



Wildcat Hockey Board Minutes

7/16/2026 - 7 PM – Rex's Innkeeper

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	Board Member	Position	Executive (Voting)	Present	Committee(s)	Term Ending	Email
Executive Members	Dan Heldmann	President	Tie Break Only	x	Hockey Ops, Scheduling, Scholarship	2027	president@wildcathockey.org
	Micki Smeeding	Past President	Yes		Hockey Operations, Scheduling	2027	pastpresident@wildcathockey.org
	Chris Behrendt	President Elect	Yes	x	Hockey Ops, Recruitment, Girls	2027	presidentelect@wildcathockey.org
	Susan Senti	Secretary	Yes	x	Recruitment	2027	secretary@wildcathockey.org
	Ashley Van Ooyen	Treasurer	Yes	x	Scholarship	2028	treasurer@wildcathockey.org
	TJ Marks	Hockey Director	Yes	x	Hockey Operations, Scheduling	2027	hockeydirector@wildcathockey.org
	Matt Saltzberry	Hockey Director Assistant	Yes	x	Hockey Ops, Scheduling, Girls	2027	hockeydirectorassistant@wildcathockey.org
	Hannah Mohelnitzky	ALD - WRA	Yes			2027	aldwra@wildcathockey.org
	Luke Mohelnitzky	ALD - 6U	Yes			2027	ald6u@wildcathockey.org
	Justin Padley	ALD-8U (Mite)	Yes			2027	ald8u@wildcathockey.org
	Alex Bina	ALD - 10U (Squirt)	Yes	x		2027	aldsquirt@wildcathockey.org
	Pete Bier	ALD - 12U (Peewee)	Yes	x		2027	aldpeewee@wildcathockey.org
	Chad Welwood	ALD - 14U (Bantam)	Yes	x		2027	aldbantam@wildcathockey.org
	Open	ALD-18U (Midget)	Yes			2027	aldmidget@wildcathockey.org
	Renata McMillen	Girl's Hockey Director	Yes	x	Girl's Hockey Hockey Ops, Recruitment	2028	girlshockeydirector@wildcathockey.org
Appointed Members	Sarah Hays	ALA-WRA / 6U	No			2027	ala6u@wildcathockey.org
	Nate Johnson	ALA-8U (Mite)	No			2027	ala8u@wildcathockey.org
	Toby Garrod	ALA - 10U (Squirt)	No	x		2027	alm8U@wildcathockey.org
	Chris Washebek	ALA - 12U (Peewee)	No			2027	alasquirt@wildcathockey.org
	Andy McCormick	ALA - 14U (Bantam)	No			2027	alapeewee@wildcathockey.org
	Open	ALA-18U (Midget)	No			2027	-
	Amy Wilcox	Apparel Directors	No			2028	apparel@wildcathockey.org
	Corrin Maier		No	x		2027	apparel2nd@wildcathockey.org
	Elizabeth Nederhoff	Volunteer Coordinators	No	x		2028	volunteercoordinator1@wildcathockey.org
	Billie Abplanalp		No	x		2027	volunteercoordinator2@wildcathockey.org
	Craig Van de Kreeke	Equipment Manager	No			2028	equipment@wildcathockey.org
	Suann Saltzberry	Ice Scheduler	No		Ice Schedule Cmte	2027	scheduler@wildcathockey.org
	Misty Clemens	Registrar	No	x		2027	registrar@wildcathockey.org
	Brian Stark	Skills Director	No			2028	skillsdirector@wildcathockey.org
	Amy Brown	Tournament Director	No	x		2027	tournaments2@wildcathockey.org
	Kayla Kerr		No	x		2028	tournaments1@wildcathockey.org
	Alyssa Greiber	Director of Fundraising	No			2028	fundraising@wildcathockey.org
	Jack Sieburg	Safety Directors	No	x		2028	safety1@wildcathockey.org
	Karen Gauerke		No			2027	safety2@wildcathockey.org

(Term ending indicates June 30 of the year listed)

01. Call the meeting to order- welcome new board members! 7:04pm
02. Member open forum: none
03. Approval of prior meeting minutes: Ashley motions, Matt seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
04. Additions to the agenda: Matt- discuss moving the monthly board meeting back to second Thursday of each month (see below: New Business)
05. Approval of agenda: Ashley motions, TJ seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
06. New Business (30 min)
 - a. Approve Budget-
 - i. Chris- suggest determining what financial reserve level we want to maintain.
 - ii. Dan- some of the money in our bank account could be put toward to larger projects (mezz, future rink improvements, etc.)
 - iii. Matt motions, Chris seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
 - b. Pay Bills- no new bills

- c. Approve Transfer Requests (Wilbur Weichert, Dawson West)- Ashley motions, TJ seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
- d. Approve ALDs (see above): Chris motions, Matt seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
- e. [Board Handbook](#) Questions? Ashley motions, Chris seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
- f. Approve Parent Handbook
 - i. [Parent Handbook Change Summary](#)
 - ii. [Parent Handbook 26-27](#)
 - 1. Alex motions to approve, TJ seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
- g. Discuss moving the monthly board meeting back to the second Thursday of the month
 - i. Purposes of paying bills earlier, make decisions earlier- starting in August 2026. Matt motions, Ashley seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

