

FLAGSTAFF YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

FYHA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Sep 17, 2025 6:00 PM Location: 214 E. Birch Ave

Teams Link: <https://tinyurl.com/FYHA-BOD-Meeting>



ROLL CALL

Board Members in attendance:

- Travis Joralmon, President
- Chris Whitney, Vice President & Coaching Coordinator
- Gina Nabours, Treasurer
- Tiffany Abbott, Secretary & Webmaster
- Brad Mihalik, Ice Scheduler
- Mike Darby, Fundraising Coordinator
- Jilleen Alessi, Equipment Manager

Coaches in attendance:

- 6U Club, Ben Davidson
- 8U Club, Dan Carrick
- 10/12/14U Club - Kevin Callaway
- 8U Travel, Kris Walsh
- 10U Navy, Andrew Graham
- 12U Navy, Chris Whitney
- 14U Navy, Kris Walsh

Managers in attendance:

- 8U Navy - Jilleen Alessi
- 10U Navy - Maegan Van Wyck
- 12U Navy - Brittany Darby
- 14U Navy - Ashley Householder
- Molly Joralmon, Manager Coordinator

Directors/Coordinators in attendance:

- Leigh Mathias, Club Director
- Mark Del Giorgio, Goalie Coordinator

Other/Members in attendance:

CALL TO ORDER + APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Travis Joralmon. Motion to approve August meeting minutes by Gina Nabours, seconded by Brad Mihalik. Motion to approve September agenda by Gina Nabours, seconded by Jilleen Alessi.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION

Time is set aside at every meeting for public participation so that members can bring any issues, concerns, and questions to the attention of the Board. Members are encouraged to attend the meetings, participate, and become involved.

REPORTS

President's Report (Travis Joralmon)

- Presidents Report: Shot's Tot's Learn to play has just concluded. Big thanks to Leigh Mathias for coordinating and all of the coaches and volunteers that helped out. Our travel teams did well in the seeding tournament over Labor Day weekend. Divisions have been set and games scheduled for the regular season. Club hockey starts this week with 6U/8U on Tuesday night at 5:30pm and 10+ Club having evaluations on Monday and Thursday nights at 4:30pm.

Vice President's Report (Chris Whitney)

- No report

Treasurer's Report (Gina Nabours)

- Reached out to OSI regarding back money due, check is on its way.
- Invoice for water bottles will need to be sent to OSI to pay.
- All coaching, assistant coaching, and manager reimbursable expenses (except for 8U and any needed for Club) have been sent out.

Secretary's Report (Tiffany Abbott)

- All scholarship award recipients have been notified of their volunteer service requirements.

AAHA Hockey Director's Report (Travis Joralmon)

- Hockey Ops met the Wednesday following the seeding tournament. The divisions were discussed at length and set. We also discussed the length of periods. Since the policy defines 15 minute periods, there will be no changes, but all associations were asked to confirm 75 min. game slots. The next AAHA board meeting is 9/16 at 6:30pm.

Club Hockey Director's Report (Leigh Mathias)

- Shott's Tots has completed its 6-sessions this past weekend, we had over 30 participants! We want to thank all those who attended, volunteered to support the program to ensure another great year.
- USA Hockey's Try Hockey for a Day event was also held last weekend, with ten total participants. Thanks again to everyone who helped with the program.
- Club Hockey begins this week! Thank you to all the coaches who have volunteered their time this year. We have over 75 registrants (and climbing) in the Club Hockey program this year. (30+ in 6/8U and 45+ in 10/12/14U). First practices and evaluations are underway. We look forward to a great season!

Coaching Coordinator's Report (Chris Whitney)

- Joe Weidinger is the new head coach for Stars - Navy

Equipment Manager's Report (Jilleen Alessi)

- Shells have just come in, but no invoice was sent, so I'm working with the company to get this sorted out.
- Jersey for Marcus is finished and handed over to Dan Carrick.
- Club Jerseys and socks have arrived.
- Water bottles and more helmet stickers are on order.

- Equipment room was reorganized. Still have a little work to do and a few more bins needed. Helmets are in bad shape. It was a struggle finding enough to use for try hockey for free.
- Equipment swap/sale is complete. We made \$725.
- 8U name bars are in.

Fundraising's Report (Mike Darby)

- Discount cards should arrive any day.
- Waiting on payment from Toyota Corporate.

Ice Scheduler's Report (Brad Mihalik)

- Fall/Winter:
 - Stick Time every Sunday 9:45-10:45am with some exceptions. Check the FYHA calendar.
 - There will be periodic goalie clinics so please follow social media and check SE calendars.
 - Travel game scheduling is complete. Managers should have loaded all games into SE.
 - Club hockey season is underway! Season practice schedule is loaded into SportsEngine and displayed on the website calendar.
 - The first two 10,12,14U Club sessions on 9/15 & 9/18 are combined and will be used as evaluation sessions to determine Navy or White team placement.
 - Grunnah Power Skating (GPS) Season Prep Clinic is scheduled and registration is still open! We did not schedule any league games (home or away) this weekend to allow all FYHA skaters to take advantage of this clinic. Club teams will have a modified schedule this weekend so please check the calendar! The schedule is as follows:
 - Group 1 (7-10 years olds)
 - Saturday 9/27, 9-10:30am & 5-6:30pm
 - Sunday 9/28, 9-10:30am
 - Group 2 (11-18 year olds)
 - Saturday 9/27, 10:45am-12:15pm & 6:45-8:15pm
 - Sunday 9/28, 10:45am-12:15pm
 - There are some dates that we will not have hockey:
 - October 10th-12th Fall Break (this may include the 9th and/or 13th as different schools have a different fall break by a day. Your team's schedule is up to date)
 - November 27th-30th Thanksgiving Break
 - December 20th - January 2nd Winter Break
 - January 19th - MLK Day (Travel tournament possible)
 - February 16th - President's Day (Association travel tournament)
 - The 10,12,14U Club teams will combine and practice with each other in the other team's slot in weeks where a Monday or Thursday are the holidays listed above (with the exception of winter break - no hockey those dates)
 - Other key dates:
 - November 2nd - 8U Mite Jamboree (Travel) in Flagstaff
 - March 7th & 8th - 8U Travel State Championships in Flagstaff
 - March 28th - Last day of Club hockey

