

Wayzata Youth Hockey Board Meeting
4 May 2026

Present: Ben Olson, Miles Death, Ryan Foltz, Michelle Ugurulu, Becky Draper, Tia Senenfelder, Sadie LaFrance, Sarah Cook, Tom Hewitt, Alan Gaffaney, Ben Blood, Doug Meyer, Mike Grossman, Christian Peterson, Chris Harrington, Greg Gibson, Lindsey Emery, Annie Elbin, Anne Phaneuf.

Secretary's Report: Anne Phaneuf

Request to approve April minutes. MUgurlu motioned to approve; RFoltz seconded. Minutes approved.

President's Report: Ben Olson

- Welcome to new members: Sadie, Doug, and Ben!
- Overview of the state of the association. Great momentum, and let's continue to build on that and make it a great year and future years for the members. We will have a new agenda template and structure for the meetings.
- We have an open role for ice scheduling. BOlson will meet with Stephen Randall to discuss issues we ran into last year and our expectations going forward, as well as Avario access for our level coordinators.
- As of July 2027 our Central Middle School contract will expire. MUgurlu will follow up with Community Ed at Wayzata Schools.
- MGrossman shared notes on our insurance coverage. The missing piece was the participant side coverage. The cost is determined by age of player. The liability side could be covered with the policy MGrossman found, but the players would not be covered. We are not covered by USA Hockey's insurance for non-sanctioned events. MUgurlu asked if we should keep the ones we have or not. MGrossman shared that we might want to have our own liability coverage since we are a large association. Initial recommendation would be to add the coverage and create waivers for families. We can also create a flex roster to cover situations when a player or coach may be on the ice outside of their own practice, scrimmage, and game times.

Member Reports: Christian Peterson

Registration is underway, as some tournaments open in April. Many open on the same day, for example June 1st, and we have to register 25 teams for one tournament, which is over \$50,000. We have two debit cards with two banks, and it took three days to register these teams. This is also an issue for Tim Jewell. We could get a business credit card that has cash back. This would be an operational need, and greatly help avoid running into these limits. Plus they are charging 3-3.5% fee. Since the credit card has a cash back feature, this would help alleviate the surcharges. CPeterson requested to open a credit card on behalf of the association. AElbin shared there are card programs that have rewards and also go through smaller banks; sometimes with nonprofits there are considerations.

Tournament Director: Annie Elbin

If we have early registration teams, AEIbin would like to make sure those spots are removed before regular registration. When looking at the hosted tournaments, CPeterson needs to know when they are so as not to overlap with travel tournaments for those teams. If we use the previous Jr Gold date for tournaments, it would be January 22nd weekend. RFoltz suggested going back to Eric with that date and locking in the tournament.

Charitable Gambling: Tom Hewitt

Shared financials and expenses documents with the board. April was a tough month across the restaurant business in general.

Requested approval of the following taxes, expenses, and report:

- June expenses for \$197,000
- Report to board
- Pay City of Medina taxes for \$572.82
 - MGrossman motioned to approve; MUGurlu seconded. All approved.

Treasurer: (Tim Jewell)

Requesting a fee increase from \$3,000 to \$3150. Also requested a treasurer's email set up. AGaffaney made a motion; RFoltz seconded. Requests approved.

Director of Hockey Operations: Miles Death

- The Hockey Development Committee has met a few times. Members were recommended by board members. The committee recommends having balanced Squirt A teams for next season (Squirt A teams were tiered last year). MN Hockey and D3 Hockey advises that we go this way with the Squirt teams. Members had a discussion about tiered vs. balanced teams. MDeath requested approval for two balanced squirt teams. 4 - 2 vote in favor (members with squirt players abstained from voting). Motion passed. Second recommendation is to increase to four or five 15 U teams, up from three this past year. We should have two tiered A teams at the 15U level. We would have an upper B team and two balanced B teams. Called for a vote for two tiered teams at the A level, a tiered B team and two balanced. All members in favor; motion passed.
- MDeath requested approval of paid coaches:
 - Bantam AA: Brian Lyke is coming back, along with Assistants Chase Owen, Jack Fahrendorf, Pat O'Connor.
 - MUGurlu motioned to approve; BDraper seconded. Positions approved.
 - 15U A Blue - Jordan Butler
 - 15U A Gold - Sarah Jackson
 - 12U A - Anna Schmidt returning for 3rd year. No assistants as of now.
 - BDraper motioned to approve; seconded by MUGurlu. Positions approved.

