

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 22, 2026 – 6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Meeting was in person at Sun Prairie Ice Arena.

Board Members Present:

President – Mark Gernetzke
Past President – Eric Morehouse
Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
Secretary – Sara Pieper
Bantam Rep - Kelly Ruhland
PeeWee Rep – Casey Moen
Squirt Rep – Sarah Mahan
Mite Rep – Allison McKee
Mini-Mite Rep – Betsey Leonard
Coaches Rep – Larry Clemens

Board Members Absent: President Elect: Ryan Dunt, Girls' Rep: Megan Davis

Attendance: Brad Haines, Brianna Behselich, Jason Waldner, Dave Schave, Tim Clavette, Brad Grebe, Sarah Wyngaard, Scott Sorenson, Kate Boyes, Ashley Tjugum, Megan Jordan, John Pagel

- Public Comments – None
- Affirmation of Email Votes
 - Motion for 1 extra game for Squirt C1 Black
 - Sara motioned, Casey second, all approved
 - Motion for player membership matter
 - Sara motioned, Casey second, all approved
 - Motion to approve DIBS hours for the board, coaches, and committees for the 2025–2026 season
 - Sara motioned, Casey second, all approved
 - Motion to release Committee member
 - Sara motioned, Casey second, all approved
- Appointments & Membership Changes – None
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - Secretary – Sara Pieper
 - January Board Meeting Minutes
 - Casey motioned, Sarah second, all approved
 - Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
 - Capital Campaign Donations Transfer: Stephen is working with the SP Ice Board on the transfer.
 - Policy Change: Payment Plan Dues/Fees and Tournament deadline: Stephen will draft proposed policy language and communication for board review and approval. Once approved, the update will be incorporated into the 2026–2027 policy document.
 - Dues were collected from ~99% of SPYHA families.
 - President – Mark Gernetzke
 - WAHA is collecting feedback on 2026 playdowns. Sara will collect and share with Mark.
 - President Elect – Ryan Dunt: None
 - Past President – Eric Morehouse: The Sun Prairie Ice Arena will be hosting the Crazy Train World Championship Ice Racing Event on April 11 at 7:00pm. DIBS volunteer shifts will be available. DIBS will be applied to the 2025-2026 season.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - Volunteer Committee: Running the list of yet-to-be-fulfilled DIBs volunteer hours and granted DIBS hours to list of approved coaches and committee members.
 - Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee: None
 - Communications Committee: None
 - Registrar: None

- Groundhog Games Tournament Committee
 - Concession Stand Committee: None
 - USA Hockey Initiatives
 - THFF Update:
 - Update on the numbers for March 7
 - New Incentive Program with USA Hockey
 - March 7 coverage proposal
 - Motion to grant SPYHA member 5 hours from Try Hockey for Free coordinator
 - ACE Director(s): None
 - Equipment Managers: None
 - Jersey Coordinator: Players are to hand in practice jerseys to coaches at the last practice session.
 - Spirit Wear / Bags: State Swag will be delivered to team reps the week of March 2.
 - Region 4 Meeting: None
- LEVEL REP REPORTS
- Mini-Mite:
 - Mini Mite players practice through March 20.
 - Will be holding end of season Mini Mite celebration
 - Mite
 - Will review Mite game and tournament limits in 2025-2026 policy document
 - Consider adding a Mini-Mite to Mite parent informational session to help families understand the program structure, expectations, and changes as players transition to the Mite level.
 - Squirt
 - Wrapping up the season. Parent vs. Kids games scheduled.
 - PeeWee
 - Three PeeWee level teams are heading to state.
 - Scheduling Parent vs. Kids game
 - Bantams
 - Wrapping up the season
 - Coaches' Rep
 - None
 - Girls Rep
 - Working with the committee on ensuring smooth transition and continued recruiting and engagement
 - 14U A and B heading to state
- OLD Business
- End of Year Groundhog Nation Banquet will take place on Wednesday, March 11
- NEW Business
- SP Ice Scheduling: Groundhog Tournament plans for 2026-2027 season
 - 2026-2027 tournament dates will follow the same weekends as the 2025-2026 season
 - SP Ice Scheduling: Team plans for 2026-2027 season
 - Next Board Meeting: May 15, 2026
- Adjourn
- Casey motioned to adjourn. Betsey second, motion passed unanimously

Closed Session:

- PeeWee off-ice issue
- Disciplinary Committee process
- Family DIBs hours
- Coach personnel review and removal process
- Director of Hockey Operations
- Succession planning for board and committee roles
- 8U rules for the number of games/tournaments

- SPYHA Golf Outing
- Concession/Board Meeting Dibs changes for next season
- Committee member recognition