

New Prague Hockey Association
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Meeting Location: NP Fire Department Meeting Room
8/13/25 7:00p.m.

Meeting called to order at (TIME)

1. ATTENDANCE

NPHA Board

President - Dan Sacco	Present
Vice President - Luke Witt	Present
Secretary - Kristi Nelson	Present
Treasurer - Erica Denzer	Present
Director of Operations - Steven Malecha	Present
Interim Communication Director - Ashley Lindholm	Present
Board Member at Large - Matt Kaehler	Present
Interim Past Board Member - Kirk Crabb	Absent
Manager Director - Brandy Rife	Present

Kristi made a motion to excuse Kirk from the meeting due to work. Brandy seconded.
Motion passes 8-0 with 1 absent.

Coordinator Positions

Bookkeeper - Sarah Schaeckel	Present
Clothing & Apparel Coordinator - Kaula Ryks	Absent Excused
Concession Stand Coordinator - Meghan Blonigen	Absent Excused
Equipment Coordinator Jerseys - Kristi Nelson	Present
Equipment Coordinator Rental Gear -	Absent Excused
Fundraising Coordinator - Kristina Dillon	Absent Excused
Fundraising Coordinator (Trainee)	Absent Excused
Gambling Manager - Nate Borwege	Present
Gambling Manager Trainee - Jason Schlewsky	Present
Boys HDC Coordinator - Joe Birkholz	Present
Girls HDC Coordinator - Elsa Shorey	Absent Excused
Ice Time Coordinator - Tyler Kienow	Absent Excused
Mite/8U Coordinator	Absent Excused
NPACC Manager - Justin Hauge/ Ryan Duede	Absent Excused
Outdoor Ice Coordinator - Marty Sticha	Absent Excused
Recruitment & Retention Coord - Lainey/Stephanie	Present
Registrar - Erin Becka	Present
Safe Sport Coordinator - Chelsea Casey	Absent Excused
Sponsorship Coordinator -	Absent Excused
Tournament Coordinator -	Absent Excused
Volunteer Coordinator - Aimee Bombardo	Present

Others present:

.REPORTS

1. Secretary's Report (Kristi Nelson): Kristi shared the meeting minutes for July 2025 with the Board prior to this meeting and there were no suggested revisions or changes to the minutes. A motion was made by Matt to approve the July 2025 Meeting Minutes, which was seconded by Erica. Motion carried 8-0 (with 1 Board members absent). Kristi will post the July 2025 Meeting Minutes to the NPHA website

2. Treasurer's Report (Erica Denzer): emailed attachments. Paid back line of credit and 10k to the concession stand account. Meeting with Mary on Friday to keep working on reconciling all of the books. Ryan wants to know if the rink can send advertising invoice or not. Will discuss and let you know.
Brandy made a motion to approve the July 2025 Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Luke. Motion carried 8-0 (with 1 Board members absent).

3. Gambling Report (Jason and Nate): Rusty spoke wants to meet to talk, we need to work with them so we don't lose them. Emailed all of the numbers to all board members. Not looking for an approval tonight, will send out emails for approval at a later date.
**Brandy made a motion to approve the July 2025 Gambling Reports as well as the Pre-Approvals for Allowable Expenses and Lawful Purpose Expenditures, which was seconded by Jason. Motion carried 7-0 (with two Board members absent).

3. OLD BUSINESS

1. Season kick off
2. All Association Meeting Powerpoint
3. Gambling Meeting - Closed?

4. COORDINATOR UPDATES

1. President
 - i. NPACC Manager (Justin Hauge): Look at booking ice for the mite clinic. Jr Gold is looking for 2-3 hours a week for a clinic prior to tryouts. Depending on the registration can we condense some of the groups together to hopefully not have such late ice times. If you are going to schedule something at the rink can you please let us know ahead of time. We need to come up with a fee for jr gold to have their preseason.

