



EHMHA Board Meeting

May 18, 2026 7:00PM

Virtual Meeting via Google Meet

Attendees: Brett Garden, Greg Heard, Tyson Spencer, Evan Taylor, James Thompson, Katie Muise, Mike Norris

Regrets: Gus Smith

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** by Brett
Approved

2. **2025/2026 Financial Review** by James
 - The Board reviewed the Association's financial results for the 2025-2026 season. It was noted that the Association hosted two very successful tournaments during the season and that tournament activity was successful overall. However, it was noted that tournament expenses exceeded the budget by approximately 30% and tournament revenues fell short of budget projections. Concern was raised that these variances could place the Association at financial risk.
 - Lessons learned from the season were discussed, noting that tournament registration fees may need to be reviewed for future seasons to better align with associated costs. Ways to potentially reduce costs were also discussed and this will be brought forward to the Tournament Planning Committee.
 - It was noted that some tournament-related expenditures had been incurred without prior approval. Going forward, tournament committees will be advised of approval requirements to ensure all applicable expenditures receive approval in advance.
 - The Board noted that development programming expenses were significantly below budget despite it being a successful season for development opportunities. The reduced costs were attributed in part to the efforts and contributions of volunteers who supported the delivery of development programming throughout the season.
 - It was reported that EHMHA had been advised it would receive approximately \$29,000 in seeded Bingo funds; however, only \$10,000 was received. Clarification has been requested from the previous community group regarding how the original amount was determined.

3. **2026/2027 Season Budget Planning** by James

- The Board reviewed budget options for the 2026–2027 season and discussed proposals to be presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Two budget proposals were presented and discussed.
 1. A budget including a \$25 increase to registration fees. This takes the rising cost of ice rentals into consideration.
 2. A budget including the addition of a paid administrative assistant position that would have a wider scope of duties than the current admin clerk role. This option would require a \$75 increase to registration fees.
- **Motion:** To present these budget options to membership at the AGM on May 24, 2026.

Moved by: James Thompson

Seconded by: Greg Heard

Result: *Carried unanimously by present executive members.*

4. **Online Meeting Options** by Greg

- Greg brought forward that there are members who wish to see an online option for membership meetings. Group discussion included potential benefits of increased accessibility and participation, as well as concerns regarding meeting administration, technology requirements, and ensuring accurate communication during meetings. It was noted that additional technology and processes would be required to effectively support virtual attendance. The Board also discussed considerations related to online voting, including member verification, vote validation, and compliance with applicable governance and procedural requirements.
- Given the technological and procedural requirements involved, it was determined that implementing online participation and voting options would not be feasible for the upcoming Annual General Meeting.
- The possibility of establishing a committee to explore online meeting and voting options was discussed. The committee would be responsible for researching available platforms, technological requirements, and for providing recommendations to the Board for future consideration.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50PM

Next Meeting: AGM - May 24, 2026 at 8PM in the Todd Hunter Room at the Sportsplex