

Worthington Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 15, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: JBR Office

Time Called to Order: 7:01 PM

Members Present: Jason Johnson, Andy Berg, Anna Smith, Tyler Nienkerk, Jason Larsen, Matt Kennedy, Nate Grimmus, Josh Miller, Nick Einck

Also Present: Shannon Andrea (Gambling Manager)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jason Larsen to approve the August 2025 minutes, seconded by Nate Grimmus. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Andy Berg to approve the September 2025 minutes, seconded by Jason Larsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

No financial report was presented due to the meeting being moved up by one week.

Gambling Report

Shannon Andrea presented the gambling report. Highlights included:

- Total expected ice time cost for 2025-26 season is \$87,975. A credit of \$4,095.30 was issued, making the adjusted balance \$83,879.70.
- Current checking balance is approximately \$30,000.
- The Tap and VFW locations have shown strong performance, with ETabs newly installed at the Tap and pending installation at VFW.
- Discussion took place regarding allowing gambling funds to cover Project Hockey costs, goalie programming, and mini-mite jerseys.

A motion was made by Jason Larsen to approve payment for the first half of Project Hockey expenses from gambling, seconded by Jason Johnson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jason Johnson to approve the gambling report, seconded by Jason Larsen. Motion carried.

New Business

Tournament Budgets were discussed at length. It was noted that costs continue to rise, and prior policies around funding amounts have been inconsistently applied. The board decided to establish clearer budget limits.

A motion was made by Jason Larsen to approve a tournament budget of \$1,500 per team for 10U/Squirts and above, and \$1,000 for Mites and Mini-Mites. Seconded by Anna Smith. Opposed by Jason Johnson. Motion carried.

Nikki will train Kourtney Smith to take over scheduling duties starting in the 2026-27 season. Nikki will attend the District 9 squirt scheduling meeting in Rochester on November 17. A hotel reimbursement for one night was approved.

Old Business

Jason Johnson provided a financial audit and reconciliation update of the new ice fund. It was found that WHA over-contributed by approximately \$91,000, and a correction will be made by transferring that amount back to the Hockey Association. Anna and Jason will identify donors with verbal pledges who haven't submitted paperwork.

Anna will contact the Worthington Regional Healthcare Foundation (WRHCF) to request increasing the matching grant from \$100,000 to \$150,000 and inquire about timelines and allowable matching methods. The board plans to present the updated request at the November 13 WRHCF meeting.

A motion was made by Jason Johnson to appoint Anna Smith as WHA Treasurer, seconded by Nick Einck. Motion carried. Anna will assume duties taking over from Jenna, Jenna and Anna will work together to train on this. WHA will cover QuickBooks and may implement a payroll service.

Try Hockey for Free Scheduled for Saturday, October 18. Tyler will coordinate with Kenny for equipment. Board members will bring extra kids' sweatpants as needed.

Nick Einck presented draft updates to the bylaws, clarifying that board members will not be compensated. The group agreed with no formal motion at this time.

Josh Miller made a motion to pay Kenny Granstra \$2,500 for the goalie program. Seconded by Andy Berg. Motion carried. The payment will be split into two installments: at the start of the season and on January 1, paid via gambling.

Mini-mite home jersey purchase was previously approved via text. No further action needed.

Tyler Nienkerk provided an update on ongoing efforts for recruitment and retention. The operations group is scheduled to meet on October 19.

Photo coordination will continue to be managed by Jeani Harms.

Anna Smith will follow up with Diana about DIBS to ensure readiness for the upcoming season.

The board agreed sponsor family for new hockey families program should extend across all age levels. Anna will coordinate matching new families with returning families on the same teams.

Future board meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:45 PM at the Fieldhouse.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Nate Grimmus to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nick Einck. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.