

**Wayzata Youth Hockey Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
6 July 2026**

**Present:** Ben Olson, Ryan Foltz, Tim Jewell, Christie Weeg, Sarah Cook, Greg Gibson, Chris Harrington, Sadie LaFrance, Anne Phaneuf, Annie Elbin, Miles Death, Alan Gaffaney, Ben Blood, Mike Grossman, Becky Draper, Ben Norton, Tia Senenfelder, Michelle Ugurlu.

**Secretary's Report: Anne Phaneuf**

Request to approve June 2026 minutes. MUgurlu made a motion to approve; CHarrington seconded. Minutes approved.

**President's Report: Ben Olson**

- Discussion of disciplinary letter received regarding goalie eligibility issue from last season.
- MGrossman shared more information about insurance coverage research. There was an option that was cost prohibitive. The general liability coverage we have is currently under USA Hockey, however this is a good protection to have. The policy would cost about \$7,500 for the year. MGrossman recommended moving forward with the combined coverage. MGrossman motioned to approve; Christie Weeg seconded. All members approved and motion carried.

**Tournament Director: Anne Elbin**

- Attended the D3 meeting.
- Trophy mockups requested from a vendor.
- Organization contacts: is there a communications channel, or is there a distribution list? MUgurlu shared one list exists on the MN Hockey website that would be helpful.
- Got bids back from EMS vendors.

**Charitable Gambling: (Tom Hewitt)**

- Expenses and Taxes for August: \$197,000
- Results reported to the Board
- City of Medina June 2026 Taxes: \$567.80
- City of Plymouth Q2 Taxes: \$664.73
  - MUgurlu motioned to approve; BDraper seconded.

**Treasurer's Report: Tim Jewell**

Everything came through as expected including additional costs for jerseys and the donation to the City of Plymouth.

**Director of Hockey Operations: Miles Death**

- Working with Stephen on the tryout schedule, and that ice is locked in. Next steps will be volunteers, EMTs, etc. over the next couple of months. Dates are posted on the website.

- We still need golfers for the golf tournament; TSenenfelder will add this to the communication going out this week.
- Picked up banners for 12UB Gold and 15UB Gold. Working with Erik on hanging them at PIC since it requires a lift rental.
- The Hockey Development Committee met in June. Bantam A team: Hal Terse would like to coach and met with the committee. Committee supports hiring him. MDeath requested approval to hire. MGrossman motioned to approve; AGaffaney seconded. Bantam A coach hiring approved.
- Discussed former coaches manning benches during internal scrimmages to help things run smoothly. Committee felt strongly about shutting off the livestream during tryouts. The most important reason would be for the well being of the players.
- Discussion on movement between tiers in tryouts.
- Adding external scrimmages:
  - BAA - 3
  - BA - 3
  - PWAA - 3
  - PWA - 3
  - 12UA - 2
  - 15UA - 2
  - 10UA - 1
  - SQA - 1
- Ongoing discussions regarding our FHIT/Dryland program. Looking at more available time and having teams buy credits to use more frequently. If they saw teams more often, that could help with individualizing training for players. To be continued.
- Creating a development checklist by level. Looking for feedback on four to five things that kids at each level should know and be able to do to “graduate” to the next level.
- Discussion on waivers and D3 rules.

#### **Registrar: Sarah Cook**

- Registration links live for the Board to test and provide any feedback.
- Student coaches: there is a registration now for this role. There is a USA Hockey form for these players, and there is a presentation linked for interested kids.
- Team manager and locker room monitor tracking. Requirements tracker at the start, and then once teams are rostered, people can register for their specific role for their child’s team.
- Address checks for every family. MUgurlu has a person to help and will connect with SCook.

#### **Director of Membership and Operations: Tia Senenfelder**

- Working on edits and updates to the bylaws. Shared key areas of revision. Requested Board members please provide recommendations to TSenenfelder by July 17th.
- Budget Creation Procedure policy draft shared. This would assist in planning and setting an annual budget.

- Proposed budget spreadsheet shared with pricing for clock training rewards, recognition pucks for players, yard signs, WYHA decals, signage at PIC, digital ad spend, Plymouth on Parade and items to pass out along the route, team manager appreciation, end of season recognitions, teams advancing to state yard signs, step and repeat backdrop for hosted tournaments, etc.
- Culture conversation and rewarding players for demonstrating the values.
- Annual report, per the bylaws, in progress and is due to be published at the end of the month.
- Level coordinators and ice update.
- July newsletter topics: registrations and mouthguard tethers.
- Jerseys for travel shared.

#### **JrGold: Greg Gibson**

- Submitted host registration to MN Hockey for Jr G National Tournament.
- Comedy Sportz improv idea for the banquet; looking for a banquet speaker.
- Jr Gold Summer Skate: 35 players registered.
- Jr Gold B: need a coach.

#### **4th Rink: Greg Gibson**

Attended June 23rd Plymouth City Council study session for PlayItForwardPlymouth initiative. Spoke with Orono member about their fundraising for a second rink. Discussed avenues for funding a new rink, timelines, and next steps.

#### **Girls Travel: Becky Draper**

HP League - great representation from Wayzata!

#### **Boys Travel: Ryan Foltz**

Working on tryout guides and team selection guides. Will have a draft in August.

#### **Goalies: Christie Weeg**

- Fielding emails about summer training for goalies and also whether or not players must be full time goalies or if they can do both player and goalie tryouts. There are options we can explore to make it easy for players to try the goalie position.
- Training: we do not have a contract with Pete Samargia, but a recurring partnership. MUgurlu shared that our goal is to go through all of our vendors and put contracts in place. RFoltz would also like to connect to create some goalie coaching training with Pete.

Advertising: still no payment from Prime for the last two years.

BNorton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

The next meeting is on Monday, August 3rd.