07. Reports By Appointed Board Members

- a. Apparel Directors
 - i. We have dual JOG and Black Biscuit jerseys. Recommend to discontinue Black Biscuit. Motion passes.
 - ii. Have been asked to place girls' names below the number. We can do that for girls team (this is an option, not a requirement). Can we do this at registration?
 - 1. Let's determine if JOG can even do this, consider changing next year.
 - iii. Apparel- do we want to keep a few items as fundraisers? Or do we want to convert to all fundraising items? This is very common among other teams.
 - 1. If under \$5/item increase (we will want a detailed summary at the end of the year), approved- Chris motions, Alex seconds. Motion passes by unanimous approval.
- b. Equipment Manager
 - i. I ordered the new 8u goalie leg pads. A few sizes seem too small so I'm going to exchange for bigger ones
 - ii. I've had some goalies/parents reach out to me about getting bigger gear for this upcoming season. My plan is to recycle as much as I can between everyone but I still might have to purchase a few items.
 - iii. I will be around next week if anyone needs help finding stuff for the parade float
- c. Scheduler
 - i. Process starts this week/next week. Planning to turn over ice schedule to ALDs so when other clubs reach out, we'll be ready.
 - ii. ALDs should start booking tournaments early
 - iii. will work on ice times with Aaron @ Poppy
- d. Registrar
 - i. Will meet to work on getting the website updated before registration opens
- e. Skills Directors- absent
- f. Tournament Director
 - i. 2025-2026 tournaments completed. Resulting in \$11,316 in fundraising proceeds.
 - ii. All 2026-2027 tournaments are scheduled and the website is updated.
 - iii. Wildcat Classic planning has started.
 - 1. Food trucks are being secured.

2. Working on a refreshed ice schedule to allow for full ice for squirts and half-ice for 8U (if anyone wants to help with the Ice Schedule, I'm sure we'd take it).
 3. We may also change the way we sign-up for the classic and make it an "opt-out" vs. "opt-in" to try to make schedules and rosters more manageable.
 4. May also try to recruit Wildcat "Alum" (high schoolers) to help with coaching and reffing.
- g. Safety Directors
 - i. Jack confirms we will be safe this year 😊
 - h. Volunteer Coordinators
 - i. Billie: ideas for improvement underway
 - ii. Amy: are there new opportunities for families so they have options available versus having to either pay for unfilled hours or volunteer when their kids have games. Bille- yes, bring ideas but there also some in process already.
 - iii. Dan: HS has requested that WYHA cover Parent's Night concessions
 - i. Director of Fundraising
 - i. **Golf:** We have 4 spots for foursomes left (as of 7/3). We also have a bev cart, title sponsor and giveaway sponsor open. Raffle basket items are coming in and most of the volunteer spots (85%) are full.
 - ii. **Bucky Books:** We have committed to Bucky Books again and I hope to have them available for pick up during tryouts if the time of both overlaps.
 - iii. **Tryout Food:** I'm ready to start soliciting donations for dinners for the tryout volunteers as soon as dates are confirmed. Just let me know.
 - iv. **Grants:** Grants (Mite Equipment and "Grassroots") have been submitted for the 2 WAHA grants we are eligible for. We should know in August and October if we will receive them.

08. Reports By Executive Board Members

- a. President
 - i. Wauktoberfest Volunteer Opportunity
 1. 9 - 12 people needed from 4:00 - 7:00pm on Friday, September 11th
 2. \$125/hour back to WYHA (\$375 total)
 3. Offer up WYHA members volunteer hours
- b. President Elect
 - i. Signed up for WAKE- need banner, super deker/sauce kit
 - ii. Parade coming up- 24 people signed up. Dan is driving.
 1. village will tell us where to stage
 2. Dan procured candy. Will follow up with Craig (banners) and Chris for more info.
- c. Past President- absent
- d. Hockey Director
 - i. working to solidify start dates.
 1. Pre-eval skates start 9/12
 2. evals start 9/21
 3. hoping for teams set by 10/24
 4. first games start 10/31
- e. Hockey Director Assistant
 - i. talking to USA Hockey about running a checking camp. Contacting Lane King and Chase Drake too.

- ii. Talking to Larry Clemens about goalie coaching.
 - f. Treasurer
 - i. [26-27 WYHA Booked Tournaments](#)
 - 1. Reminder: WYHA will pay for the most expensive tournament per team per season (max \$1250)
 - 2. Working on changing the way volunteer hours are tracked/shared. Will make sure the 8U managers are receiving communication.
 - g. Secretary
 - i. Will move future board meetings to 2nd Thursday of the month starting in August.
 - ii. will update BOD website to add new names
 - iii. will updated New to Hockey to match levels of play in the Parent Handbook
09. Reports by Age Level Reps (20 min)
- a. Wildcat Rookie Academy (WRA) ALD- absent
 - b. 6U ALD- absent
 - c. 8U ALD- absent
 - d. Squirt ALD- working on scheduling 2 tournaments for all teams.
 - e. Peewee ALD- Pete and Chris working on tournaments. Will plan for 2-3 tournaments throughout the season.
 - f. Bantam ALD- no update
 - g. Girls Hockey Director- lots of discussion around girls hockey & planned 6U/8U hockey. will start looking at a squirt girls option, potentially tournament only? Discussion continues...
 - ~~h. Midget ALD~~
10. Old Business
11. Adjourn- 8:42pm- Ashley motions, Chris seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent.
12. Future Items

Next Board Meeting: **August 13th, 2026** at Rex's InnKeeper