



## Wildcat Hockey Board Meeting Minutes

1/15/2026- 7 PM – Rex’s

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	Board Member	Position	Executive (Voting)	Present	Committee(s)	Term Ending	Email	
Executive Members	Micki Smeeding	President	Tie Break Only		Hockey Ops, Scheduling, Scholarship	2026	president@wildcathockey.org	
	Bryan Ellefson	Past President	Yes	x	Hockey Operations, Scheduling	2026	pastpresident@wildcathockey.org	
	Dan Heldmann	President Elect	Yes	x	Hockey Ops, Recruitment, Girls	2026	presidentelect@wildcathockey.org	
	Susan Senti	Secretary	Yes	x	Recruitment	2027	secretary@wildcathockey.org	
	Ashley Van Ooyen	Treasurer	Yes	x	Scholarship	2026	treasurer@wildcathockey.org	
	Brian Stark	Hockey Director	Yes		Hockey Operations, Scheduling	2026	hockeydirector@wildcathockey.org	
	TJ Marks	Hockey Director Assistant	Yes	x	Hockey Ops, Scheduling, Girls	2026	hockeydirectorassistant@wildcathockey.org	
	Gretta Luedeke	ALD - LTS/LTP	Yes			2026	aldlts@wildcathockey.org	
	Jack Sieburg	ALD - 6U	Yes	x		2026	ald6u@wildcathockey.org	
	Justin Padley	ALD-8U (Mite)	Yes			2026	ald8u@wildcathockey.org	
	Pete Bier	ALD - 10U (Squirt)	Yes	x		2026	aldsquirt@wildcathockey.org	
	Chad Weldwood	ALD - 12U (Peewee)	Yes			2026	aldpeewee@wildcathockey.org	
	Todd Swenson	ALD - 14U (Bantam)	Yes	x		2026	aldbantam@wildcathockey.org	
	<b>Open</b>	<b>ALA-18U (Midget)</b>	Yes			2026	aldmidget@wildcathockey.org	
	Diana Van de Kreeke	Girl's Hockey Director	Yes	x	Girl's Hockey Hockey Ops, Recruitment	2026	girlshockeydirector@wildcathockey.org	
Age Level Directors	Sarah Hays	ALA-6U	No			2026	ala6u@wildcathockey.org	
	Andy Ertl	ALM-6U	No			2026	ala8u@wildcathockey.org	
	Nate Johnson	ALA-8U (Mite)	No			2026	alm8u@wildcathockey.org	
	Trevor Greiber	ALA - 10U (Squirt)	No			2026	alaskquirt@wildcathockey.org	
	Andy McCormick	ALA - 12U (Peewee)	No			2026	alapeewee@wildcathockey.org	
	Jim and Michelle Dama	ALA - 14U (Bantam)	No			2026	alabantam@wildcathockey.org	
		<b>Open</b>	<b>ALA-18U (Midget)</b>	No			2026	-
		Michelle Mueller	Apparel Directors	No	x		2026	apparel@wildcathockey.org
	Corrin Maier		No			2027	apparel2nd@wildcathockey.org	
Appointed Members	Jen Torbeck	Volunteer Coordinators	No			2027	volunteercoordinator1@wildcathockey.org	
	Billie Abplanalp		No			2026	volunteercoordinator2@wildcathockey.org	
	Craig Van de Kreeke	Equipment Manager	No			2026	equipment@wildcathockey.org	
	Suann Saltzberry	Ice Scheduler	No		Ice Schedule Cmte	2027	scheduler@wildcathockey.org	
	Misty Clemens	Registrar	No	x		2027	registrar@wildcathockey.org	
	Matt Claggett	Skills Director	No	x		2026	skillsdirector@wildcathockey.org	
	Matt Saltzberry		No			2026	skillsdirector2@wildcathockey.org	
	Roxi Foreman	Tournament Director	No	x		2026	tournaments@wildcathockey.org	
	Alyssa Greiber	Director of Fundraising	No			2026	fundraising@wildcathockey.org	
	Drea Maier	Safety Directors	No			2026	safety1@wildcathockey.org	
	Karen Gauerke		No	x		2027	safety2@wildcathockey.org	

*(Term ending indicates June 30 of the year listed)*

- I. Call meeting to order: 7:03pm
- II. Approval of prior meeting minutes: (“Are there any corrections to the minutes?”) No corrections. Passes by unanimous consent.
- III. Approval of agenda: (“Are there any additions to the agenda?”) None. Agenda passes by unanimous consent.
- IV. Member open forum: none
- V. Reports By Appointed Board Members
  - Apparel: Working with Trending Now to get apparel designs ready for state. Will connect with managers of teams that make State.
  - Equipment Manager: 6u nets are ordered, shipping soon. First choice was out of stock, got the next best and half the price. Old 6U nets belong to the ice pond.

- Scheduler: absent
- Registrar: working on next season's projections.
  - Dan- Region 4 call said they'd ask for links to rosters to make sure everyone is up to date. Everyone that will be on the bench during playdowns need to be on the official USA Hockey roster. Final verification is when the coach checks in at playdowns- not ideal.
- Skills Directors: plenty of gym time available for dryland- closed on inservice days. Mezzanine update: waiting on renderings then will begin fundraising. Let Alyssa know if anyone has contacts at companies that may want to donate.
  - Matt- preliminary renderings are available and will be shared soon.
- Tournament Director: will lock in 6U & 8U at Poppy for next year. Will work with Don to confirm Classic 2026- target week before fall break/Halloween. Food trucks will be easier if we can lock them in now.
- Safety Directors: quiet few weeks. Playdowns are approaching and tensions usually elevate. There will be a communication to parents to remind everyone of appropriate behavior, this will hopefully trickle down to kids.
  - Dan- Region 4 call- we do not have any Wildcat event related concussions reported so far. There have been 102 reported in the state.
  - Karen- WAHA is looking for actual diagnosed concussions. We do track injuries.
- Volunteer Coordinators: Jen: volunteer opportunities have filled nicely- only a handful of concessions available in Jan/Feb. Billie asked managers to remember to report off ice hours.
- Director of Fundraising: calling out Roxi for an amazing job on tournaments. The golf tournament is set for August 14, 2026.

