.

09. Coaching Committee – now HDC, see notes above.

10. Culture Committee

- Next meeting is planned for August 18th.
- Members attending Elementary School Open houses locally for recruitment.
- Try Hockey free upcoming & Pucks & Ponytails will now be Sunday 9/21 @ 4pm. Events for recruitment as well as First Fridays on Main, next one planned for Sept 5th.

11. Executive Committee (Darcy)

- Discussed in July meeting the board entered executive session at 7:40pm and exited at 8:50pm, no official vote was done during that session.

12. Financial Development

- Meeting has not been held yet.
- Dusty sent a spreadsheet to the board regarding the golf tournament if anyone knows additional sponsors to reach out to.

14. Programs Committee (Nichole)

- No report provided.
- Discussed needing to set a meeting date for DIBS, Nichole, Jen Z. and Darcy to coordinate that.

13. Governance Committee:

- No meeting held
- Board members to review for changes to handbook and codes of conduct and send to Darcy for potential revisions.

15. Executive Session

- At 7:58 p.m. the board entered executive session.
- At 8:13 p.m. the board exited executive session.
 - Board completed anonymous voting. The majority voted to deny registration for a returning skater.

Information/Discussion

- September board meeting is planned for 9/9/25 at 6:30 p.m. at Bradley's meeting room.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. by Dusty, 2nd by Phil. Motion carried, all voted aye.