AMHA Board Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2025 – 7:00 pm
Ames/ISU Ice Arena – Igloo Room

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-Team Work Makes the Dream Work

Board Members present: Caleb Dohrman, Ryan Loes (via telephone), Tim Lillwitz, Matt Paulsen, Andrea Little, Kristen Tesdall, Chad Callan, Heather Moran
Board Members absent: Nick Nelson

President Dohrman called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Meeting Agenda. President Dohrman led the discussion. Specific items added during discussion were – (1) sponsorships/chair, (2) buyout fees, (3) HS Broadcaster, (4)Fundraising guidelines, (5) AMHA playbook. Matt Paulsen moved to approve agenda as revised. Heather Moran seconded. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes. Tim Lillwitz took minutes from July zoom board meeting but were not available for approval.

Approval of Financials. Nick Nelson was not present. However, President Dohrman had spoken to Nick regarding financials. Early in year, but positive $54,000 on budget to date. Every skater has paid deposit. Rest of fees will be installment payments over first four months of seasons.

Lindsay Bartholomew is doing greens. Will start in October

LTP/House Director. Katy Blatnick-Gagne the new LTP/House Director was introduced to the Board and discussion was had regarding tasks to get her started in her role. LTP status – we need to keep healthy as it is the lifeblood of our Association. We need an inventory of equipment. Katie will focus on recruiting both volunteers to help and on recruiting skaters from the community.

Tim Lillwitz moved to appoint Katy Blatnick-Gagne as LTP/House Director. Caleb Dohrman seconded. Unanimously approved.

Communications/Registrations. Heather Moran led discussion. Learning Crossbar every day. Discussion amongst Board regarding registration and having the various registrations open with different age groups to avoid confusion on payments.

Trivia Night - We need to start pushing. Heather will do so via E-mail. $200 per table. Check with Jared Carl on Capacity, but believe it is 23 tables. Jenni Callan is volunteering to handle decorations.

Registrar. Andrea Little led discussion. Board roster in on USA Hockey portal. Coaches and their credentials are focus now. Coaches need SafeSport, Background Screen, and Modules completed to be rostered and on ice. CEP scheduled before end of year. After Coaches, Andrea will focus on managers and youth rosters.

Rebekkah Stickfort is handling concussions – reaching out to McFarland.

PCDC Update. Matt Paulsen led discussion. Idea to join forces with Mason City at Bantam level to help with numbers. This was proposed to Mason City Board and heard that it was not well received. We will see how they respond.

We have 2 goalies for Bantam level, so max of two teams. The Coaches will work through this during the preseason.

Practice schedule is done with exception of Alliance 18U games. Monday Tuesday Thursday – we are consistent every day throughout the season. Nice job Matt!

Iowa Wild – Bantam jamboree will happen again this year. Great opportunity.

Preseason Coaching Meeting – Steve Alcorn led the meeting in person last night. Certain coaches were not present and they will need to meet with Steve before taking the ice. Jarod Carl presented on Goalies to all the coaches.

Open Business Items:

Jersey Discussion – Proposal. Discussion amongst the Board regarding 50th Anniversary jersey. Rebekkah Stickfort has provided pricing.

Motion by Caleb Dohrman for 50th anniversary jersey – Orange Stitch and socks at $112 per skater for 111 skaters. A little over $12,000 cost to association, with order to include patches for HS and 18U and 50th anniversary pucks. Seconded by Heather Moran. Unanimously approved.

Wierson Scholarship idea. Proposed for graduating senior at maybe $500 scholarship. "Raising the Bar" award is an idea for name. Lillwitz to follow up.

Season Kickoff – Will do for first HS home game. – November 7. Need ideas and to start planning.

Fundraising – Heather Moran presented on spreadsheet of reaching out to local businesses. Followed by discussion of appropriate split between team and association.

Motion by Tim Lillwitz for 50/50 split for Youth teams. HS 70/30 split, both capped at covering expenses. Seconded by Chad Callan. Unanimously approved.

President Dohrman addressed the Board and noted it would be his last year as President.

Discussion on consistent Board meetings and likely 3rd Monday of Month as being best time.

There being nothing further to discuss, Matt Paulsen moved to adjourn. Heather Moran seconded. Unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned 8:29 pm

The Following Actions/Discussion of the Board were conducted via E-mail or remotely after the September 4, 2025 meeting, and led by President Dohrman, except where indicated. These issues will be included in the discussion and formal approval of these minutes at the next regular meeting of the Board:

- September 16, 2025 – President Dohrman provided an email to the Board with the final revisions and alterations for the 50th Anniversary Jersey design. President Dohrman moved to approve the design. Ryan Loes seconded. Unanimously approved.

- October 8, 2025 – President Dohrman provided the Board with an email from Andrew Murdoch on a proposed AMHA Wall of Fame for the locker room hallway. Andrew is proposing to approach the City on behalf of AMHA with the idea.