



Farmington Youth Hockey Association

August 2026 Minutes

Location: Town Hall Brew

6PM August 19th, 2026

2026/2027 Farmington Youth Hockey Association Board

Board Member	Position	Attendance	Board Member	Position	Attendance
Scott Mack	President – 2027	x	Tim Hall	At-Large – 2027	x
	Vice President – 2027		Jim Alpaugh	At-Large – 2027	x
Melissa Carey	Treasurer	x	Lindsay Stemig	At Large – 2027	x
Rob Rankin	Secretary – 2028	x	Whitney Johnson	At Large - 2027	x
Julie Kania	Gambling Manager	x	Kelly Kelly	At Large - 2027	x
Tina Montoya	Gambling Oversight Manager		Nicole Blomgren	At Large – 2028	x
			Scott Olson	At Large – 2028	x
			Amanda Kuhn	At-Large – 2028	x
			Matt Zarras	At-Large – 2028	X
			Tim Galloway	At-large- 2028	x

Volunteers / Guests / Non-Voting Members

Member	Position	Attendance	Member	Position	Attendance
Dakota Kratz	Ice Scheduler	x	Coach Holmes	Girls HS	
Cody Fries	D8 Representative	x	Coach Sabetti	Boys HS	x
Paige Soderberg	Registrar		Nicole Galloway	Scripts Coordinator	
Craig Letter	Concessions/DIBs	x	Stefan Peterson	Webmaster	x

Board Meeting Agenda

1. Open Forum -

- 1. Steve Sabetti - Wants to play AA hockey at the bantam level. If a student is enrolled in another school, they should not make the AA team. He would rather train Farmington kids vs other schools. He wants his staff to be more involved with tryouts. Wants to meet all the youth coaches on the ice to help with a consistent game plan. Keep recruiting younger players for the mite program.**
- 2. Carmen Ondich - Agrees with coach Sabetti that we want a high level of hockey. However, if we place the team at the AA level she has concerns about the talent level being able to compete. Is the higher level the best environment for this group of kids to develop? Wants to focus on the development of this group.**
- 3. Jordan Webinger - Address the board about the situation that pushed him off the board. He signs 20-30 waivers a year and when it came to his son it became a big deal.**
- 4. Diane House - Do not push the kids into the wrong level. We need to protect their mental and emotional state.**
- 5. Nate Ryan - Believes we are hurting the association because of the coaches ability to pick players after the locks.**

2. Monthly Reports

- 1. Secretaries Report –Rob Rankin makes a motion to approve the July minutes as presented in the email that was sent out. Seconded by Tim G . Motion passes.**
- 2. Treasurer's Report – Melissa Carey motions to approve the financial report as presented in the email that was sent out prior to the meeting. Seconded by Amanda K . Motion passes.**
- 3. Whitney Johnson motions to approve \$72,987.00, for July expenses. Seconded by Melissa . Motion Passes**
- 4. Whitney Johnson motions to approve up to \$75,000 for the month of August gambling expenses. Seconded by Melissa .**

Motion passes

5. District 8 Report – Cody Fries - Meeting next week
Wednesday - discussing levels at the next meeting.

Maki nets are not the correct size for squirts for the
2027-2028 season when the new rule comes into play.

3. New Business:

- ☐ FYHA 3rd Annual MN Wild game scheduled - great additional items as well - Monday Dec 28th - a lot of buddies for the kids
 - ☐ 128 scans were performed for mouthguards at TC orthodontist this past week - Nicole will pick up for the association when they are ready (2-3 weeks)
 - ☐ Sept 16th board meeting (change date to 9th)
 - ☐ Motion by Melissa to move the September board meeting from the 16th to the 9th. Second by Lindsay. Motion passes
 - ☐ Open House (Sept 13th 9am-1pm) - Board members be there at 8am to set up
 - Letterman will have item samples available for Open House- the 1st store window will open Sept 11th
 - ☐ Pre-Evals kickoff, Upper Evaluations (board assignments)
 - ☐ Post meeting minutes versus video recording - We will continue videoing.
 - ☐ FYHA Helmet decals (26-27 season
 - we have 54 left from the last order
- ☐ Tim G - Alignment in forward plans; RE:Vacancies that we have not previously defined. Before appointing a replacement Vice President, we must identify the specific provision in the bylaws or Articles of Incorporation authorizing the Board to appoint a VP mid-term. Section **\$5.5** states that the VP is elected at the annual association meeting, and we do not currently have a policy drafted for filling a mid-term VP vacancy, in addition the VP position has different requirements than an at-large director. While **\$5.08** outlines the process to replace at-large members, the Board should draft an amendment to **\$5.08** specifying the process for filling a VP vacancy mid-term, in accordance with the voting and notice requirements in **\$7.02**.
- ☐ Motion by Tim G to table any further action on the VP vacancy until provisions that give authority to appoint are confirmed, or the bylaws are updated accordingly in compliance with **\$7.02**. **Second by Jim A. Motion passes. Tabled until next board year.**
- ☐ Matt Z - Discussion and consideration of retaining an independent professional advisor or legal counsel for FYHA. I (Matt) move that the Board investigate options and associated costs for retaining an independent professional advisor and/or legal counsel who can be consulted when significant questions

arise involving FYHA governance, bylaws, policies, handbook interpretation, disciplinary matters, contracts, or other issues where the Board would benefit from independent professional guidance. The purpose would not be to replace the Board's authority or decision-making responsibility, but to provide the Board with an objective and qualified resource when matters arise that are beyond the Board's expertise.

