

# Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, May 18, 2025 – 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 – Eric Morehouse

Past President – Ryan Dunt

Incoming President – Mark Gernetzke

Secretary – Sara Pieper

PeeWee Rep – Casey Moen

Mite Rep – Allison McKee

Girls' Rep – Megan Davis

Coaches Rep – Larry Clemens

**Board Members Absent:** Bantam Rep – Jennifer Billings, Squirt Rep – Tracey Miller, Mini-Mite Rep – Tony Uhlenkamp

**Attendance:** Tim Clavette

1. Public Comments
2. Affirmation of Email Votes
  - a. Two DIBS granted for attending and voting at annual member meeting.
    - Casey motioned to approve. Allison second, motion passed unanimously.
3. Appointments & Membership Changes
  - a. None
4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. Secretary – Sara Pieper
    - April Board Meeting Minutes
      - Casey motioned to approve. Allison second, motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
    - Budget report was sent before meeting. Budget is in black for 2024-2025 season.
    - DIBS invoices were deployed.
  - c. President Elect – Mark Gernetzke
    - None
  - d. Past President – Ryan Dunt
    - None
  - e. President – Eric Morehouse
    - The upcoming WAHA meeting will include a discussion of rule changes, but no major impacts are expected for SPYHA.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. Volunteer Committee - None
  - b. Annual Fundraising Committee - None
  - c. Communications Committee
    - Website has been updated with Board nominations.
    - Social reports were sent to the Board before the meeting for review.
  - d. Registrar
    - Registration to open July 14, 2025; early registration closes August 15, 2025. Registration closes August 31, 2025.
    - In 2025-2026 season, team reps will be invoiced earlier for tournaments to ensure smoother payment collection process. Reps will ask families to make checks payable to SPYHA.
  - e. Groundhog Games Tournament Committee - None
  - f. Concession Stand Committee - None
  - g. USA Hockey Initiatives - None
  - h. ACE Director(s) - None
  - i. Equipment Managers
    - SPYHA received a \$1,000 equipment grant from WAHA.
  - j. Jersey Coordinator - None
  - k. Spirit Wear / Bags
    - Committee will be asked to incorporate new Groundhog swag options for the season.
  - l. Region 4 Meeting - None
6. LEVEL REP REPORTS

- a. Mini-Mite
    - None
  - b. Mite
    - None
  - c. Squirt
    - None
  - d. PeeWee
    - None
  - e. Bantams
    - None
  - f. Coaches' Rep
    - Groundhog Camp will take place the week of July 14; registration is open
    - Skills nights at the rink are becoming crowded, creating an opportunity to enhance our player development program with more off-ice training. Larry is exploring a partnership with the PAC to rotate players teams each Monday evening between on-ice sessions at the rink and off-ice training at the PAC.
    - Hockey Director discussion; Arrowhead and Waukesha hold paid positions today
    - The Region 4 meeting included a coaching discussion focused on player development.
  - g. Girls Rep
    - Need to clarify the ice agreement with SP Ice and the Dragons, as the Dragons are exploring additional ice time at Legacy 20.
    - Dragons DIBS requirements for the 2025-2026 season will be reduced to 22.
    - A Dragons town hall will be held on June 22. Following the event, a survey will be distributed to gauge interest in signing up.
    - Dragons applied for an 8U grant.
    - Dragons would like to host a Girls Try Hockey for Free in early September post-Corn Fest
7. OLD Business
- a. Annual Meeting
  - b. Committee/Board Recruitment
    - Open board positions will be voted on in the June 8, 2025 Annual Member Meeting.
8. NEW Business
- a. Policy Updates
    - Volunteer Commitment, scholarship, and team rep guidelines will be updated in the policy document in advance of 2025-2026 season registration opening.
  - b. Corn Fest
    - SPYHA will not participate in Corn Fest in 2025.
  - c. Beaver Dam Fundraising Event
    - Still need more volunteers. Reps will email teams and Communications to post on social channels.
  - d. Next Board Meeting
    - July 20
9. Adjourn
- a. *Casey motioned to adjourn. Sara second, motion passed unanimously.*
10. Closed Session
- a. The board discussed potential uses for a recent donation made to SPYHA.