

# MINUTES

## Mesabi East Youth Hockey Board

*Sunday, November 02, 2025 Hoyt Lakes Arena*

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### In Attendance

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President | Brad Engstrom: Attended  
Vice President | Derek Hirsch: Attended  
Treasurer | Hillary Hartleben: Attended  
Secretary: OPEN  
Ace Coordinator: OPEN  
Registrar | Leah Nielsen: Excused  
Tournament Coordinator | Stephanie Engstrom: Attended  
Hockey Hut Manager | Cali Mirau: Excused  
Hockey Hut Co-Manager | Anneissa LeChevalier: Excused  
Volunteer Coordinator | Cheyenne Thorne: Attended  
Fundraising Coordinator | Dan Mackey: Excused  
Apparel Coordinator | Angie Lesar: Attended  
Equipment Manager | Katie Dinsmore: Attended  
Scheduler | Kathy Undeland: Excused  
Website Manager: OPEN  
Clinic coordinator: OPEN

Special guests: Bryan Hall, Kassidy Cook, Garrett Mirau, Kayla Mcfarland

Meeting was called to order at 2:36 pm.

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### Public Discussion

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- A. Kassidy Cook (Mite Parent)
  - a. Last year was challenging due to low numbers and Caedom is hesitant to repeat the experience. Concerns include insufficient breaks between shifts and the possibility that Caedom will not play if the mite team continues. Additionally, the Squirts team needs another goalie. Moving Caedom could also provide more options for their family to enroll other children in available programs.
- B. Garrett Mirau (Squirt Parent)

- a. Inquired about current numbers for the Mite Team, which currently has 5 players. It was noted that playdowns are not an option without a formal doctor's note. The discussion then moved into the new business agenda item.

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## New Business

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### C. Mite Team Discussion and Action Plan

- a. Discussion to be had to discuss the mite program.
  - i. MEYHA will not have a Mite Program this year due to low registration numbers.
  - ii. Options available for parents of Mite players included:
    - 1. Submitting a player up request to move their player up to Squirts within MEYHA..
    - 2. Wavering their player to Mites at Rock Ridge or Ely.
    - 3. Withdrawing their player from the program with a refund.
  - iii. Discussion points:
    - 1. Players moving up may have limited game time based on skill and could receive a discount.
    - 2. Practices could pair players with similar skill levels.
    - 3. Mite coaches Derek Hirsch and Kayla Mcfarland would move to Squirts and Marty Thorne would move to Mini Mites, with head coach input.
    - 4. The peer aspect is manageable with being a smaller school.
    - 5. Some board members disagreed with moving up first-year Mites, as there is no option to move down the following year.
      - a. Players moving up are considered second-year Mites but first-year skaters.
    - 6. No Mite tournament will be hosted due to low team registration.
- b. Motion to disband the Mite Team due to low registration numbers.  
M: Brad S: Derek
- c. Motion to move Caedmon Cook and Liam Hirsch to Squirts with parents' approval at the meeting. Game play time will be at the coach's discretion.  
M: Brad S: Derek
- d. Motion to move Samuel Mcfarland and Aria Maki to Squirts upon receipt of their play-up requests with parent's approval. Game play time will be at the coach's discretion.  
M: Brad S: Derek
- e. Motion to revoke the player peer-up to Mites, per parents approval, and keep the player in Mini Mites. One of the parents was in attendance and approved.  
M: Brad S: Derek
- f. Refund the Mite Tournament fees for the two teams and not host a Mite Tournament this year.

- i. Steph will contact Mite Tournaments organizers to remove MEYHA from their tournaments and inquire about a refund, though it may not be obtained.
- g. Volunteer hours/shifts will need to be reviewed with the change.
  - i. Discussion points:
    - 1. Volunteer hours will only be for squirt games and district and region games hosted at MEYHA arena.
    - 2. The hour requirement could be changed to the number of shifts.
    - 3. Squirt team managers will track games being filled with the assistance from the volunteer coordinator.
    - 4. District volunteer hours could apply to the whole association.
    - 5. Approximately 8 shifts could be anticipated, subject to change based on games.
    - 6. Deposit checks vs check cashing will remain the same.
    - 7. Final approval and updated approximate shifts will be confirmed at the next regular meeting.

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### Next Meeting

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The next meeting will be November 9 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.