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BAHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Date of meeting: 10/29/2025

Time: 5:30PM

Essentia Health Sports Center

In attendance: Grant VanWyngereen, Chris Velasco, Joe Winegar, Alicia Prahm, Sam Blum, Scott Bender, Steve Leary

- I. Call to Order – 5:30pm by Grant
- II. Fundraising Meeting, open to all BAHA members: The above members were present, no additional members from the general membership joined the Fundraising portion of the meeting
 - Please note that Fundraising Meeting is open to all members of BAHA who can attend in person, or via Teams. Reach out if a Teams link is desired.
 - Review Gambling Report and proposed expenses: Alicia reviewed the September gambling numbers, gambling report and proposed expenses. Scott made a motion to approve the gambling report as proposed. This includes transfer of \$70,000 from the gambling account to general BAHA funds. The donation will be to support our mission; by purchasing ice time for youth hockey. Joe 2nd this motion, and the motion passes
- III. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Motion to approve the meeting agenda by Joe, 2nd by Sam. Motion carries
- IV. Approval of Consent Agenda which includes the following:
 - Motion to approve made Alicia, 2nd by Joe. Motion carries.
 - a. Concessions report (*nothing to report*)
 - b. Hockey Director's report (*see attached; and in person report from HD*) –
 - i. Player Development Committee and In-House sub-comm.
 - c. Treasurer's/Financial report (*unable to report due to bank change this month*)
 - d. Recruitment and Retention Committee report (*see attached*)
 - e. Alumni Committee report (*nothing to report*)
 - f. SafeSport/Grievance/Discipline Committee (*nothing to report*)
 - g. Fundraising Committee report (*see attached*)
 - h. Executive Committee report (*nothing to report*)
 - i. Finance Committee report (*see attached*)
 - j. Marketing Committee report (*see attached*)
 - k. Events Committee report (*nothing to report*)
 - l. Team Managers Committee report (*see attached*)
 - m. Meeting Minutes (*electronically approved and posted 10/12/25*)
- V. Old Business
 - a. Dryland update: Overall the current plan is working well with Pete scheduling the dryland practice. The goal is to coordinate dryland with regularly scheduled practices when possible. Sessions are reported to be beneficial. Plan to develop a few training programs that are ready to go - in case trainer is not available when a given team is scheduled for dryland.
 - b. Hockey development positions update: Hockey development coach hours are being tracked. So far comments from membership/coaches have been positive.
 - c. Long term planning: Items discussed
- VI. New Business



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- a. Injured Player tryout process: The BAHA handbook and tryout Power Point presentation on our website were reviewed and discussed by board members. Plan is to edit verbiage in our BAHA handbook regarding injured player during tryouts. Grant will provide edits to the Board for a vote at our next meeting.
 - b. Tryout Recaps: The Board discussed wrap-up of the 25/26 tryouts
 - c. Team sponsorships; discussion for the future: In the past BBLB has completed the leg work for BAHA by obtaining sponsorships – primarily for travel teams but also for in-house teams. At this point, it makes sense to transfer this responsibility to BAHA's Board of Directors. The Marketing/Social Media Committee will work on taking over this responsibility for BAHA.
 - d. Review tournament booklets: Plan for tournament books discussed and first draft reviewed
 - e. Try Hockey for free in the spring – tabled to next meeting
 - f. Hockey Day MN – updates provided to the Board
- VII. Comments and Announcement: none
- VIII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm by Joe, 2nd by Alicia. Motion carries.

