



RYH Board Meeting | February 18, 2026

6:15 pm, Gene's

In Attendance: Phil, Mike, Jenni, Paul B, Keith, Matt, Luke, Trevor, Zach, Mike & Tara Neville, Tony & Hayden Kressen, Anna Severson, Paul L

Call to Order: 6:16pm

***Special Guest Tony & Hayden Kressen**

Tony, who recently relocated to the area, identified a need for enhanced mentorship for young referees. With experience in the FM Youth Hockey organization, Tony and Hayden are proposing a "Black Jacket" referee-training program that includes on-ice mentorship, skill development, evaluation, and scheduling support to ensure officials are placed appropriately. They also hope to encourage increased participation from girls in officiating.

They noted that on-ice referee training has not been offered recently and recommend reinstating it this fall. In addition, they are willing to assume responsibility for referee scheduling to better align officials with game needs.

They also recommend adding a requirement to the tournament rules that head coaches communicate directly with referees.

A reminder will be shared regarding the referee sign-up process—via email or the RYH website.

No motion or vote, just discussion.

Approve Agenda: Zach motions, Luke seconds, agenda approved.

Secretary's Minutes: Trevor motions, Paul L seconds, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Matt motions to approve, Zach seconds, report approved.

Committee Updates:

- **Coaching/Player Development:** Nothing currently. Wait to do team updates until seasons wrap. Will review season with coaches before next meeting. Paul brought forward that a parent suggested that maybe parents want to provide some type of feedback on coaches. Jenni will make up a draft Google form to share with the Board for review – see if we want to send it out.
- **B Teams:** Based on conversations surrounding B teams that we've had from October -December. See if we can work out some of those issues in committee vs. at Board meetings.
- **Fundraising:** Bantam Bs – spaghetti feed next Tuesday, March 24, from 5-7 at Gene's.
- **North Rink: *Letter from Kathryn Heffron**
 - Inquiring about in-season training offerings. She's interested in offering the association training services, 2-3 days a week. Pee/Wee, 12U and up
 - Plug powersports, ask about 12U in-season workouts?

1. 12U State – Venmo request

- a. Jenni will work on setting it up.

2. Tournament prep:

- a. Jenni requests help cleaning out the coaches' room the week before the tournament as it will be used for the hospitality room
- b. The NR speaker needs attention, doesn't seem to be working. It won't be needed for State, but it will need to be fixed for the PW B Regional. Keith S said he'd look at it.
- c. Jenni is going to ask that all teams remove their gear from their team locker rooms the weekend before State. Locker rooms will be off-limits/closed until after the State Tournament. Cold side locker rooms C/D, E, F will be open for open hockey.

3. Team pages – roster photos (table until next Fall)

Adjourn:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 6:15 pm (*moved to Wednesday, March 25, 6:15 pm*)