

**Highland Bulldogs Hockey
Board Meeting - Minutes
September 17, 2026
Location: Sam's Pizza at 6:30pm**

Call to Order

Time: 6:37p

Motion to Call to Order: Kevin

Second: Raechel

Board Members Present: Raechel, Kevin, Steve, Barbie, Tonya, Andy Abendroth, Edie, Cyndi, Cale

Secretary's Report

Report from August was approved.

Motion to approve: Kevin

Second: Cyndi

Treasurer's Report

Report from August was approved.

Motion to approve: Barbie

Second: Tonya

Coach's Corner

- CJ would like to have a team dinner / bonding event after practice on 10/23.
 - Last year we had Jimmy John's and cookies which Garrett Hoyt donated.
 - Tonya made a motion to purchase sandwiches and cookies for player night. 2nd: Kevin
- Synthetic Ice - stored under the stadium at the high school. AD will likely want them out of storage
 - Need to determine how many we have and a cost per tile, and try to get them sold. CJ to try to get by there and get a count of how many tiles we have
 - Try and schedule a time to go see how many tiles we have

OLD BUSINESS:

- Golf tournament – Completed. Profit was \$9,618.64
- Determination of Player fees for 2026-2027
 - \$900 for position players / \$450 for goalies
- Board Members / Players that are 18, or turn 18 during the season. 2008/2009 birth years must take Safe Sport.
 - Background check
 - Safe Sport Training
 - USA Hockey Number for upcoming season
- Fundraising Proposal Review / Discussion
 - We agreed to continue with: Gun Raffle, GameDay Program book ads, Golf scramble, Butterbraids, Grocery Raffle, football squares and sell any remaining blankets.
- Grants
 - Highland Optimist Club reached out to Kevin about submitting matching fundraising grants. Donny to submit grants from all fundraisers from last year

- Highland Area Community Foundation Grant
 - Purpose funds will be used for
 - New pucks, new backdrop banner, and new alternate jerseys & socks (for varsity players)
 - Donny submitted grant on 6/25/26
 - Barbie ordered new banner behind the bench on 6/26/25

NEW BUSINESS

- Alumni Game
 - Cyndi volunteered to head this up
 - Can Donny provide the email list of players, etc. and an outline of tasks to be completed in preparation for the event?
 - Need to secure date, rink, restaurant or food/drink options
 - Ryan Hicks has some ice available at RP if we want to do it there and then bring food in [afterward](#). We also discussed McK on 1/2/27 but they don't ice any available ice.
 - Would like to keep the game on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. East Alton doesn't have ice available that night. Barbie is checking with McKendree to see if they have ice that night. 11/28/26
 - Alumni jerseys - Jill G to place order from last years' seniors & 2027 seniors, and coaches
- Senior Night
 - Is 1/7/27 at RP Lumber. Barbie has secured the side "garage room" space at RP starting at 5:30p. We can gather before & after our game. The Varsity game is 8:15p that evening vs Granite City.
- Aayden Cox - new JV player
 - Tonya - added to roster w/ MVCHA
 - Jill G to order his gear
- Updates from All Schools MVCHA Meeting 9/16/26:
 - Wearing of badges will be enforced
 - JV Playoffs - 2/6 - 2/21 / Bracket Play with consolation bracket / Each team should play 2 games
 - Varsity Playoffs - 2/11 - 3/4 / Best of 3 series
 - JV All Star Game 3/13 - 7:30 PM at EA
 - Varsity All Star Game 3/14 - 5 PM at RP
 - Using Gamesheet app for scorekeeping / We still need to provide the 2 paper copies of roster for each game as we have in the past
 - MVCHA will be providing trainers for first aid, etc. / Will be at every JV and Varsity game
- Zack Hauer - Will not be playing this year / Consensus is that he can participate in team events due to the unfortunate circumstances.
 - The board has decided to waive his remaining player fees due to injury.
- Team Registration - Complete
- Schweizerfest -
 - Have we received the final check? NO
- Varsity and JV rosters set - can be supplemented until 12/31/26
- MVCHA Items
 - 10/1 - \$3,500 per varsity team due
 - 11/1 - Half of remaining club balance due (MVCHA will provide total mid-October)
 - 12/1 - Third and final payment of remaining balance due
- Alternate varsity jersey - Anticipating late September arrival

