Wildcat Hockey Board Minutes
10/8/2026 - 7 PM – Rex's Innkeeper
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		Board Member	Position	Executive (Voting)	Present	Committee(s)	Term Ending	Email
Executive Members	Officer Members	Dan Heldmann	President	Tie Break Only	x	Hockey Ops, Scheduling, Scholarship	2027	president@wildcathockey.org
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		Open	*ALA-18U (Midget)*	No			2027	-
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		Kristina Ripp		No	x		2027	safety2@wildcathockey.org

(Term ending indicates June 30 of the year listed)

01. Call the meeting to order! 7:02pm
02. Member open forum: Transfer for Sauk (parent- Rick Martin/ player- Emmett Martin). Motion passes by unanimous consent.
03. Approval of prior meeting minutes: Micki motions, Chris B. seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent
04. Additions to the agenda: Chris B. motions, Micki seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
05. Approval of agenda
06. New Business (30 min)
    a. Pay Bills: Micki motions, Chris B. seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
    b. Approve Transfer Requests: Martin- see above

07. Reports By Appointed Board Members
    a. Apparel Directors: WRA jerseys have arrived. Say “Wildcats” vs “Wildcat”, we’ll use these. We will reorder for session 2. Targeting to receive all other jerseys prior to Wildcat Classic. Out of 24” & 26” socks, Trending Now does not have an ETA.
    b. Equipment Manager
        i. Practice jerseys, pucks and med kits have been distributed for coaches. The last of them should be picked up tonight
        ii. Working on getting 8u goalie bags ready next. Will work with Justin on a date to get them to the rink
        iii. I’m getting a quote for 6u shooter tutors from Ben Street and then he can get those made for our new 6u nets. Possibly will be paid for via donation in full or some other amount.
        iv. New runners up banner is being picked up today. Will get that swapped out asap.
        v. Talked with TJ a little bit about new shooter tutors as well. As far as I know the rink owns what’s there.
    c. Scheduler
        i. Working on November schedules. 6U/8U in process now. Games start in November. 8U evals are next week, 6U teams will be finalized by the end of October.
    d. Registrar
        i. Working on USA hockey requirements completed. To clarify- managers will be using personal emails vs. WYHA emails.
        ii. Needs a list of assistant coaches for teams. 4 total coaches (HC & 3 assistants) per team get volunteer hours. Need to confirm which coaches are actually on the ice for credit- consider checking in during the season (ALDs- Dec 1.) to confirm who is meeting requirements.
        iii. Locker Room monitors- they will need background checks, safesport, USA Hockey numbers (table this discussion for Officer’s Meeting)
    e. Skills Director- Dr. Dan (dry land) sign up has been shared. Teams can contact him to run sessions for them at Arboretum or Ice Pond. Dan will send a note to coaches about this too. Joe Kaiser also offered to run dryland as well.
    f. Tournament Directors

<u>Wildcat Classic:</u>

- Water Bottles for each skater - arriving 10/12
- Stickers & mini Tattoos - arriving 10/14
- Volunteer Sign Up filled!
- Food Trucks are confirmed
  - 8-11a Coddiwomple Coffee & Breakfast
  - 11a-2p Chick Fil A
  - 2-4p Merrimac Scoop
  - The Club will have a table inside - time TBD
  - 12-4p Pizza Table
- 10 Raffle Baskets confirmed
- Meeting with Jack to discuss Teams & Schedule

<u>MiteCicle:</u>

- 12 Teams for MiteCicle
- Hotel Blocks shared with 8U ALD

<u>Scramble:</u>

- 13 Teams for Scramble

*meeting with Roxi Sunday to help us on more details and make sure it's open for more teams. We'll follow up with other teams who typically come and haven't registered yet.
Need to verify participant USA Hockey numbers at registration. Amy will reach out to teams to request roster and USA Hockey numbers.

g. Safety Directors
    i. Safety Meetings started last night. Meeting with 6U this Saturday and WRA next Saturday. Then will reach out to other teams for individual meetings.
h. Volunteer Coordinators
    i. Met with Don to get ready for the season. There will be some procedure manual maintenance. There will be some in person training. If teams want to volunteer to work the concession stand as a fundraiser, checks will be available sooner than they were last year. Teams need to let Don know that the team is doing a team fundraiser. Volunteer credits are not available yet, Ashley is on it.
i. Director of Fundraising
    i. Bucky books in progress. Wreath fundraiser starts next week. We did not receive any grants we applied for this year.

