

Twig Amateur Hockey Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/16/2025

Meeting called to order at: 7:04 pm *by Rayanna Gaskell*

Board Members Present: Rayanna Gaskell, Stef Peterson, Jessica Hawkins, Lee Anderson, Nikki Knaffla

Board Members Absent: Scott Welty, Heather Caron, Shae Nehiba, Dan Johnson, Cody Gaskell, Gabe Jorgenson

Other Association Members: M. Swenson, J. Feick, J. Brunette

Meeting Minutes review/approval:

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to Approve the January meeting minutes

Motion by J. Hawkins to approve the January meeting minutes

Seconded by S. Peterson

Motion passed unanimously

Treasury Report – Cody Gaskell

- Account Balances:
 - Checking \$ 20,886.92
 - Savings \$ 10,994.67
 - Investment-1 \$24,635.96
- Large expenses: Raffle winners - \$850; salt for brine tank; glow night supplies; ref fees \$1030.
- Upcoming expenses: Summit was paid but hasn't cash yet \$850. Check written today for \$100 Chem-Free Grad Party (Proctor).
- Taxes have been started but not yet finalized.
- Discussing a new skate sharpener (Sparks). Machine can be run in concessions. \$1500 to purchase machine, grind stones are \$70 a piece and can be used for up to 50 grinds; roughly \$1.50 per sharpen. Potentially creating \$3.50 to \$8.50 in profit each sharpen depending on set price per sharpen. Suggesting \$10 per non association member and \$5 per association member. Considering punch cards. Discussion tabled due to lack of Executive board members present.
- Twig Days profit: \$6263.88 + \$150 from silent auction.

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Treasury report

Motion by S. Peterson to approve

Seconded by N. Knaffla

Motion passed unanimously

Rink Director Reports

Scott Welty– Personnel

- All players were cleared to skate for the season besides one that did not play.

Gabe Jorgenson/Dan Johnson- Facilities

- Rinks are still in good shape. Lines are ok.

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Rink Directors reports

Motion by J. Hawkins to approve

Seconded by S. Peterson

Motion passed unanimously

Maintenance Director's Report – Lee Anderson

- Zamboni has taken a slight beating this season, mostly the mop. Spare parts are needed.
- Keeping the old Zamboni
- The broom that was purchased for Town Hall tractor is not working, tractor is not big enough for the broom. It's been recommended that we purchase a new tractor instead of using the Town Halls. Meadows willing to assist TAHA with work to get a machine up and running. Could potentially look at swapping a broom and snowblower to see if it makes a difference but not likely.
- Connex box needs to be purchased.

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Maintenance Director reports

Motion by S. Peterson to approve

Seconded by N. Knaffla

Motion passed unanimously

Equipment Director's Report – Shae Nehiba

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~~*Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Equipment Director's report*~~

~~*Motion by G. Jorgenson to approve*~~

~~*Seconded by S. Peterson*~~

~~*Motion passed unanimously*~~

Tournament Director's Report – Shae Nehiba

~~*Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Tournament Director's report*~~

~~*Motion by C. Gaskell to approve*~~

~~*Seconded by G. Jorgenson*~~

~~*Motion passed unanimously*~~

Fundraising Director's Report – Stef Peterson/Jessica Hawkins

- 4 signs left unpaid: St Lukes, T&C Hardware, Amendola Builders and Superior Shrinkwrap.
- Herb Brooks and Twig Suite both denied

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Fundraising Director's report

Motion by N. Knaffla to approve

Seconded by L. Anderson

Motion passed unanimously

Concession Director's Report – Heather Caron & Stefanie Peterson

- Account Balances:
 - Checking \$
 - Savings \$
- Opening & closing warming house next season: Will create a schedule for opening. Closing Fridays and Saturdays to be done by concessions worker along with regular duties. Flood crew can close Sunday – Thursday nights.
- Coffee pot is not efficient and the coffee has had poor reviews. R. Gaskell to call a commercial coffee company.
- Need to look into pretzel distributor as TAHAs are not competitive with other associations.

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Concession Director's report

Motion by S. Peterson to approve

Seconded by N. Knaffla

Motion passed unanimously

Old Business:

Other Member Discussions:

- J. Brunette and J. Feick ask for clarification of what to expect for Twigs Squirts next season. The season was very difficult with one goalie, a small team and some members playing above their ability. Stresses that other options are needed when outdoor ice is not possible for the players and that communication is needed, especially for rescheduled games and practices. Also confirmed that there is a willingness to coach with other families, including waived families.
- Response: It's agreed that this seasons players were scheduled with teams above their ability. However, next season practice will be a top priority and the practice/game ratio will be strongly considered. 2 nights of practice a week is not ideal for Squirts and would like to move this to 4. Also notes a player moving up will likely assist as a backup goalie next season for the Squirts to allow their one current goalie some relief. TAHA will begin looking into reserving ice time now for our players, possibly at Four Seasons; also plans to host a team/family meeting for all of the upcoming seasons Squirts – including waived families.

New Business:

- Registration should be opened earlier for the upcoming season, ideally in July with an Early Bird discounted rate that increases over the following registration months.
- Will begin a summer Open Hockey program with ice reserved at St. Lukes Event Center, open to all registered TAHA players with a valid USA Hockey registration (registration open August – April). Sept dates ongoing, skaters will need USA Hockey numbers.

- South Ridge flyers to go out inviting upcoming Twig Summer ice times possibly. Registration flyer also going out.
- Purchases required:
 - New mop and 2 posts for the Zamboni
 - M2 nets
 - New outdoor mats for walkways between warming house and locker rooms.
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R. Gaskell asking for motion to approve purchase of new mop and posts for Zamboni replacement parts as outlined in maintenance directors report.

Motion by N. Knaffla to approve. Seconded by S. Peterson.

Present Board Member vote count: Unanimous, all in favor. This motion has been approved contingent on allowing time for absent Executive members to oppose upon review of drafted minutes as sent out 3/3/2025. Motion will be finalized unless opposed and brought back to the board for further discussion.

Meeting Adjourn:

Motion was requested by R. Gaskell to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Motion by: S. Peterson

Seconded by: N. Knaffla

Motion passed unanimously.

*Meeting Minutes submitted by Secretary, Nikki Knaffla