Wayzata Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
14 September 2026

Present: Lindsey Emery, Annie Elbin, Ryan Foltz, Sarah Cook, Chris Harrington, Tom Hewitt, Miles Death, Mike Grossman, Sadie LaFrance, Alan Gaffaney, Michelle Ugurlu, Ben Olson, Tim Jewell, Greg Gibson, Doug Meyer, Ben Norton, Anne Phaneuf.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Open Forum: Mayor Wosje attended. Discussed benefits of living in Plymouth and high expectations of our community. Aims to pass the referendum at the state level.

Secretary's Report: Anne Phaneuf
Request to approve August 2026 meeting minutes. MUgurlu motioned to approve; RFoltz seconded. Minutes approved.

President's Report: Ben Olson

- Christie Weeg has resigned from the board. She did a lot with goalie development, and we would like someone to step into this role. BOlson asked for interest from the board or ideas for someone in the organization to fill the position until the spring of 2027.
- Thank you to MGrossman for getting the insurance figured out and into place.

Tournaments: Annie Elbin
Ice time for all tournaments is finalized. Rules, refs, trophies, etc. in place. Will connect with TJewell for payments. Updated trophy selection, and cost savings of about $100 per trophy. Looking at tshirt vendors. Squirt A and Bantam have spots open.

Charitable Gambling: Tom Hewitt

- We have some upcoming events. This weekend there is a community festival in Hamel. Medina Entertainment Center's October 17th event includes one of our Big Cash Bingos.
- Applebee's asked if we want to do events with them (for example 15% of sales on a night dedicated or a pancake breakfast event on a weekend). If someone wants to help with this, let THewitt know.
- Request to approve the following financials:
    - Taxes and expenses for October 2026: $197,000
    - City of Medina August taxes: $2,900
    - Cost of annual audit: $4,500
    - Donation of $200,000 to PIC
    - Donation to Medina Entertainment Center on behalf of the MN Youth Bowling Partnership: $500 donation
    - Breast Cancer awareness match at Northern Taphouse
    - August results reported to the board
        - MGrossman motioned to approve; RFoltz seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Jewell
Income is up due to the way we are doing registration and prepayments. We do not have a breakout between what is registration and what is assessments yet. Will go back and audit all of that once able to in Crossbar.

Director of Hockey Operations: Miles Death

- Shared an area focus from the Hockey Development Committee. Based on feedback from the previous years, members are looking for consistent hockey sense regardless of the coaching staff (for example forecheck, zone entry, etc.). Will also develop core drills that are level specific for coaches.
- Request for $1,000 to purchase brackets that hold sticks for use in drills for any team at PIC. Discussed storage. DMeyer asked for materials (videos, drills, etc.) so that coaches know how to utilize it in practice. Board members support the purchase.
- TJewell requested a list of paid coaches and emails; MDeath will follow up.

Registrar: Sarah Cook

- Registration is still going. As of today: 1,223 players are registered (we are in late registration for Peewees). We can implement the new address check process now; currently verifying every player address.
- Board roster - we are doing well this year! Michelle Whitmore requested an outline, which SCook sent.
- Scholarships are offered, however, we are working on updating the policy.

Director of Membership & Operations: Tia Senenfelder

- Dasher board designs updated. Wayzata Hockey in Rink A, City of Plymouth in Rink B, and home of WYHA in Rink C. Included signage mockups. Originally put 3,000 on the budget. Tryout pinnies need replacing, so we will do an audit. If it's not returned, the family will be charged $36.
- Plymouth Parade items arrived.
- Volunteer shifts went live. Reminder that people cannot go in and pick up more hours than they need and then release them later.
- Discussion on allowing Alpha News to advertise. Board decided not to move forward.
- Applied for a grant with MN Hockey to see if they would support a promotional video for girls hockey and professional videography. If this capability does exist in our membership, and is interested in donating their time and a reduced rate to put something like this together. Another idea is to reach out to Wayzata High School and see if there are interested student groups. APhaneuf will follow up.
- Jersey number selection process policy presented. Priority would be given to the player with seniority on the team first. If players are at the same level of play/year, then move to the player with the longest tenure, etc.
- Discussion on moving the recognition wall of photographs in PIC A out to the bulletin board area in the lobby. $5,000 to update the background and move the photos and trophies in cabinets. Follow up with TSenenfelder if you have ideas. AElbin will reach out to her contact.

JrG and 4th Rink: Greg Gibson
Thursday will be attending the Women's Voters meeting. USA Hockey is creating a development league, and MN Hockey is looking at making a fall development league, which would affect MN High School League. Next fall, there will be a fall development league that may take a few players from their high school teams/youth associations for the first part of their seasons.

VP Administration: Michelle Ugurlu
Speaker for Junior Gold banquet needed. CHarrington will follow up. Registration is going well! In the last few years, we had to close registrations for 6U due to caps. Went from six rookie mite teams to five and from two 6U teams to three. Many coaches and mini mite registrations too.

Boys Travel: Ryan Foltz

- Team formation and team selection/tryout guide went out, collected feedback, and finalized. That will live on the website.
- Dryland proposal - MAP/FHIT sent out the contract. A few pieces are not preferable. They would like a three year deal, but we prefer a one year contract. Also, if they are reaching out to our membership, we need to see clearly what they are doing with each level and group. They also do not accept Wayzata players at the rate that they should, especially if they are going to market to our membership. Coaches must be at sessions. Communication to membership and teams will be clear this year. They are looking at opening space on Thursdays. They are also looking at their insurance to see if they are able to rent their shooting areas to teams that would like to utilize them. Would like to move forward with the dryland plan.
- Goalie - officially designate a goalie coach for each team so that they can attend the goalie skills nights and get some training for them.
- We are at a place we can announce our paid coaches.
- Boys and Girls coaches will swap. Adding a coach on the ice for the skills and scrimmage nights. Structure: skills, practice, skills, scrimmage. Making internal scrimmages closer to real hockey. Prioritize movement between sessions. Also created a rubric for evaluators.
- VP Girls Travel open position discussion. Vote to elect Steff Weekly to the Board of Directors. All present members in favor. MUgurlu made a motion to appoint Steff Weekly as the VP of Girls Travel. RFoltz seconded. Motion approved.

D3: Ben Norton
D3 underspent so we have a surplus of $15,000 coming our way. They would like us to decide how we are giving back to our association with this money.

Ice Scheduling: Ben Olson
D3 Ice scheduling meeting on Wednesday.

Ben Norton moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is on Monday, October 5th at 7 p.m.