Next Board meeting **Monday November 24, 2025**, at 5:30

Player Development Committee Report 10/29/2025

Submitted by Brent Potvin

PDC and Co-op Updates 10-29

- Held tryouts for the PW and Bantam groups Oct 1-6. All teams were assigned head coaches.
- Player Evals were conducted the 10th-23rd
- Held a coaches meeting on the 14th to go over season expectations, practice planning, coaches code of conduct, new positional coaches, etc. Squirt and 10U coaches were given the option to attend but the intent is to have the same meeting for them once those teams are finalized.
- Held a parent meeting for the Squirts parents to go over and review the upcoming squirt season, specifically the in-house league and first few months of practices.
- Have a parent meeting scheduled with the Squirt and 10U parents on the 29th to go over the tryout process and walk new families through expectations for those 4 days. Will review the process, explain the groupings, show them where to find the information on the website, color requirements, show them the eval sheet, etc.
- PDC met and reviewed the request to combine both B2 teams and come up with an even split. PDC decided to continue on with the plan laid out to tier the 2 teams. At the moment, Moorhead is working on a "tournament of Champions" at the end of the year for the B2 level since there are no regions or a state tournament for the B2 level. Details for this are still in the works but if it ends up a go, we would like to see our teams being able to compete for a spot to attend this tournament.
- Squirt and 10U in house league started on the 11th. So far, reviews have been good from those I have talked with, the kids are having fun with it, the kids seem to be improving on a game by game basis and for the most part, games have been competitive.

Board votes needed for this item

-As you are all aware, coming into the squirt in house league we were a little short on players but were talking with 2 additional families that would have brought our numbers to 44 skaters and 4 goalies (including 4 mite move ups). Unfortunately, those 2 families opted to not play this year which brought us down to 41 skaters. I then got an email on Friday afternoon letting me know that one player had decided he wanted to play this year which dropped us to 40 and then on Monday we were informed of 1 more that decided to not play which brought us to 39 skaters and 4 goalies.

Rather than trying to move up 5 or more mites (who may or may not be ready for squirts) to try and make 4 teams possible, the PDC would recommend we utilize the numbers we have and opt to condense everything to 3 teams. Those 3 teams we would recommend rostering as A, B1 and C. Here are a list of what we considered

- Condensed Squirt season which means more games on the weekend which makes teams of 10 or 9 a little tough to compete.
- If any kids go on vacation, get sick or choose to not come due to prior obligations, this allows a little relief from those situations.
- Classifying them A, B1 and C will make it so every squirt in our program this year will get to attend the squirt international which would be the first time we have had that opportunity since the tournament expanded to more levels.



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	Practices	Games	Ice Touches
15U	20	5	25
PWAA	19	6	25
12UB	17	7	24
BAA	17	5	22
BB1	20	2	22
PWB1	20	2	22
PWB2B	18	2	20
PWB2W	16	1	17
10UA	12	6	18
10UB	12	6	18
SA	10	6	16
SB1	10	6	16
SC	10	6	16

Recruitment & Retention Committee Report 10/28/2025

Submitted by Andrew Murray

Meeting date – 10/14/25

Try Hockey For Free

- Discussed the fall THFF – positive and negative, things we would change for next year. For fall 2025, we want to push to the last week in September, allowing for time for the flyers and communication to work through back home.
- The committee is proposing a second THFF event in the spring, end of February, or early march – would like to discuss with the board.

This could allow for age-appropriate skaters to start summer development programs ahead of the next hockey season.

Possible skating clinics in summer for those new to hockey skaters aged 4-7, would like to discuss with the figure skaters if they would be willing to run a program if numbers were supporting that.

Other Items:

Antje Anderson is working on tickets and a mid-game event for our mite/8u players, she has connected with the wild and is taking lead on coordinating this event.