Webmaster's Report (Tiffany Abbott)

- Fundraising/Sponsorship page is done, includes downloadable PDF with sponsorship opportunities: <https://www.fyha.org/sponsorships>
- Findlay Toyota logos have been added to the website
- Policies & Procedures doc updated:
<https://www.fyha.org/page/show/3094716-fyha-policies-and-procedures>
- FYHA/Northstars style guide: <https://www.fyha.org/style-guide>
- Coach/Staff headshots have been updated on the website
- We are continuing to create content on social media and would love to have more of our players involved. Be sure to sign a [media release](#) for your player!
- Our Northstars player profiles will launch in the fall. If your player would like to be featured, [click here](#).
- Kevin Callaway is working on refreshing Northstars banner graphics.

Registrar's Report (Charlie Knotts)

- No report

Manager Coordinator's Report (Molly Joralmon)

- All managers attended their scheduling meetings with the state. Game schedules should be inputted into each teams SE no later than this weekend (9/13-9/14) for families to view.
- All teams (10u, 12u, & 14u) have been registered for their selected tournaments. Official receipts have been forwarded to both Gina and Charlie for documentation.

Goalie Coordinator's Report (Mark Del Giorgio)

- Thanks to all the goalies and shooters we had a successful beginning of the year goalie clinic sessions. Now that club and travel schedules are set we are looking at ice time in the coming months to have additional goalie specific sessions and will be scheduling a USA Hockey try goalie for free event. Stand by for dates and additional info.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Grunnah Power Skating Season Prep Clinic 9/27-28

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

AAHA grant update/implementation

- FYHA received grant funding designated for Goalie and Club Development. Eligible uses include ice time, coaching time, and equipment purchases.
- Leigh will connect with Nick Kasten and Mark Del Giorgio to assess goalie needs and prepare a proposal for disbursement of funds. The proposal will be presented for board review and vote at the next meeting.
- Kris Walsh requested hard plastic shooter tutors for the medium nets. Travis and Chris noted

there may already be options available and will follow up.

- The board discussed asking Charlie to set up a dedicated class for this grant funding once funds are received, allowing revenue and expenses to be tracked similarly to the Dark Sky program.

Shott's Tots Volunteer Appreciation

- Leigh Mathias proposed providing a small token of appreciation to the Shott's Tots coaches in recognition of their commitment to all six sessions. The board discussed the importance of maintaining FYHA's status as a volunteer-based organization and agreed that this gesture should not set a precedent for compensating coaches. A small gratitude gift accompanied by a note of thanks was deemed appropriate.
- Motion: Travis Joralmon moved to give \$10 gift cards to each Shott's Tots coach as a thank-you. Seconded by: Gina Nabours. Vote: All in favor; Mike Darby not present. Motion passed.

Reassessment of budget for Club jerseys

- Discussed current budget accounted for 67 players; actual enrollment is 81 players. Additional jerseys are required, resulting in expenses exceeding the budget.
- Leigh and Jilleen will review the jerseys received and place an order for the additional sets needed.

Budget or donation for new helmets and neck guards

- Identified need for new helmets, sticks, and neck guards. Current helmets are in poor condition (broken/expired), and neck guards were unavailable for players. Discussion included whether budget or donations could cover these costs.
- Travis Joralmon reported that Zack Savage will provide four quick-change goalie sets (2 small, 2 medium). Goalie helmets and sticks have also been requested; Zack indicated he will try to supply these items. The board will wait to see what equipment is received before making purchase decisions.
- Discussed the possibility of requiring parents who borrow equipment to provide collateral to help ensure gear is returned.

Coaches uniforms

- Tiffany proposed embroidering coaches' jackets with names to improve communication between parents and players. The board agreed.
- Tiffany will contact local businesses to gather pricing and coordinate the embroidery. Expense will be tracked for inclusion in next year's budget.
- Motion: Gina Nabours moves to approve cost of embroidering coaches warmup jackets. Seconded by: Chris Whitney. Vote: All in favor; Mike Darby not present. Motion passed.

8U and Club coaches reimbursable expenses

- Gina reported all coaches have been sent their reimbursable expenses.

Club name change to Stars - Navy and Stars - White

- Discussed simplifying 10U/12U/14U Club team names. Proposal to adopt "Stars – Navy" and "Stars – White" for differentiation.
- Board also discussed renaming the 6U/8U group to "Little Dippers," aligning with the Northstars theme.

- Motion: Travis Joralmon moves to change Club team names for 10U/12U/14U Club to “Stars - Navy” and “Stars - White” and 6U/8U Club to 6U/8U Little Dippers. Seconded by: Tiffany Abbott. Vote: All in favor; Mike Darby not present. Motion passed.

Scholarship volunteer requirements - eligible activities

- Clarified that volunteer hours completed at Dark Sky count toward scholarship requirements.
- Discussed locker room monitors on game days. Hours will count toward requirements if a coach requests a monitor. Monitors must be approved volunteers.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session 7:01 PM by Gina Nabours, seconded by Brad Mihalik.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 @ 6 PM