

April 27, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m. | [Penn-Co](#) Lounge @ SEC

Board Member Attendees:

- Jacqui Plett
- Josh Plett
- Ryan Canada
- Scott Reimer
- Brett Adnum
- Riley Kielich
- Braden Purtill
- Tyler Shields
- Kevin Geisheimer
- Niki Murray

1. Josh opened meeting at 7 pm

- Cass Barkman motions to accept agenda
- Dustin Heinrichs seconds
- Dustin Heinrichs motions to approve 2025 minutes
- Cass Barkman seconds

2. Introduction of board

- Open for nominations for development position
 - No nominations came forward

3. Board Reports

- Tyler – Equipment Manager
 - Goalie Equipment Update
 - We introduced new goalie equipment this past season.
 - Received strong positive feedback from players, parents, and coaches.
 - The upgraded gear has improved both safety and overall experience for our goalies.
 - Goalie Development & Shortage
 - We are currently facing a shortage of goalies across age groups.
 - This is an area we need to prioritize as an association.
 - Encourage development at younger levels:
 - Have top players rotate into goalie at early ages.

- Focus on building comfort and interest in the position early.
 - Long-term goal: develop more dedicated, confident goalies within our system.
 - Old Equipment Sale
 - Sold older goalie equipment to Play It Again Sports.
 - We now have approximately \$450 in store credit.
 - This will be used toward future equipment needs to maximize our budget.
 - Sock Program Changes
 - Moving to a new system for hockey socks starting next season:
 - An online store will be set up for families to purchase their own socks.
 - Benefits:
 - Eliminates tracking and redistribution challenges.
 - Families won't need to repurchase socks if existing ones still fit.
 - Reminder:
 - Our association already uses both home and away socks per player.
 - This approach has helped extend the life of the socks and will continue.
 - Jerseys Update
 - New jerseys have been ordered for the upcoming season.
 - Jersey sizing process at evaluations last year was successful and will continue.
 - Jersey Number Policy Change
 - Moving forward, number requests will no longer be permitted.
 - This will simplify distribution and reduce administrative challenges.
- Riley – Tournaments
 - 74 teams hosted
 - Nearly 1,000 players
 - Teams enquiring for next year
 - Waiting for ice costs to open registration in summer
 - Made just over \$6,400
- Jacqui – Registrar & Admin
 - This past season, we had a total of 232 registered players, which is up from 199 last year, representing an increase of approximately 14%.
 - Registration opened on August 1, and overall, the process ran very smoothly with minimal issues.
 - We also saw growth in the number of teams, going from 14 teams last season to 18 teams this year, so an increase of four teams overall.

- Overall, we saw strong growth across the association, particularly at the younger levels, which helped support the additional teams this year. Registration for the upcoming season is expected to open around a similar timeframe.
- In addition, I provided administrative support to team managers throughout the season.
 - We had 9 new managers out of 18 teams this year, and overall things ran very smoothly.
- Jodie – Treasurer (report given by Josh)
 - As most of you know, our fiscal year runs to May 31st, so we won't have finalized financials or a formal budget to present until later in June when we'll be emailing these out to the membership.
 - That said, here's a high-level look at where things stand heading into year-end.
 - Overall the year has gone quite well financially. Registrations came in approximately \$23K above budget, and both our Raffle and Pistons 50/50 also finished ahead of projections.
 - On the expense side, a couple of items came in higher than anticipated — ice rental increased 13% after our budget was set, Hockey Manitoba fees came in roughly \$4K above budget, and the Winnipeg Female league fees were a new cost this year that we hadn't planned for.
 - The jersey rebrand will show as a loss on our financials, but it was paid entirely from our Jersey Reserve Account — money set aside over prior years specifically for this purpose. No operating funds were used. Accounting rules require us to record it as an expense regardless of the funding source. When we take that out, we're tracking to a true operating surplus of just over \$14,000 for the year.
 - Our raffle lottery, raffle prize, and Pistons 50/50 generated a net benefit of approximately \$49,430 to the association this season — that works out to approximately \$231 per family that we didn't need to recover through registration fees. Thank you to everyone who supports our raffle, and to the Pistons organization for their continued partnership.
 - It's too early to present a finalized budget, and the biggest reason is ice costs. We don't have confirmed rates yet, but we could potentially be looking at a 20–30% increase over this year. That's a significant number with a major ripple effect across registration fees, tournament planning, and overall expenses. Until we have that confirmed, there are too many unknowns to put a responsible budget together. We'll have much more to share when we email out the financials and budget later in June.
- Ryan
 - Cass Barkman motions to accept changes to the constitution.

- Dustin Heinrichs seconds the motion.
- **Female Rep Report 2025-26**
 - The 2025-2026 season from a female standpoint was another step in growing female hockey in Steinbach.
 - 33 females registered
 - 8 - U7
 - 4 – U9
 - 4- U11
 - 3 – U13
 - 12 – U15
 - 2 – U18
 - Teams
 - Hosted a U9 Female dual roster Millerettes team
 - Hosted a U11 Female dual roster Millerettes team
 - Hosted a U13 Female dual roster Millerettes team
 - Hosted a U15 girls Millers Team played in WPG hockey league
 - This year we held a 2nd “female try hockey” event. We had 17 (ages 5-12) who attended and were able to take some hockey instruction from some experienced coaches and here some stories from a few of our current female players.
 - Overall, the 2025–2026 season marked another positive and meaningful step forward for female hockey in Steinbach. With strong registration numbers across multiple age groups, the successful hosting of several female dual roster teams, and representation at the U15 level in the Winnipeg Hockey League, the program continues to build both depth and opportunity for female athletes.
 - The success of the second “Female Try Hockey” event bringing new players into the sport while connecting them with experienced coaches and role models highlights the growing interest and support for the women’s game in our community. Together, these efforts demonstrate a strong foundation and an exciting path ahead for the continued growth of female hockey in Steinbach.
- Braden
 - Continuing to discuss new development approaches w/ Brendan Harms.
 - Will incorporate more development into team practices.
 - Summer camp planning underway
- Brett
 - 2025 Raffle Breakdown given

- \$58,985 returned to families
 - 61 players received 100% of their registration costs back
 - 2026 Raffle underway.
- Questions Asked
 - Did anyone register from the try hockey event that happened at the start of the season?
 - Yes, we had 2 registrations
 - Last year it was said that ice fees were locked in for how many years?
 - We were told 3 years we believe, of course that's not the case
 - With the ice cost increasing by 20-30% does that mean we are also getting more ice?
 - No
 - Are the TG and SEC the same price?
 - Yes
 - How much more is the hourly ice rate here compared to neighboring communities?
 - This year we were very comparable, Niverville was higher, however this next year we won't be comparable. The SEC is comparing prices more to Winnipeg facilities.
 - It was mentioned at the parent meeting that Piston's players would be helping during practices, that did not seem to happen much, why?
 - Piston's were busier than ever and no time to help

Next Meeting: After AGM April 27th @ 7:00 – PennCo Lounge at the SEC.