



Menomonie Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 4th, 2024 6:00 Hockey Rink

Call to order: 6:03 pm Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 pm

MYHA Mission, Vision, and Ground Rules

Mission: To provide youth in the greater Menomonie area with the opportunity to learn, play and compete in the game of hockey with an emphasis on growth in the areas of skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Vision: Pursuit of the model USA hockey organization following the American development model.

Ground Rules: Mutual respect, be timely – start on time and end no later than 9:30 p.m. Come prepared. Allow enough time to make decisions and stand by your decisions. Communicate, conduct yourself and make decisions based on what's best for the entire association versus just your child.

Roll Call/Quorum:

- Kate Kramschuster, President- Present
- Mike Jax, Past President - Present
- Zach Raff, Treasurer (non-voting)- Present
- Jennie Cimino, Secretary (non-voting) - Present
- Vacant -Tournaments & Scheduling Director -
- Stephanie Thortsen, Concessions Director - Present
- Matt Czechowicz, Equipment Director - Present
- Jordan Beseler, Fundraising Director - Present
- Heidi Neverdahl, General Operations - Present
- Tony Iverson, Hockey Operations - Present
- Chad Bahr, Hockey Development- Present
- Vacant, Growth and Retention - (Dave Schwedler)- Present

Member Comments:

The first part of each board meeting is reserved for member comments and questions. The board welcomes feedback and participation from all of our members!

- Members present- Sara Schwedler, Sara Bahr, Sam Skillings, Barnharts,
- Sara S- Shared information from Positive Coaching Alliance. MYHA needs to complete the PYSC Index about our association's culture. Coaches need to be provided training once a month and each level will be observed to complete the survey Chad Bahr will help Sara.
- Sara Bahr- Sara is the register for MYHA. She recently attended the Region 6 meeting and shared a document with the required items that our association needs in order for our skaters to play.
 - All coaches need to complete Safe Sport Training and Background Check in order to be on the ice with the skaters. Coaches also need to complete a coaching clinic by 12/31.
 - Team names are now listed as 10U, 12U, Etc.
 - Coaches and team managers need to communicate with Sara and Sam for all rostering questions and skater movements.

Consent Agenda:

1. [October Board Meeting Minutes](#)

2. Email Vote- Kate moved to approve Michael Keenan as bench/practice coach for Squirt A. Approved.
3. Zach sent the financials through email.
4. **Matt made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Heidi seconded it. Motion Approved**

Meeting Agenda:

1. **Old Business**
2. **Past Action Items**
 - a. **All Board members** - Safe Sport training and background checks
3. **President**
 - a. LTS Policy
 - b. Website position: Propose 20 hours
 - i. **Chad motioned to approve 20 hours for the webmaster position. Tony seconded. Approved**

Open Board Positions

- b. Mike took over the scheduling role after Jake resigned from the board. All of the scheduling is now completed unless managers make changes
- c. **Heidi made a motion to move Mike from a non-voting to voting position until the end of the term in April. Stephanie seconded. Approved**
- d. The open position is Growth and Retention
 - i. Jennie send email to association to say the position is open
2. Registrar Updates - Sara and Sam - see above notes under member comments

Hockey Operations - Tony

3. Possible new area for equipment storage.
 - a. With over 40 LTS skaters it was difficult to outfit the skaters and house the equipment in a different area.
 - b. Tony suggests creating an area in the back of the rink by the zamboni. There is room in the back and Brent approved the idea.
 - c. Tony will put together a budget and a proposal to bring to the board.

Growth and Retention - Dave

4. Discussion on the possibility of creating a Squirt C team.
 - a. There is a better retention rate if skaters in LTS at the Squirt level are able to play games.
 - b. The team could look differently and have a limited number of games (3- 6). They would not compete in playoffs or tournaments.
 - c. The skaters would still practice with the Mites.
 - d. There would be 10 skaters on the team. That would be around 4 mites plus a goalie.
 - e. Coaches would need to be found for the team.
 - f. Hockey Development and Growth and Retention will work together to put together a proposal.
5. Banners- Currently we do not have banners for the River Hawks.
 - a. Banners are around \$400
 - b. Heidi will ask at the RH board meeting what the other associations will do.
6. Try Hockey for Free went really well.
7. We now have 57 skaters for LTS.
 - a. Discussion on splitting the skaters into a Sunday and Wednesday group
 - b. Right now it is very chaotic on the ice.
 - c. We need more parents who would be willing to coach.

- d. A parent meeting will be put together for Wednesday night. This will be a meeting to celebrate the high numbers and ask for parents to help coach. It will be made known that it is not required to attend both nights, however, it would be helpful for families to RSVP on Sports Engine.

Fundraising Update - Jordan

8. We will make around \$27,000 for the wreaths on profit.
9. Jordan will look into a different company to see if they have lower prices so we can have a hire margin of profit.
10. Keyes has donated money for a sign. Jordan will have the LTS skaters take a picture with the check for promotion.
11. Jordan will look into Kwik Trip cards. The goal is to have them before Christmas so people can give them as gifts.
12. People who did not sell wreaths will be invoiced for the amount that they did not sell. If families do not pay the invoice they will not be able to register next year.
13. A large donation was given. It was the second donation given.
 - a. A thank you will be sent out.
 - b. Possibility add the families name to donor board
14. Motion to close- Chad - Second- Tony- Approved

	23/24 reg	Lost	MYHA	CO-OP
Batam (10/11)	35	13	17	7
Pee Wee (12/13)	32	0	23	9
Squirt (14/15)	29	4	25	0
Mites (16+)	62	22	40	
LTS	0		57	
Non-LTS total	158	39	105	16

Birth year	Reg	Coop	LTS	Total
2010	7	1	0	8
2011	10	6	0	16
2012	13	5	0	18
2013	10	3	1	14
2014	15	0	4	19
2015	10	0	2	12
2016	10	0	3	13
2017	18	0	3	21
2018	10	0	7	17
2019	2	0	15	17
2020	0	0	17	17
2021	0	0	5	5

Currently have 178 total skaters registered. That is a YoY growth of 6.6%

Next Meeting

Date:

Parking Lot Items

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Action Items

- Jennie send email to association to say the position is open
- Jennie send Thank You to Donor
- Tony will put together a budget and a proposal to bring to the board
- Hockey Development and Growth and Retention will work together to put together a proposal for Squirt C team
- Heidi will ask at the RH board meeting what the other associations will do about Banner
- Jordan- Kwik Trip and Wild Tickets
- Parent meeting for LTS- Dave and Chad