- ☐ Rob Rankin disagrees with using the memberships money to retain a lawyer for this volunteer run non profit. If legal concerns come up, then yes, we will need to use one. Do we have anyone in our membership that could advise?

- ☐ Discussion and consideration of establishing a standing Handbook and Policy Committee. I (Matt) move that FYHA establish a standing Handbook and Policy Committee responsible for reviewing the FYHA handbook, policies, and related governance documents throughout the year and recommending proposed revisions to the Board. The committee would meet periodically as needed rather than relying primarily on a single annual handbook meeting. The goal would be to give significant policy issues adequate time for discussion, research, and review before proposed changes are presented to the full Board. The Board would retain final authority to approve all handbook and policy changes.

- ☐ Upper Level Managers Meeting Scheduled
 - ☐ September 29 or October 1
 - ☐ 7:00-8:30 pm
 - ☐ Farmington Library Large Meeting Room

4. Committee Updates

- 1. Tryout Committee - Rob Rankin - Met last night. We are progressing to have everything set by the end of August.**

- 2. Player Development - Scott Mack/Nicole Blomgren -**
 - Present E-Train as option - skating treadmill in Ames rink
 - Possibly still looking into the school gym as an option for mite 1 and U6 (maybe older mites as well)
 - Motion to approve to add \$700 for Skating Skills Training and use skating skills and non-ice training off ice training opportunities this year at E-Train. 2nd by Lindsay. Motion passes
 - Discussion about what age is the correct age to start using treadmill. What can we do about our squirt/u10 and up?
 - Currently, there will be a discount for upper level teams to use.

- 3. Coaches Committee - Tim Galloway.**

- The committee met and reviewed volunteer coaching candidates. We have identified those who will receive an invite to tryouts, and notifications of invite or decline to invite will be sent shortly. Overall, we anticipate a good disbursement of quality candidates at all ages and levels.

4. **Budget/Finance/Grants - Melissa Carey** - General fund has a decent balance now that registration funds have come in, hopeful that we should be set until ice bills start coming in as long as we don't add unexpected/unbudgeted spending.

5. **Fundraising/Marketing - Tina Montoya** -

Day of Event Details - Whitney

Prior to Start - **7:30AM Set Up** - All Board Members presence is required, Registration at 9am and Shot gun start at 10am - 4-5 team spots left

- ★ Silent Auction set up in lower level event space
- ★ Hole Sign Disbursement should start around 8am
- ★ Golf Towel, koozie & water distribution on each golf cart
- ★ Booze cooler to hole
- ★ Tents to holes
- ★ Hang Banners
- ★ Silent Auction will go live August 26 and end August 29
- ★ Mama Llama blanket and chopper mittens fundraiser will kick off 8/24 and last through 9/4 to get ready for the season. Blasts will be sent out via social and email.
- ★ Heggies Pizza - SAVE THE DELIVERY DATE: Tuesday, November 17th

6. **Tournaments- Amanda Kuhn** - all tournaments have been secured. We will work on posting them to our website in the coming week for families to plan ahead.

7. **Jersey/Socks - Nicole/Matt/Whitney**

Tryout Jerseys were ordered in late July. They shipped yesterday so we should see them by the end of next week.

All except 2 1st year upper level players filled out their number request form - those numbers have been sent to CA gear

8. **Facilities - Scott Mack** - School has indicated they are interested in partnering with us on outdoor rink. Next step is to meet with the new AD and determine if this is the right course of action.

9. **Tiger Tone/Grievance - Lindsay**

5. Level updates

○ **LL/Mite Meltdown-** Matt Zarras/Whitney Johnson/Nicole Blomgren -.

☐ Update on MN Wild Grant and presentation we attended

☐ Equipment purchased for Lower Level and new skaters (includes 10 new quick change goalie equipment sets and 2 sets of 24 inch leg pads)

- ☐ Mandatory meeting set for LL Coaches and Managers
 - Thursday Oct 22 6:30 pm
 - Farmington Library Meeting Room
- ☐ Mite3/4 coaches update
- ☐ Tiger Cubs - record levels, added a 2nd hour of ice
- ☐ Lower Level Jerseys progress
 - Lower level jersey order had been placed with Swift Hockey
 - Total number of jerseys ordered 288
 - Total cost \$11,193.20

U8/Mite Meltdown

- ☐ Will be weekend of March 12th
- ☐ Registration will be open soon
- ☐ Committee being formed
- **U10** - Whitney Johnson/Lindsay Stemig- 23 registered, will have two teams
- **U12/U15** - Scott Olson/Amanda Kuhn - U15s - We have the opportunity to co-op with Rosemount for this upcoming season. We have 21 skaters that are eligible for u15 as well as one goalie. We have connected with Holmes but it's still too early to tell how many HS will pull (we anticipate 3). We could potentially end up with 18-19 skaters and no goalie.
 - Rosemount has approximately 21 players and goalies.
 - Combined, we could field an A team as well as 2 B teams
 - Do we want to do this? Yes - we will proceed with further conversations with Rosemount.
- **Squirts**- Tim Hall-58 kids, 7 goalies

4- **Pee Wee's**- Jim Alpaugh - No update

5- **Bantams**- Kelly Kelly - A/AA decision still to be made

8- **Jr Gold/U16** - Tim Galloway; 3 teams planned.

Monitoring goalies especially, and players, keeping track of their intentions with HS tryouts/playing J Gold or done playing.

6. Old Business - NA

Motion to move to a closed meeting by Lindsay 2nd. Jim A Motion passes

Motion to move back to open meeting by Melissa 2nd. Alpaugh Motion passes

Motion to adjourn meeting by Lindsay. Seconded by Melissa . Motion passes