08. Reports By Executive Board Members
    a. President
        i. PROPOSED: 5 volunteer hours per WRA session for coaches who only coach WRA
            1. Still need USA Hockey number, background check, SafeSport, and 6U / 8U coaching requirements
            2. If coach doesn't fulfill commitment, they would not get hours, similar to other coaches at other levels.
            3. Chris B. motions, Micki seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
        ii. PROPOSED: WYHA pays for a Squirt C2 non-parent head coach at $3,000 for the season (same as Bantam A)
            1. No parent volunteered to head coach the team. There are several assistant coaches but they coach at other levels too. Falls under non-parent coach criteria.
            2. Micki motions to approve, TJ seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
    b. President Elect
        i. Board member photos at November's meeting, Studio E will be setting up before the Classic in the Club room to take player photos. Sign up coming out soon.
        ii. 10k shot club prizes, poster, t-shirts, and trophies are in process to present during the Classic.
        iii. WYHA yard signs are in process and will be available to handout during the Classic
        iv. PROPOSED: Moving WYHA gear to Secure Storage in Waunakee
            1. Our current unit is 240 sq ft. The unit is in poor condition. The biggest issue is that it leaks, and a significant amount of our gear has gotten moldy over time.
            2. Our current expenses - we get a bill randomly, not monthly or annually. Last year the cost was $1,250 and the prior year was $875. We have budgeted $1500 for the 2026-2027 season.
            3. Proposing we move to either (2) side by side 150 sq ft climate controlled units. If during the move or in the future we decide less space is needed one can be dropped, they rent month to month. They are closer to The

Ice Pond, are clean dry, and have some lighting. We could complete the move in a morning with volunteers.

4. Future expenses would be $271.80/month inclusive of a 10% 501(c)3 discount. $141.30/month if we dropped to a single unit. Charged month to month.
5. Vote to exceed budgeted amount ($1500) and pay up to an additional $3500 (total $5000) for storage: TJ motions, Pete seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
6. WDIR will review the potential to build out the space above the Cougar's locker room for future storage.

c. Past President: happy to be here 🙂
d. Hockey Director: organizing goalie practices. Trying to get HS more involved (Deforest and Waunakee). Focusing on USA Hockey requirements. Coaches game is on the horizon too, likely the same time frame as last year.
e. Hockey Director Assistant: supporting TJ. Working on finding some 8U evaluators. Meeting with Hannah to talk about 6U games & schedule.
f. Treasurer: nothing new beyond what was emailed for review earlier this week.
g. Secretary: lots of social activity. As the season starts, please share team updates, kudos, etc. so I can share out. Send newsletter items by Wednesday of each week. Updated safety meeting times in this week's newsletter.

09. Reports by Age Level Reps (20 min)
    a. Wildcat Rookie Academy (WRA) ALD: First skate is this Saturday. We have half of the volunteer spots already filled. Can always use more help. Older kid help (HS and bantam)? On ice help should be certified coach to avoid distraction. Student coaches (13+) can go through the certification process. Send these questions to Matt Saltzberry. Matt or TJ to come up with a list of criteria. Caps are coming to skate on 10/31.
    b. 6U ALD: Welcome back skate went well. Helmet pinneys went well and participants liked them. Parent meeting this weekend. Hotel blocks and tournament info has been booked. Caps intermission January 23rd.
    c. 8U ALD
        i. Practices are underway and evaluations are scheduled for the week of the 12th.
        ii. 8U girls are skating at the Capitols game on the 17th (to coincide with Girls Hockey Weekend) and the rest of 8U will be skating at the Capitols game on the 30th.
    d. Squirt ALD: Head Coaches are determined, assistants in progress. Managers signed up. Chris W. is working on another tournament for C2. Toby is on a waitlist for a couple more tournaments.
    e. Peewee ALD: Teams formed, coaches & managers are set. Tournaments and schedules have been shared out. PWA has to bow out of River Falls tournament due to goalie availability. C2 will have squirt goalies double rostering to help. To be state eligible, goalies have to be dressed and on the bench for 5 games from Dec. 15 to state.
    f. Bantam ALD: Managers all in place. BTC has almost all games booked, A and B are close. Mouth guards are mandatory- Chad will remind coaches of this requirement, suggesting other levels do that too.
    g. Girls Hockey Director
        i. 8U caps game and girls hockey weekend next weekend (Oct 16)
        ii. anticipating white & blue at 8U level but this is not set in stone, dependent on evals.
    ~~h. Midget ALD~~
10. Old Business: none
11. Adjourn: 8:05pm- Micki motions, Ashley seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

12. Future Items

Next Board Meeting: November 12th, 2026 at Rex's InnKeeper