

**SAM Hockey Steering Committee Minutes**  
**February 16, 2026, 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Jim Howe, Scott Hooley, Becky Burgess, Randa Thibodeau, Mackenzie Zayac, Todd Bolduc, Stephanie Vigue, Mackenzie Zayac, Tony McIver, Josh Zayac, Zach and Sara Aubin, Tim Cooley, Ben Gray, Katie and Dustin Gerow, Steve Jewell, David Farago, James Banks (phone), and Sarah Schultz-Nielsen.

**Scheduling:** Todd reports that scheduling is all done. The State Tournament schedule is as follows: 12U North here, 10U in Brewer, and 14U is skipping.

**Player Rep.:** Nothing to report.

**Safesport:** Parents cannot be on the ice unless they have coaching credentials, safesport and background check. Jim would like coaches to address.

**Registrar:** Mackenzie reported that HNIM individual registration will be opened soon. The cost per player is \$195. The full team and coaches are already up. See Agenda. Mackenzie made a motion to open up registration for 8U, and Scott Hooley seconded. All were in favor; motion passed. Rosters need to be submitted for 10U and 12U tournaments.

**Coaches Rep.:** James would like to hold a meeting with coaches at the end of the season.

**Steve Jewell:** Presented and reviewed the contract that SAM has with the rink. New clock by the zamboni door. Clocks will run to accommodate referees so that games won't be cancelled. Rink makes the decision to run clock. Ref issues to go to John Melancon from State Refing association and MEAHA.

Steve shared that rink insurance costs 39k. People should not be past the chain towards the Zamboni door. Instances like this are liabilities. HSC has the responsibility to address unruly spectators. Tougher on code of conduct at parent meetings at the start of the season. \$255 is the cost of ice for next season. Weather addendum added for safety, and practicality. Rink will work to not charge for unused ice in bad weather. \$100 cleaning fees will be assessed. Locker rooms will be locked during practices/games to prevent urination in locker room restrooms.

We are responsible for the actions of guests and spectators and will need to address this. Also, we need to know who is on the ice as we are liable for it.

**Learn to Play:** Tony would like to offer a June and fall session, before registration. Last July was 9:50 a.m. and earlier.

**Equipment:** Kim was absent. The committee discussed uniforms.

**Ben Gray:** Shared his thoughts on 8U, fees, etc.

**IT/PR:** Randa is working on updating the website with HNIM.

**Team Rep:** Sarah will rewrite the guide to include emphasizing Team Reps. being available to be in the locker room when coaches are unavailable. Sarah volunteered to run the MEAHA North 12U Tournament.

**Girls Hockey Tournament:** Power outage caused issues, but Elliot was extremely helpful. Parents went with the flow. Disparity in talent. SAM came in second.

**Grow the Game:** April 25th try hockey and August 22nd hockey and goalie free sessions.

**Fundraising:** Becky reported almost \$13,500 raised (\$1800 to cover prizes). Sponsorship forms can be made. Advertising on 8U boards? Sarah would like to co-chair. Suggestion was made about renting mini golf for a scramble.

**Extended Play:** 10U raised full amount. 12U and 14U are still working on fundraising.

**Finance Director:** Tim Cooley volunteered. Scott made a motion to nominate Tim, and Becky seconded. All were in favor; motion passed. Welcome Tim!

**Travel:** Ben reported season ending, tryouts upcoming (\$50 fee), majority in playoffs. Asked for issues to be directed to him to address. 8U suggestion: run a league from January, 8 teams, 16 games. To improve our regular 8U program he suggests allocating \$5000 from both house and travel, for \$150 per kid. Jim, Ben, James and Josh will discuss.

**Vice Chair Tier 4:** Josh will send Randa sponsorship form. There was a suggestion to black out pond hockey tournaments for 8U next year.

**Past Chair:** Steve Shared that he is developing a league for 16U after November. He also emphasized that we should buy ice sooner rather than later.

**Unfinished Business:** Goalie Coaching. We briefly discussed that Austin from the Mental Goalie School would cost around 15k to provide coaching for a season. Elliot Emberley and Blake Cote have proposed providing coaching as well. Discussion was tabled for now.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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