- Highland Area Community Foundation
 - We were awarded one of their 2026 unrestricted grants
 - A representative of HBHC is invited to attend their Annual Grants Banquet on Thursday October 8th at the KC Hall - Cocktails at 6pm / Dinner at 6:30pm.
 - Must RSVP / order tickets for the banquet by September 25th.
 - Kevin & Coach Weis will be attending the banquet on October 8th
- Fundraising - Looking ahead
 - Grocery Raffle - Cale to lead.
 - Korte Meats Raffle is live - Cale passed out raffle tickets at Preseason Mixer. Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20 for a chance to win a \$1,000 Korte Meats gift card to be used towards deer processing, or groceries. Drawing will be the week before Thanksgiving. A portion of the profit (after \$900 gift card expense) will be divided up amongst the players who sold tickets, and go toward their player fees.
 - Pizza / Butter Braids
 - Sales begin online on 9/12 / End 10/3
 - Pickup is at the KC Hall Pavilion on 10/14 at 5pm
 - Players receive a portion of the proceeds toward their player account
- Hunter/Pictures:
 - Dana contacted Hunter and he can take pictures at Varsity Games. \$150/game. \$170 for senior night for the extra time and pics.
 - Nov. 2- Home opener (Hunter confirmed he can do this game.)
 - Dec. 21
 - Jan. 7- Senior night
 - Jan. 21- Triad game
 - Feb. 8- last game
 - Waiting on Hunter to confirm the other 4 games above
 - Cyndi made a motion to approve paying Hunter to take pictures at Varsity Games. Second: Barbie
 - Catie Fisher agreed to take pictures at the JV Games
- Online Team Store:
 - Cyndi is going to contact Compustitch to set up an online team apparel store with HBHC items.

FUNDRAISING:

- **Team Fundraising:**
 - **Approved**
 - **Golf Tournament** (*Andy/Tonya, lead*)- July 25, 2026; \$100/per player
 - Sign up sheet = Andy creating
 - Continue to promote sponsorships and teams
 - **Gun Raffle** (*Andy, lead*) - Getting 500 tickets printed this time. Drawing after all 500 tickets are sold. The drawing will be Aug 1, 2026. 2 month sales.
 - Guns bought after at Rural King (6 guns)
 - Cash option
 - Every player will receive 12 raffle tickets and are asked to sell them or buy them. Return all unsold tickets to Andy by date, TBD and sell any unsold tickets at Golf Scramble.
 - Tickets are 1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50

- **Grocery Raffle** (*Cale, lead*) - Drawing after all 500 tickets are sold. Do we want to do unlimited? The drawing will be TBD. 2 month sales.
- **Super Bowl Squares** (*Donny, lead*) - Selling squares for Super Bowl. Using the Run Your Pool website. (<https://www.runyourpool.com/>). Profit: **\$1,000.**

- **Individual Fundraising:**

- **Pizza Sales & Butter Braid Sales** (*Jill, lead*) - September sales start. Sale end date, TBD Delivery TBD at KC Hall. Using Show Me the Dough Fundraising. (<https://www.showmedough.com/>)
 - Profit: individual
- **Schweizerfest** - Worked soda stand and assisted with teardown
 - Profit split between the players that worked the stand and helped with teardown

2026-27 Board Members

President: Steve Oravec

VP: Donny Gunter Alumni Game Chair: Cyndi B

Secretary: Barbie Weis

Treasurer: Kevin Thole

Registrar: Tonya McGrew

Director: Andy Abendroth

Director: Rachael Resmann

Director: Andy Ammann

Director: Edie Frey

Director: Cale Schmitt

Director: Cyndi Bogacki

2026-27 Chair Persons

Golf Tourney Chair: Tonya M

Pizza/Butterbraid Chair: Donny/Jill

Senior Night Chair: Jr Parents

Kickoff Mtg: Cyndi Bogacki/Jill Gunter

EOY Banquet:

Media (Pic's/ Video): Hunter Fridley

Fundraising Chair: Barbie/Rachael

Communications Chair: Barbie Weis

Gameday Staff

- **JV**
 - **50/50-Edie Frey**
 - **Penalty box- Cale Schmitt/Cory Frey if needed**
 - **Announcer– Mike McGrew**
 - **Team rep/Crowd control- Tonya McGrew**
 - **Facebook Live– Andy Abendroth**
- **Varsity**
 - **50/50- Dana Oravec**
 - **Penalty box- Kevin Thole/Steve Oravec**
 - **Announcer– Donny Gunter**
 - **Team Rep/Crowd Control– Rachael Resmann**
 - **Facebook Live– Wally Drennan**

Next Meeting

October 15, 2026 at 6:30p at Sam's Pizza

Adjourn

Time: 8:05p

Motion to Adjourn: Cale

Second: Cyndi