



Great Falls Amateur Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

Date: 13 January 2026

Time: 6:30PM

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

1. Call to Order

- By: Mike Pancich
- Time: 6:36 PM

2. Executive Board / Voting Members Attendance

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

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Meeting Date: 11 November 2025
- Motion to Approve: Erik Stober
- Second by: Jeff Winkler
- Vote: Unanimous (Motion Approved)

4. Approval of Treasurer Report

- Motion to Approve: Erik Stober
- Second by: Becky Kujava
- Vote: Unanimous (Motion Approved)

5. Executive Board & Committee Member Reports

- President – Mike Pancich
 - Upcoming elections will include the President and Treasurer roles (May 2026 Annual Meeting).
 - Reinforced the need to maintain strong volunteer participation across all areas.
 - Jersey timelines for next season need review.
- Vice President – Mike Zook
 - No new updates reported.





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- Treasurer – Jennifer Chambers
 - No new updates reported.
- Secretary – Corey Smith
 - No new updates reported.
- Division Representatives
 - High School – Jeff Winkler
 - Exploring advertisements and community outreach for GFAHA.
 - 14U – Becky Kujava / Charlie Hibl
 - Team morale low; no wins yet this season.
 - Need to ensure players are placed according to skill level next year
 - 12U – Neal Popichak
 - Team had a rough start but is now improving and competing well.
 - 10U – Matt Baker / Scott Bambenek
 - Last season's banner has been delivered to be hung in the Ice Plex.
 - 6U / 8U – Scott Moodie
 - Reimburse Casey Shaw using funds donated to 6U/8U for training aids serving all divisions.
 - *Motion to Reimburse Casey Shaw using funds donated to 6U/8U for training aids serving all divisions: Erik Stober, Second the Motion Katie Biggs – Approved 100%*
 - House League – Cody Lee
 - Spring Session began today with ~20 skaters.
 - Will reassess to determine structure and development needs.
 - 19U – Becky Kujava
 - 6 girls participating (3 Havre, 3 Helena).
 - Positive performance and strong camaraderie.
- Committee Members:
 - Registrar – Sarah Carper
 - No new updates reported
 - Equipment Manager – Ty Hoffman
 - Corey Smith to deliver donated gear to Ty this week.
 - Rental gear sizes largely limited to ages 10 and under.
 - Recommendation: Add rental-gear size limitations into next season's contract.
 - Excess equipment stored above hallway lockers must be removed immediately; Ice Plex may dispose of remaining items.
 - Hockey Pucks
 - *Motion to purchase 200 additional hockey pucks: Erik Stober, Second the Motion Katie Biggs – Approved 100%*
 - Referee – Ken Speidel
 - No new updates reported.
 - Ice Foundation – Vacant
 - Door handle repaired on the American entrance.
 - Hallway locker room heater repaired.
 - Sound system installed and fully operational; Ice Plex requests GFAHA follow posted instructions in scoring area.
 - Ongoing discussions regarding ice cost.
 - Electrical repair work continues with the scoreboard.
 - Dehumidifier electrical hookup scheduled for January 18.
 - Ice removal scheduled mid-May for 2–3 weeks.





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- Web / PR – Amber Heck / Mike Zook
 - No new updates reported
- Concession – Jordan Keller / Chelsea Keller
 - Will order new signage regarding puck returns.
 - Volunteering compliance remains an issue.
 - Exploring the purchase of in-house coffee/hot chocolate machines.
 - **Tabling for next meeting: Concession Stand selling Koozies**
- Tournament Director – Mona Williams
 - 3 tournaments completed; 2 remaining.
 - 12U Home Tournament in two weeks.
 - 12U State Tournament:
 - Each division must contribute a \$250 basket (cash or goods).
 - Contact Mona ASAP if donating cash for her to purchase items.
 - Baskets due by next board meeting.
 - Intent-to-Play applications were below expectations; process improvements needed.
 - Proposal to assemble a committee to redesign the program for next season.
 - Casey Cup: No new updates; next season will include A/B divisions
- Goalie Development Coordinator – Amber Heck
 - No new updates reported.
- Ice Scheduler – Sarah Carper
 - No new updates reported.
- Coach-In-Chief – Matt Leaf
 - Checked in with coaches; morale is good.
 - No concerns brought forward.
 - Spring Hockey discussion scheduled for February meeting.
- Safe Sport Coordinator – Charlie Hibl
 - No new updates reported.

6. Open Forum / Public Comment

7. Next Meeting

- Date: 10 February 2026
- Time: 6:30PM
- Location: Great Falls Ice Plex. 4001 29th Street SW, Great Falls, MT 59404

8. Adjournment

- Motion by: Scott Bambenek
- Seconded by: Jordan Keller
- Time: 8:26PM

