



## **Minutes for the Annual Meeting of Wildcat Youth Hockey Assoc. Members**

May 29, 2025 @ 7:00 PM via Google Meet  
Meeting presided over by President Bryan Ellefson  
WYHA officers and about 20 members present  
Annual meeting for fiscal year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.  
Secretary: Lisa Cunningham

Welcome

Bryan Ellefson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

**AGENDA:** Welcome ▪ Approve 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes ▪ WYHA Financial Update ▪ 2024-2025 Season Recap ▪ Looking Forward ▪ Recognition ▪ New Business: Open Board Positions & Newly Elected Board Members ▪ Adjourn

### **BUSINESS**

1. approve 2024 annual meeting minutes
2. approve 2025 annual meeting agenda

Acknowledge 2024 Annual Meeting Notes

Review 2024 notes/minutes

Todd made a motion to approve last year's annual meeting minutes, Ashley seconds the motion, no objections, minutes were approved unanimously.

2025 Annual Meeting Agenda

Todd made a motion to approve the agenda for the 2025 Annual Meeting, Brandon seconds the motion, no additions, the motion was approved unanimously.

WYHA Financial Update

President Bryan Ellefson reviews 2024-25 FY financials

Key points:

Budgeted items overview

Substantial gain on the season - \$23k - goal is to break even

Club continues to hold a strong cash position

What we do with our budget surplus:

Rink Improvement Fund

Evaluate options for Ice Pond improvements/enhancements

Equipment  
Goalie Equipment  
Scholarship fund  
Avoid fee increases as appropriate  
Maintain Scholarship Fund  
Goalie Equipment  
Amp up the ice search

## 2024-2025 Season Reporting

President Bryan Ellefson reviews key points of past season

Key points:

6u and 8u tournaments  
PWC2 host for state  
THFF - great turn out- 20 new Wildcats  
added girls hockey director to the board  
Lady Foxes 8u and participated in 5 jamborees  
Hosted a 8u jamboree  
Girls hockey grant from WAHA for our efforts in facilitating the growth of hockey  
Renting Ice at other facilities  
Full season of skills and power skating  
Full season of goalie skills sessions  
7 teams go to State  
Representation at Kohlman Cup

Season challenges-

Zero Tolerance Conduct and 24-hour rule issues  
Tournament Bookings  
C and C2 Tournaments book fast  
Opponent scheduling starts before us  
Ice time scarce once High School starts  
3 team practices - Travel to other rinks for practice  
Outdoor Rink - Weather  
Unfilled volunteer hours  
Stopped volunteering for non Wildcat events (ie HS games) but still weekend with no volunteers

## Looking Forward

President Bryan Ellefson reviews key points of next season

- Key points:

45th Anniversary season and will acknowledge the founding board members and will skate with a commemorative patch  
Facilitate player development on and off the ice  
Continue building the Wildcat Way- promote involvement through service and positive culture  
Girls hockey- 8U only girls team and tournament team this coming season  
Applied to host in 2026 and 2027 tournaments

Projected teams 2025-26:

Bantam: 3\*

Peewee: 4

Squirt: 5

8U:6

6U: 7

\*Dependant on HS Tryouts

projected 257 skaters - slightly lower than last season

Looking Forward:

Financial impacts: ice rental rate increases, increase in official dues and less skaters so less income

Scholarship funds for those graduating HS who were former Wildcats

Fundraise with purpose and raise funds

Equipment swap - asking families to donate equipment

#### Recognitions

President Bryan Ellefson recognized 2024-25 Board Officers

President - Bryan Ellefson

President Elect - Micki Smeeding

Past President - Todd Swenson

Secretary - Lisa Cunningham

Treasurer - Ashley Van Ooyen

Hockey Director - Pat Gilles

Assistant Hockey Director - Brian Stark

And our executive members, ALD's, appointed members coaches, managers, and parents and thanked them for their efforts

- Coaches, managers, and parents
- Learn To Skate and Learn To Play Crew
- Allan Schmid - Accountant
- The Ice Pond Team
- WDIR and helping to connect our two organizations
- Aaron Kirby - Poppy Waterman Ice Arena
- Bakke Recreation and Wellbeing Center
- Stoughton Park and Recreation

#### New Business: Newly Elected Board Members for 2025

- President elect: Dan Heldeman
- Hockey director asst.: TJ Marks
- Secretary: Susan Senti
- Still seeking a tournament director

Brandon makes motion to adjourn the meeting, Todd seconds the motion, no discussion, motion passes

Adjourn WYHA Annual meeting at 7:37 PM