



# Menomonie Youth Hockey Association

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 3rd, 2025 6:00 Stout Craft Company

Call to order: 6:04 Meeting Adjourned:

## 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 - Absent
- Zach Raff, Treasurer (non-voting)- Present
- Jennie Cimino, Secretary (non-voting) - Present
- Vacant -Tournaments & Scheduling Director -
- Stephanie Thortsen, Concessions Director - Absent
- Matt Czechowicz, Equipment Director - Absent
- Vacant, Fundraising Director -
- Heidi Neverdahl, General Operations - Present
- Tony Iverson, Hockey Operations - Absent
- Chad Bahr, Hockey Development- Present
- Danielle Barnhart, 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!

- Michael Gibbs - Shared concern about goalie equipment and training. It was suggested to purchase goalie gear for each level so skaters can try out the position without having to purchase the gear. We have goalie gear for mites and two sets for the squirt level.
- VSA's goalie coach had surgery and was unable to provide training. There is money in the budget for goalie training in February. Instead of sending the skaters to VSA it was suggested to offer to help families with camps that they may be interested in - Chad will reach out to those families to determine preference.

## Consent Agenda:

1. [January Board Meeting Minutes](#)
2. Finance Report

## Meeting Agenda:

## Past Action Items

- Jordan talked to Brent to have the Chevy Banner hung up- Lacey Raff hung up the signs in the lobby.
- Skate sharpener- cart just arrived
- Update on the KwikTrip fundraiser - There are around 15 families that still need to pay for their cards.
- Kate, Jennie, and Danielle will review the conduct policies to see if they can be combined or reduced and bring them to the April date.

## Meeting

1. Goalie
  - a. Discussion that goalie's could have their registration discounted. Discounts would start at the squirt level.
  - b. Next year Mites would be required to try goalie during practice.
2. Playdowns recap
  - a. MYHA hosted 7 games
  - b. This helps bring in money for the association
  - c. We had most of the DIBS hours filled.
3. Review Open Board positions and job description and requirements for Director of Fundraising.
4. **Review Applications for Director of Tournaments and approve**
5. **Director of Concessions Position - Motion to approve Stephanie Thompson to fulfill Stephanie Thortsons remaining term.**
6. **Vote on Kate continuing on as President**
7. Spring Try Hockey Free
  - a. March 1st we would have open ice time to offer another one.
  - b. Decided that we will not do it this spring.
8. Set date for longer Spring planning/goal setting meeting. (5 min)
  - a. May 5th
9. Review Mite/LTS Program change recommendations. (15 min)
  - a. Player development committee met and started the discussion
  - b. The discussion also needs to include financials, growth and development
  - c. LTS uses a lot of ice time for free.
  - d. Late registration is not helpful for the program
  - e. Possibility to have two 6-8 sessions with a break in between
    - i. First session would be a learn to skate with a small celebration at the end
    - ii. Second session would be a learn to play with the larger end of the year Jamboree
  - f. Questions that need to be answered
    - i. Are we retaining the skaters?
    - ii. Is Learn to Skate for free beneficial for our program
    - iii. Would having two sessions where skaters have to pay a discounted registration fee help with retention.
    - iv. How can we have a program that is making money and players are developing?
  - g. Next Steps- Kate will put together a team that includes invested members along with the player development committee.
10. Annual meeting planning (15 min)
  - a. Possibility to have the meeting a little earlier since we don't have teams going to State.
  - b. Possible date - March 4th
11. Hockey Player Development Updates

- a. Coaches Corner
- b. New Goalie Director - Casey Delanghe
- c. New Player Development Director - not in place yet
- d. Grant Goalie Camps to Goalies during off season
- e. No Goalie tryout policy
- f. Mite restructure meeting recap
- g. New structure of puck management

12. WAHA President's Meeting

- a. Review USA Hockey Rule Changes
- b. Guardian Caps NOT allowed as they have not been tested on hockey players
- c. Change to neck-guard certification - be sure to buy the right kind.
- d. 6U/8U new coach training USA Hockey certification - 3 hours instead of 8 hours, and geared toward coaching younger players (will not replace Level 1 certification, but Fran will find out if they can be rostered at this level). Target for those that want to help at this level but are not concerned with moving to the next level.

13. Reminder - all bench coaches must be certified and take the coaching training for that level.

## Next Meeting

**Date:**

**Parking Lot Items**

- Goalie registration discount

**Action Items**

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- Chad update website with resources

**Annual Meeting Notes**

- Share about the scholarship for camps
- Possible date March 4th