- ii. Gambling Coordinator (Nate and Jason):
 - iii. Safe Sport Coordinator (Chelsea Casey):
- 2. Vice President
 - i. HDC Coordinator (Joe Birkholz): Kristi is going to open preseason registration back up so it isn't so confusing with Fortis camp registration. Will add Erin and Miranda to the email.
 - *Tryouts - More non new prague evaluators. 2 from fortis and 3 from not np, and 3 HS coaches. Simplify the scoring around day 1. Going from 7-8 scores to 2 scores per day per player with comments. Enhance the coach feedback survey to add in player attitudes and coachability.
 - *tryout times are tbd depending on player registration.
 - *Brad is getting on ice leads for preseason clinic. Working to make sure all coaches are up to date on all safesport ect.
 - *securing 60 hours of ice for this year somewhere. Budget was approved.
 - *Try goalie sessions will be coming this fall/winter.
 - *Dan Jr. Gold - 17 kids officially committed - 6-12 mn river kids will be coming, with 7 more trying out for HS that might get cut.
 - ii. Girls HDC Coordinator (Elsa Shorey):
 - iii. Mite/8U Coordinator (Name):
 - iv. Ice Time Coordinator (Tyler Kienow):
- 3. Treasurer
 - i. Concession Stand Coordinator (Meghan Blonigen): Met with Erica and Ashley to get the stand started for the season.
 - ii. Fundraising Coordinator (Kristina Dillon):
 - iii. Bookkeeper Coordinator (Sarah Schaeckel):
- 4. Secretary
 - i. Registrar (Erin Becka): Registration opened August 1st. Meeting with Miranda this weekend to set up the spreadsheet for coaches requirements. Hardship application meeting is August 20th. Waivers - we have 4 waivers out. 2 are complete and 2 are still pending. Roster dates have been posted, will send an email. Brandy do you want to make any changes to the manager applications? Yes, lets get these going so that we can get them out asap. Board members all need to update your USA hockey number, safesport, and background check.
 - ii. Volunteer Coordinator (Aimee Bombardo):
- 5. Director of Operations
 - i. Equipment Coordinator (Kristi Nelson) : Gear rentals are going great. A lot of kids have had their jerseys fitted.
 - ii. Outdoor Ice Coordinator (Marty Sticha):
 - iii. Tournament Coordinator (Name):
- 6. Communications Director
 - i. Sponsorship Coordinator (Name):
 - ii. Clothing & Apparel Coordinator (Kaula Ryks):
- 7. Board Member at Large
 - i. Recruitment & Retention Coordinator (Lainey S./ Stephanie H.): Reach out to Elsa and ask about helping with mite recruitment. Meet with Kristi and Brandy about the parade. Please reach out to community ed

8. Past Board Member:
9. Manager Director:

5. NEW BUSINESS

Bill Leiske - Waivers - D6 is really trying to not approve kids who do not go to school or has not been in the association before, to not displace kids that have been there for a while. Even if we approve the goalie going out of the association, the other association will not approve it and then the player is displaced anyways

A teams - Squirts/10U - Girls hdc voted against this. Gold and silver tiers for squirts to play each other less. Having them create 2 A teams instead of multiple B1/B2 teams.

We are in a district with associations 3 times our size. This year is going to be very tough for squirts. Making our B1 team an A team would be better for them competition wise.

1. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

1. Manager Director (Brandy Rife):
2. Director of Operations (Steven Malecha):
3. Board Member at Large (Matt Kaehler): Looking to change 5:30am practice. Add this to the survey for next year.
4. Interim Communications Director (Ashley Lindholm):
5. Interim Past Board Member (Kirk Crabb):
6. Treasurer (Erica Denzer):
7. Secretary (Kristi Nelson):
8. Vice President (Luke Witt):
9. President (Daniel Sacco):

Erica made a motion to end the meeting at 8:19pm. Steve seconded. Motion carries 8-0 with 1 absent.

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristi Nelson, NPHA Secretary