



EPHA BOARD MEETING

August 4, 2025

Call to order at 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Invited: Barry, Day, Engelstad, Hedlund, Heggstad, Hilden, Huestis, Kiecker, Langaard, Martin, Nguyen, Persian, Pike, Richards, Rochford, Sarazine, Steidl, Walters, Waltman

Absent: Hilden, Pike

MINUTES

Last month's Board Meeting and Gambling Committee minutes were approved and posted to the EPHA website.

Motion by Huestis, second by Day; all approved.

HIGH SCHOOL COACHES REPORT

NOTES

Girls Coaches Report // Persian
Boys Coaches Report // Nguyen

- No updates at this time.
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NOTES

Charitable Gambling:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pull Tabs: \$376k in gross receipts from the two locations ● Total Net Receipts: \$60k <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Etab: \$10k ○ Bingo:\$2k ● Total Net Gain: \$1k ● Checking account balance: \$38k
President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● D6 Updates - Presidents meeting. Two-division pilot was approved for Squirts but not for 10U. ● Waivers throughout the District continue to have growing pains with waivers but continue to hold to the Minnesota Hockey community model of "play where you live". ● Jessica Kiecker will be President-elect for District 6 fulfilling a three-year commitment. ● Registrations continue to come in. Some attrition at the Bantam level which is common. Hoping for final numbers to determine team sizes and complete team declarations. ● Establishing a shared drive for photos - please add EPHA photos here. ● HDC meeting minutes are posted on the website along with Board and Gambling minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

	NOTES
Player kickoff event (Walters)	We will be hosting an Eagles United event on October 8. Programming will include high school coaches, former NHL and PWHL players, as well as content from RISE and the PCA. Most or all ice will be cancelled for the night and players and coaches will be expected to attend.
Communications Planning (Walters)	We have created a new master spreadsheet to manage events, communication planning and key Association milestones. Please add your events under your respective area of duty and use the request form for communication needs.



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DIRECTORS REPORTS	NOTES
Home Tournaments: Heggstad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates on work in progress.
Ice Scheduler: Barry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates on work in progress.
Vice President: Richards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalizing pre-season clinics and tryouts. Working to answer related questions as they come in. Get players, coaches and goalies aligned Continuing meetings with the HDC to solidify the player development framework that outlines our general plan. This includes a sense of the high school's plan and how it shows up in the EPHA programming.
Treasurer: Hedlund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SportsEngine is up and running with new checking. Registration going as it should.
Registrar: Rochford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration closed for travel and now working on Mites and 8U. Continued work on waivers.
Coaches: Sarazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe Bianchi has accepted the Head Coach position at Squirt A. Still working to fill additional positions.
Sponsorship: Huestis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jersey sponsors are in progress. Picture day tentatively scheduled for November 14-15.
Growth: Engelstad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focused on the next two Try Hockey for Free events. Looking for coaches and volunteers for Rookies and Termites. Cross promoting with other EP community sports teams. Working on marketing \$99 promotions.
Player Development: Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 goalies attended intro to goalie sessions - half likely to continue. Progressive programming worked well. Need to replace toe straps that were cut off some pads. Need to purchase some equipment for left-handed goalies. Inputting content into CoachThem for the new season in alignment with HDC programming. Will also add users to ensure more Mite coaches have access.
Communications: Steidl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on Flyers and comms. Developing Constant Contact list for coaches and commissioners Considering options for managing requests from coaches and managers.
Commissioners & Volunteers: Pike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has five of six commissioners placed.
Mites: Martin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filling in Mite Board with some returning and some new participants. Working on Mite tryouts and clinics.
Girls Director: Waltman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing with Girls Summer Series and numbers are positive. Working on PWHL representation for the final event. Sending follow up emails with next steps to encourage engagement. Girls Hockey Day on Saturday, October 11 (tentative). 15U/21U working on communications and organization of clinics, tryouts, timing, etc. Bloomington has been a great partner. Looking for 10U coaches to finalize.
Equipment & Apparel: Hilden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on finalizing jerseys and apparel
Travel Tournaments: Langaard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalizing tournament registrations as team numbers and levels are available.



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Secretary: Walters

- Working on the season player kickoff event in October.
- Supporting misc. Comms.
- Creating a quick reference guide.

Motion to adjourn by Cully Huestis at 7:45 pm, second by Langaard; all approved.

Next meeting is 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2025.