Fundraising Report 10.26.25

Submitted by Alicia Prahm

- Deposits for the month of September were \$46,632.18 and Allowable Expenses \$22,233.31. Net profit before taxes \$24,398.87 and **after taxes \$20,070.01** for September '25.
- Fiscal year started April '25: **after tax net April – Sept '25 = \$66,520.12 (6 months)**

Sept '25	Rent to Sites	\$12,000	\$7,897
	Payroll & employee taxes	\$4,000	\$3,546



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	Service & Supplies	\$3,000	\$490
	Inventory (gambling product)	\$8,000	\$1,702
	Accounting/legal	\$3,000	\$0
	Equipment	\$4,000	\$0
	E tabs, Ebingo, and Revenue sharing	\$15,000	\$8,679

Oct '25	Rent to Sites	\$12,000	
	Payroll & employee taxes	\$5,000	
	Service & Supplies	\$3,000	
	Inventory (gambling product)	\$8,000	
	Accounting/legal	\$3,000	
	Equipment	\$4,000	
	E tabs, Ebingo, and Revenue sharing	\$15,000	

Nov '25	Rent to Sites	\$12,000	
	Payroll & employee taxes	\$6,000	
	Service & Supplies	\$3,000	
	Inventory (gambling product)	\$8,000	
	Accounting/legal	\$3,000	
	Equipment	\$4,000	
	E tabs, Ebingo, and Revenue sharing	\$15,000	

Fundraising Report 10.29.25

Prepared by Justin Jerve

Pizza packets are out to members and are due back next week already. We have turn in nights planned for Wednesday 11/5 and Thursday 11/6. No pizza forms will be accepted after 11/7 because the master order is due Monday 11/10, and 11/25 is the delivery date. Raffle packets will be handed out when pizza packets are turned in next week. Will meet with Alicia early next week to make sure we have an adequate plan for this as they will be busy evenings counting pizza forms and money as well.



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Marketing Committee Report 10.26.25

Submitted by Alicia Prahm

The group met 10/9/25. Social media messaging has been ongoing. Flyers were sent out to all Elementary students, K-2 right before MEA to boost rookie numbers.

We are finishing up communication to membership regarding the new hockey development positions for 25/26 season. The committee has also been working on securing paid advertisements/sponsorships for the tournament booklets. Team managers will be sending team posts to social media email address, and 1-2 committee members will monitor this email and post.

Managers Committee Report 10.28.2025

Prepared by Steve Leary

Steve, Chris and Tasha met with managers on 10/9 and went through Managers Season Checklist. Tasha was there as the Tournament Director and handed out information regarding home tournaments and away hotel blocks. Steve and/or Chris will get together with the Squirt Managers and 10U managers once they are named after tryouts. Locker room #2 has been designated as a Girls Only locker room.

Finance Committee – Investment Report

Submitted by: Sam Blum

Investment account as of 09/30/2025:

Components of Change

	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 YR
Beginning Value				\$124,733.06
Net Contributions				\$0.00
Investment Gain				\$443.24
Income				\$8.80
Capital Appreciation				\$342.73
Expenses				\$0.00
Change in Accrued Income				\$91.71
Ending Value				\$125,176.30

Update on US Treasury & Fixed Income Markets:

Over the past 12 months (October 2024–October 2025), US Treasury yields trended downward, especially at the short end, with 3-month T-bill rates starting at 4.60% amid inflation and Fed hawkishness, peaking near 5.00% in early 2025, then falling to 3.82% by late October—a 78 bps net drop—driven by cooling data, rate cuts, and softer policy expectations. This has compressed the front-end curve and boosted risk-on sentiment, positioning short-duration Treasuries as a low-volatility refuge.

Corporate credit spreads have tightened sharply to multi-decade lows, signaling strong confidence in balance sheets. Investment-grade spreads hit 78 bps in November 2024 (narrowest since 1998) and held near 84 bps into 2025, below the 100+ bps long-term average. High-yield spreads also compressed to decade lows, fueled by 11.8% S&P 500 EPS growth in Q2 2025, sub-1% IG default rates, and 4x debt-to-EBITDA leverage. Resilient data and policy support have enabled cheap corporate issuance, enhancing credit returns despite easing



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yields, though analysts warn of volatility risks from over-compression if growth slows or geopolitics flare. This dynamic reflects cautious optimism in fixed income.