- RFoltz, BDraper, and MDeath met with the FHIT staff. The content of what they do in terms of skills and workouts is good, but are brainstorming things they can do logistically. This is on the agenda for the next Hockey Development Committee meeting this month.

Registrar: Sarah Cook

Board Roster - Board members, please register for USA Hockey and complete the form. Complete Safesport and background checks (if needed). Waiting on feedback from TJewell regarding registration fees for this upcoming season. Early Bird registration will last about a month. There is interest in charging assessments through Crossbar after the teams are formed. There is a bulk charge feature once players are rostered, and SCook can set the installments that way. Team treasurers will have less to deal with in terms of checks. This will also help with travel player families to keep a current form of payment online. We have 11 families that have not paid, but we are making progress.

Program Director: Tia Senenfelder

- Website updated. Recommend that Kettemueler take a professional photo of Board members for the website. Roles that are open - are we ready to go to other members? Discussion on culture off of the ice. What expectations do we have for our players to be positive people? What does a set of culture pillars for WYHA look like and how do we make them look across teams?
- Content submission process updated. We will use a form, which is how D3 collects information for meetings. Board members will fill out the form to help streamline creating an agenda.
- Sponsorship for tryouts is being discussed.
- Coach of the Year Awards - huge shoutout to MDeath and the Hockey Development Committee for bringing this back and expanding the program. They will be announced in May to the membership.
- Month of May content is light, as always. Includes feedback for jerseys for next year. MSP Messaging included for sponsorship trade.

4th Rink: Greg Gibson

- On track to have a City of Plymouth sales tax referendum. April 13th City Council Meeting - attended. Refer people to playitforwardplymouth.org
- National Tournament - 2023 USA Hockey let us choose vendors. This next year, USA Hockey chose their only vendor.
- Jr Gold A, B and U16 tournament is assigned to D3. Profit margins will be great. March 19 - 21st. This moved back a week because the high school season moved back a week.
- We do need a banquet speaker and entertainment for about 1300 people.
- Jr Gold summer skate went out. Fall skates and tryouts are listed on the Jr Gold team page.
- Bantam AA - MN Hockey meeting. There are 41 Bantam AA teams, so could set up a statewide league like they do in Jr Gold. There could be three divisions. Shared ideas on how this could work. GGibson will continue organizing.

VP Administration: Michelle Ugurlu

Board members with WYHA email addresses, please use them and keep them organized. If you know of anyone who wants to speak with the board, please remember there is open forum time at the start of each meeting. If you know of someone who wants to be more involved, there are some open positions. Please send them to TSenenfelder and MUgurlu. MN Hockey Leadership Conference - they are voting on the nets for goalies at the Squirt and 10U level. They are looking at goalie safety to inform these decisions. They also did a comparison between play with a smaller net and larger net. They determined smaller one allow player development and also could retain goalies in the long run. MN Hockey Board will vote in September.

Girls Travel: Becky Draper

19U for next year. BDraper is also the Google admin, so Board Members, let her know if you have issues or need things updated in terms of the website.

Boys Travel: Ryan Foltz

D3 is interested in moving to the regional structure for the Bantam AA and Peewee AA teams.

Goalies: Lindsey Emery

Putting together an order and go up in size for a lot of the gear we order based on requests from last year. She will get a quote and bring it back for the next meeting.

Prime is setting up a payment plan for the past two years.

MUgurlu moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Next meeting is on Monday, June 1st at 7 p.m.