



Menomonie Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 8th, 2024 6:00 Hockey Rink

Call to order: Meeting Adjourned: **8:57 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)- absent
- Jennie Cimino, Secretary (non-voting) - absent
- Jake Farrah Tournaments & Scheduling Director - present
- Stephanie Thortsen, Concessions Director - present
- Matt Czechowicz, Equipment Director -present
- Jordan Beseler, Fundraising Director - present
- Heidi Neverdahl, General Operations -present
- Chad Bahr, Hockey Operations - present
- Brian Gowling, Hockey Development- present
- Tony Iverson, Growth and Development - 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!

Consent Agenda:

1. [Last Month's Minutes](#)
2. [Board and Committee Updates](#)
3. P&L Summary

Meeting Agenda:

Time		Agenda Item
6:00-6:05	10 min	Welcome

		<p>Approval of consent agenda - Motion to approve: Heidi, Jordan 2nd. Approved</p> <p>Member comments</p>
	10 min	<p>Old Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss prorated refund for Bantam skaters <p>Motion: For eligible HS Bantams, they will pay upfront and be refunded 100% of the tournament fee, and 75% of program and ice fees. No additional MYHA requirements if opting to play HS. Motion: Kate, Stephanie 2nd.</p>
	15 min	<p>Past Action Items</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chad - write the letter for Bantam players to be given out at registration. 2. Mike- Collect key fobs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chad, Tony, Jordan need key fobs b. Need Tuckers fob returned 3. Mike/Heidi- Invoices for missing volunteer hours/fundraising. 4. Brian/Chad - Position descriptions. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Add link to the current descriptions, Brian & Chad will work together this year and detail job descriptions prior to the start of next year. 5. Zach - Bank account updates/credit cards for new members 6. All Board members - Safe Sport training and background checks - send to Jennie when completed. 7. All Board Members: review Bylaws and Policies. If your policies in your area need to be updated, please submit recommendations for July board meeting. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jennie to review policies and determine which may be "stale" 8. All Board Members: Update Planning Calendar and Jobs and MYHA Org Chart 9. Jennie- Write email to membership asking for volunteers for Paint the Town once details are known- Done 10. Plan Paint the Town - Tony, Lacey, Mel, Kate - In the works 11. Matt- Mite Equipment Grant due July 1 - submitted 12. Registration Needs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jordan- fundraising information b. Heidi - Registration DIBS hours
	5 min	<p>President</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board directory on website- Provide Jennie with the email address that you want on the website and a phone number if you would like it on there as well 2. Reminders- no rink access July 15- August 8. Please schedule Kristi when scheduling any events or committee meetings. 3. WAHA Annual Meeting Presentation 4. Hockey Appreciation night at Eau Claire Express game July 27th.
	20	<p>Officiating - Kyle</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed Official's Policy

		<p>a. Proposed official's policy with some language that was never explicitly stated before, but 'understood'. Updated portions are in red. Discuss/vote.</p> <p>b. Motion: Accept the updated official's policy, with amendment to #12 from 48 hours to 24 hours advance notice prior to canceling. Motion: Heidi, 2nd Matt. Approved</p> <p>2. Updated USA Hockey requirements for officials; for example - no written test and no mandated on-ice training. WAHA/WHOA is asking each region these questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Would your association be interested in hosting a 1.0-1.5 hour on-ice training session? Propose MYHA be a leader in the region and ask that we get at least 2 on-ice sessions for 1.5 hrs. As of right now - we have approximately 10 new officials anticipated for this season. ● Board approves - no motion necessary. ● If you answered "Yes", would your association be willing to allow other associations to attend the on-ice training session if space allows? Propose MYHA to be a leader in the region and allow this. We do currently utilize officials from the surrounding area. Additionally, this would also minimize costs to WAHA/WHOA for travel expenses for credentialed and assistant instructors. MYHA is also in a prime location in Region 6 to be a host. Previous on-ice sessions were usually a make-up of 30-45 officials on the ice. ● Discuss/vote ● Board approves - no motion necessary. <p>3. MYHA Black Jacket Mentor Proposal -</p> <p>a. Background: Propose to implement a mentoring program of "black jacketing" or shadowing of new officials during games. In other words - we can have two new officials working a game, shadowed on the ice by one or two senior or officiating instructors on the ice guiding and mentoring the new officials. Black jacketing or shadowing has been done in the past by USA Hockey and it has been shown to be beneficial for all involved. It also holds the newer officials to better accountability in the games. Discuss/vote</p> <p>b. Kyle will update the policy to provide language on the # of session will be needed and how the decision will be made to "pass" a new official. Due 7/15/24 and will be reviewed by the Board.</p>
	15	<p>Past President - Mike</p> <p>1. Mite Jamboree dates - MYHA Mite jamboree will be Feb 22nd & 23rd (Altoona moved a conflicting jamboree to another weekend)</p> <p>2. Home Tournament or No Home Tournaments?</p> <p>a. Motion: For Squirts, PeeWees, and Bantams will have a minimum of 2 away tournaments. The tournament fees will remain the same for 2024-25. Motion: Kate, Heidi 2nd. Approved</p>

	10	<p>Scheduling- Jake</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many teams will be at each level? Squirt 2, PeeWee 2, Bantam 1 Do we want to schedule Minnesota teams for all teams or just for the A teams and at what levels? Yes, bantams & peewees as needed to fill schedule
	5 min	<p>Fundraising- Jordan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on reward based fundraising <ol style="list-style-type: none">
	25 min	<p>Hockey Ops / Development</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>October On Ice Calendar Approval</u>: 5 Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve the October Ice Calendar Kate, Heidi 2nd. Approved. We will create a draft of the tryout policy to solidify a process to present to the board. 2 Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will present an updated tryout policy at the August board. Team sizes: 5 Minutes Dryland Training Coaching Applications update: Send out email about USA Hockey Age Modules and Clinics: 2 Minutes Roles and Responsibilities for Ops and Development. 5 to10 Minutes
	5	<p>Secretary- Jennie</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> VSA is offering the community room space for FREE to local associations and business groups! The community room was made for groups like MYHA for team banquets, group gatherings, etc. They are offering MYHA the space for pre-season and/or end of the season team banquets at zero cost! If MYHA is interested contact Rosie at rosie.peterson@valleysports.academy or 715-839-2700
	20	<p>Registration</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize DIBS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Motion: Raise the concession hours (from → to) LTS 0 → 3, Mites 5 → 7, Squirts thru Bantams 9 → 12 hours. Buyout remains total amount the same. Motion by Heidi, Stephanie 2nd - Approved. Finalize Fundraising Finalize Registration Cost - unchanged
-	10 min	Other

Motion to Adjourn - 8:57. Kate, Heidi 2nd

Next Meeting

Date: Monday August, 5th 6pm

Update: September Board meeting changed to Monday September 9th (currently scheduled on Monday, Sept 2nd - Labor Day)

Parking Lot Items

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Action Items

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