



# Great Falls Amateur Hockey Association Meeting Minutes



## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 10 March 2026

**Time:** 6:33PM

**Location:** Great Falls Ice Plex, 4001 29<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Great Falls, MT 59404

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### 1. Call to Order

- By: Mike Pancich
- Time: 6:33 PM

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### 2. Executive Board / Voting Members Attendance

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

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### 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Meeting Date: 10 February 2026
- Motion to Approve: Erik Stober
- Second by: Neal Popichak
- Vote: Unanimous (Motion Approved)

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### 4. Approval of Treasurer Report

- Motion to Approve: Erik Stober
- Second by: Neal Popichak
- Vote: Unanimous (Motion Approved)

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### 5. Executive Board & Committee Member Reports

- President – Mike Pancich
- **Great Falls Sports Foundations Ticket Sells**
  - Motion was made by Jennifer Chambers and seconded by Corey Smith, to approve each age division selling two (2) ticket books for the Sports Mixer fundraiser; motion carried and was approved.





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- Motion was made by Erik Stober and seconded by Katie Biggs, to approve GFAHA donating \$300 toward Sports Mixer Silent Auction items; motion carried and was approved.
- Motion was made by Erik Stober and seconded by Charles Hibl, to approve coach appreciation gifts, 34 coaches × \$125 = \$4,250; motion carried and was approved.
- The following Executive Board and Division Representative positions will be up for election at the May 2026 Annual Meeting:
  - President
  - Treasurer
  - 1 – High School Representative
  - 1 – 14U Representative
  - 1 – 12U Representative
  - 1 – 10U Representative
  - 1 – 6U/8U Representative
  - 2 – Girls Hockey Representatives
  - 1 – House League Representative
  - 1 – Tournament Director
- Vice President – Mike Zook
  - **Technology Platform Transition**
    - Agreement with Crossbar platform has been signed.
    - A system shell should be ready within two weeks for GFAHA to begin development.
    - The association will contact SportsEngine to cancel the existing agreement at the end of the contract term.
- Treasurer – Jennifer Chambers
  - **Certificate of Deposit (CD)**
    - Motion was made by Erik Stober and seconded by Becky Kujava, to approve to roll over the current CD account into a 7-month CD.; motion carried and was approved.
  - **Coach Stipends**
    - High School
      - Motion was made by Erik Stober and seconded by Jennifer Chambers, to approve the Head Coach Stipend for Josh Dahl; motion carried and was approved.
      - Motion was made by Erik Stober and seconded by Jennifer Chambers, to approve the Asst Head Coach Stipend for Reed Link; motion carried and was approved.
    - 14U
      - Motion was made by Becky Kujava and seconded by Charles Hibl, to approve the Head Coach Stipend for Mike Macintosh; motion carried and was approved.
      - Motion was made by Becky Kujava and seconded by Charles Hibl, to approve the Asst Head Coach Stipend for Cam Macintosh; motion carried and was approved.





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- Motion was made by Becky Kujava and seconded by Charles Hibl, to approve the Asst Head Coach Stipend for Trevor Mertle; motion carried and was approved.
  - 12U
    - Motion was made by Neal Popichak and seconded by Erik Stober, to approve the Asst Head Coach Stipend for Brian Finkle; motion carried and was approved.
  - **Reimbursements and Volunteer Checks**
    - Coaches may submit reimbursement requests through Jennifer.
    - Volunteer checks will be reviewed to verify hours and determine checks to be deposited
- Secretary – Corey Smith
  - No new updates reported.
- Division Representatives
  - High School – Erik Stober
    - Varsity State Tournament this weekend
  - 14U – Becky Kujava / Charlie Hibl
    - No new updates reported.
  - 12U – Neal Popichak
    - Calgary tournament upcoming
  - 10U – Matt Baker / Scott Bambenek
    - Motion was made by Becky Kujava and seconded by Charles Hibl, to approve the purchase of four (4) 80lb Nets to be used for game/tournaments only; motion carried and was approved
  - 6U / 8U – Scott Moodie / Katie Biggs
    - Jamboree held last weekend was successful.
    - Discussion on separating 6U and 8U representatives instead of combining roles.
    - Upcoming Try Hockey for Free event — Scott will gather event details.
  - House League – Cody Lee
    - No new updates reported.
  - 19U Girls Hockey – Becky Kujava
    - Continued discussion regarding a practice-only option for Great Falls girls not playing on a GFAHA co-ed team.
    - 14U division identified as the most likely group for shared practice opportunities.
- Committee Members:
  - Registrar – Sarah Carper
    - No new updates reported.
  - Equipment Manager – Ty Hoffman
    - No new updates reported.
  - Referee – Ken Speidel
    - No new updates reported.
  - Ice Foundation – Vacant
    - Dehumidifier is now operational.
    - One Zamboni is currently under maintenance.
    - Ice Plex Annual Meeting: April 27.
      - Ice Plex board is seeking candidates for President and Vice President positions.
  - Web / PR – Amber Heck / Mike Zook
    - No new updates reported





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- Concession – Jordan Keller / Chelsea Keller
  - No new updates reported.
- Tournament Director – Vacant
  - No new updates reported.
- Goalie Development Coordinator – Amber Heck
  - No new updates reported.
- Ice Scheduler – Sarah Carper
  - No new updates reported.
- Coach-In-Chief – Matt Leaf
  - Matt and Mike are collaborating on potential summer development programs:  
Proposed programs include:
    - 6-week hockey program beginning April 1
    - Two age groups practicing Tuesdays and Thursdays
    - Independent summer hockey camps
    - Great Falls Americans Skills & Drills sessions
    - Baldy Shooting Club
      - Goal: 10,000 shots challenge with prizes
- Safe Sport Coordinator – Charlie Hibl
  - No new updates reported.
- Discipline/Grievance – Scott Moodie
  - No new updates reported.

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## 6. Open Forum / Public Comment

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## 7. Next Meeting

- Date: 14 April 2026
- Time: 6:30PM
- Location: Great Falls Ice Plex. 4001 29<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Great Falls, MT 59404

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## 8. Adjournment

- Motion by: Jennifer Chambers
- Seconded by: Becky Kujava
- Time: 8:14PM

