

# Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 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  
Incoming President – Ryan Dunt (arrived at 6:21 pm)  
Treasurer – Stephen Elmer  
PeeWee Rep – Casey Moen  
Squirt Rep – Sarah Mahan  
Mite – Allison McKee  
Mini-Mite Rep – Betsey Leonard  
Girls' Rep – Megan Davis  
Coaches Rep – Larry Clemens

**Board Members Absent:** Bantam Rep – Kelly Ruhland, Past President – Eric Morehouse, Secretary – Sara Pieper

**Attendance:** Brianna Behselich, Tara Muszynski

- Public Comments – None
- Affirmation of Email Votes – Casey motioned, Betsy second Feb minutes. All approved.
- Appointments & Membership Changes – None
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Secretary – N/A
  - Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
    - Tourney fees all collected, including State fees
    - Budget to actual report, tournaments always look wonky based on the timing of payment. Same with jersey details.
    - Concessions sales and fundraising were way up.
    - Still need to bill out unfulfilled DIBS. Last year was about \$19k, collected \$13k.
    - How to handle scholarships next year: add it to the budget next year.
    - Grimmer scholarship to be handled separately (not included with regular scholarships for SPYHA kids)
      - Discussed that we will just review applicants and award them as a board
  - President – Mark Gernetzke
    - If anyone has feedback on playdowns, email Mark
    - Mark will pull together summer scrimmages for Mites, Squirts and PeeWees.
  - President Elect – Ryan Dunt
    - None
  - Past President – N/A
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
- Try Hockey For Free (THFF)
  - 31 attended the last one
  - Not a lot of volunteers but made it work
  - 8 skaters did the last transition skate
  - Expenses at \$52.98 for the year. Next year, consider talking to Culvers about offering a free ice cream
  - Also, next year, possibly have someone on ice to help kids try out goalie gear
  - Next year can we list the transition skate dates when we advertise THFF? Very helpful for parents.
- Volunteer Committee
  - All hours for the April Ice Racing event are posted
    - Discussed – DIBS can be used for this year or next year. Level reps to send out an email.
    - Broken up in 2-2.5 hour shifts
  - They need better/ quick access to SPYHA info (coach list, sibling list, etc). If they can get this at the beginning of the year, that would be really helpful.
    - Stephen to send Sibling list, Kylie to send coach list, Betsy to send 2<sup>nd</sup> half Minis
  - Fundraising committee needs to be updated online
- Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee
  - None

- Communications Committee
  - None
- Registrar
  - None
- Groundhog Games Tournament Committee
  - None
- Concession Stand Committee
  - None
- USA Hockey Initiatives
  - None
  - ACE Director(s)
    - None
  - Equipment Managers
    - None
  - Jersey Coordinator
    - Almost all came back in good condition
    - Reminder to not get jerseys signed
    - All pink jerseys returned
  - Spirit Wear / Bags
    - None
  - Region 4 Meeting
    - None
- LEVEL REP REPORTS
  - Mini-Mite
    - Finished on Wednesday, all 55 minis plus transition kids were out together.
    - Had a great season. The kids had fun.
    - MM families are already curious if there will be a Mite girls' team (31 are moving up)
  - Mite
    - Verona tourney went well. 12 kids participated and won all 3 games
    - Have 28 moving up, 3 interested in goalie (one from the girls' team)
    - May have 2 girls' teams next year, given the numbers.
    - Reminder next year that they should not have their jerseys signed.
    - Mite to Squirt transition skate – Larry to pull that together and circle back.
  - Squirt
    - C2 had fun at State
  - PeeWee
    - State went well
    - Ran through numbers for next year. Right on the fence for 2-3 Bantam teams
  - Bantams
    - N/A
  - Coaches' Rep
    - A lot of good development this year
    - 3 of the 4 goalies were Sun Prairie goalies at Kohlman Cup, lots tried out. Good showing there.
    - Want to add Bantam Minor vs Major discussion for general membership
  - Girls Rep
    - All girls had a great season
    - Need to review Dragons' contract for next year – look at when do we start having our own girls' teams (10U for example)
    - Looking at dates to do a zoom / in person with younger families to discuss the future of girls' hockey
      - Megan to get dates to younger reps
- OLD Business
  - SP Ice Scheduling
    - Estimated teams for next year:
      - Mites – estimated 6 teams for next year
      - Squirts – estimated 61 for next year
      - PeeWees – estimated 59 for next year

- Bantams – estimated 34-41 for next year
- Max out at 5, 5 and 3
  
- NEW Business
  - Summer equipment rental
    - 28 summer rentals (\$25 ea) so far
  - SP Ice: Approve Groundhog Tournament plans for 2026-2027 season
    - Larry submitted this
  - Policy Review
    - Table until April meeting
  - Annual Meeting Date
    - June 14 date, 7:30 pm
    - Sara will send postcards
  - Board and Committee Recruitment
    - 1 Volunteer Committee (ideally someone with a younger kid)
    - Girls Rep
    - Incoming President
    - Communications
    - GameSheet Coordinator
    - Secretary
  - Next Board Meeting
    - April 19 at 6 pm
  
- Adjourn
  - Casey motioned to adjourn. Betsey second, motion passed unanimously
  
- Closed Session:
  - Committee hours
  - Concessions staffing
  - DIBS management and policy