#### VI. Reports By Executive Board Members

- President: absent- wants to create a committee for an end of year party. Association wide. Coaches games? Skills comps? Pie your coach in the face? Also use to spread word re: dryland space.
- President Elect: Spring THFF- first full weekend in March. Same weekend as PW state. National date is March 7. Will promote spring mighty mites program and then try to get them to sign up next season.
  - Ashley- if we have volunteer hours that weekend, we need to make sure we report ASAP as hours are billed March 15.
- Past President: ALDs- we have USA Hockey numbers for certified refs (current & former Wildcats). Share with managers in case they need refs.
- Hockey Director: absent
- Hockey Director Assistant: coaches games were great success. Looking forward to doing it again and creating more of an event w/fundraising. 50/50 raffle? Chuck a puck? Alumni team?
  - Ashley- consider adding as a budget item next year.
  - volunteer hours for clean up?
- Treasurer:
  - Accept Treasurer's Report sent prior to meeting (The treasurer should move: "That this report be adopted.") Ashley motions, TJ seconds. Passes by unanimous consent.
  - Pay Bills (honestly not required for recurring bills, just for things above and beyond, out of CapX fund, or if we go over the budget in an area...But we have just always

done this- can talk about taking outlander if we want. Sometimes nice to know though)- Pete motions, Jack seconds. Passes by unanimous consent.

- Make sure ALDs are communicating with managers about team funds and tournament fees. Teams are purchasing ice, extra games, tournaments, or refs, etc and WYHA gets the bill. Have all teams collected team funds to cover these extra expenses? Don't wait until the season is over!

- Secretary: team pictures are up at the ice pond, board pictures will be posted soon. Keep sending newsletter topics and pictures from team activities.

- Culture building- emphasize the late Saturday & Sunday games at Ice Pond.

#### VII. Reports by Age Level Reps

- LTS/LTP ALD: Jack- LTS- coaches sign up has worked well- 50% of slots filled, mainly coming from younger skaters coaches.
- 6U ALD: nets ordered, tournament was great. All girls opportunity coming up on Feb 8 in Janesville. Have one team, maybe 2.
- 8U ALD: no report
- Squirt ALD: how adherent are we going to be for the 5 minute rule for cutting games short? Last Sunday the PWC2 game was cut short at the Ice Pond. Then the SQA game later that evening ran very late (refs said they were not cutting short), significantly delaying the SQB game. How do we know when to cut it short vs. not?
  - Rely on Ice Pond and coaches agreement on when to cut short. Can we cut down warm up time, skate on used ice, etc?
- Peewee ALD: absent
- Bantam ALD: coaches are good for Bantam
- Girls Hockey Director: 8U girls jamboree next weekend and then 6U in Janesville. Cream City Classic appears to not be happening- all teams were ghosted. Will try to pull something together if ice is available- mid March.
- ~~Midget ALD~~

#### VIII. Reports by Special Committees

- Mezzanine/Dryland Committee: see skills director comments.
- Who wants to help Micki with an End of Year Party?- New Committee

#### IX. Unfinished Business: (follow-ups from last meeting that were not given in reports)

- WAHA told us to think of rules & bylaws changes for WAHA and bring them to the January meeting (still coming up?). Any and everything. Example- McFarland wants to see WAHA's meeting notes, they are not currently shared. Bryan- stated should go to districting so each of the 6 play-in pools are equal, especially at D1.
- Send out tournament Feedback spreadsheet to coaches/managers:

 Tournament Feedback - Dan will send a reminder

#### X. New Business:

- Bring up anything not discussed yet

#### XI. Future Items/Announcements

- Next Board Meeting: February 19th at Rex's at 7

#### XII. Adjourn. 7:58. Ashley motions, Todd seconds. Passes by unanimous consent.

- [Draft calendar](#) of important dates (next few months below because not sure you can access the Canva without me)

2026 . JANUARY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 LTS/TLP, SESSION 3 BEGINS
4 OPERATIONS MTG	5	6 NAV'S YOUTH NIGHT	7	8	9	10 U6 SCRAMBLE
11 U6 SCRAMBLE OFFICER'S MTG	12	13	14	15 BOARD MTG	16	17
18	19 BEGIN FUNDRAISING FOR MEZZ	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 SKATE WITH THE NAV'S NIGHT	31

2026 . FEBRUARY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 OPERATIONS MTG	2 SEND OUT EOY SURVEYS?	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 LTS, SESSION 3 ENDS
15 OFFICER'S MTG	16	17	18	19 BOARD MTG	20	21 BANTAM STATE WKND
22 BANTAM STATE WKND	23	24	25	26	27	28 SQUIRT STATE WEEKEND

2026 . MARCH						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 SQUIRT STATE WEEKEND OPERATIONS MTG	2	3	4	5	6	7 THFF- SPRING PEEWEE STATE WKND
8 PEEWEE STATE WKND	9	10	11	12	13	14 WHOLE CLUB EOY PARTY?!
15 OFFICER'S MTG	16	17	18	19 BOARD MTG	20	21
22	23 MEZZ CONSTRUCTION START?	24	25	26	27	28