



Owatonna Youth Hockey Association

Annual Meeting
April 26, 2026 6:00 p.m.
Four Seasons Centre

1. Welcome & Introductions

-Steve Rick brought the meeting to order at 6pm.

2. President's report

Season Update/Recap

-We have a committee to help grow participation in hockey and Alex Peterson in particular has done very well with this. We had three teams made it to Regions: BA, PWA and U12A. U12A also made it to the State Tournament.

Financial Report (summary)

-We have had some increased costs this year. The Board made a recent decision to approve replacement of three scoreboards in the Four Seasons that have technology that is obsolete. Also, we had previously been contracting with special deputies from Steele County for medical issues during home tournaments but Olmstead Medical filled most of the gaps this year and that added to costs. We also had to add an extra official for younger ages and didn't have that budgeted previously. Minnesota Hockey recommends 12 months of savings to set

aside and our gambling revenue accounts for a huge portion of that. That money also helps pay for our ice time and goalie camps.

3. Hockey Administrative Director Report

-Mary Kelvie provided her report. The food inspector results went great. Our fridge and freezer both went down the same week but both were fixed and may need to be replaced. LiveBarn now has a monitor in the concession stand. LiveBarn also installed video cameras that face a scoreboard so now you can see scores on LiveBarn. 1,784 DIBS hours were posted. We filled all but 21 of those hours. Everyone who needed and wanted hours got them. We have opened up our home tournament registration. We'll be starting the budgeting process soon in advance of our July meeting and the state of the fiscal year.

4. Hockey Director Report

-Chad Hacker gave the state of Owatonna hockey. We have a good representation of coaches that want to help and coach. We are trying to figure out team levels and how many we will have at each level. The High School Boys hockey coach stepped aside/resigned so we are watching to see how that plays out to see if the new coach wants any involvement or interest in the director of hockey ops position.

5. 2026 hockey off-season opportunities

-Hawkeye summer camps will be here. "Let's Try Hockey" will be started and going in the Fall. We will be doing a floor hockey event which is a recommendation that came out of our committee

to grow involvement in hockey. Steve also mentioned he had copies of the financial report at the meeting for anyone that may wish to review it.

6. Election of new board members

- vote for 5 people to 3 year terms
- next highest vote getter to 1 year term

7. Open communication for 2026-2027 season

-Steve reiterated that we are a volunteer organization and that even if not elected, he appreciates everyone's willingness to be involved. Going forward, Andy Winkels will be the President-Elect for the new fiscal year starting July 1, 2026. Soon, Steve, Andy and Mary will begin the budget review process. Steve asked for any input or recommendations for the organization to provide to any board members.

8. Adjournment. Steve announced that results of the election would be sent out via email and then adjourned the meeting.



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OYHA 2025-2026 Season Recap:

Mini-Mite: The U6 program had a very fun and learning year. We participated in our home jamboree and played Sundays against each other. It was nice to see the happy looks on all of the kids' faces on the ice. - Coach Adamek

Mites: The Mites had a busy and successful year, highlighted by integrating team specific practices on Saturday mornings. This gave us the opportunity to improve our skills with more ice and less players. Players and parents took advantage to connect and grow, planting the seed of what's to come with association hockey! - Coach Murphy

Squirt A: The Squirt A team made drastic improvements this year. We ended up taking 3rd in the district tournament with a very young squad. Looking forward to another good Squirt A season next year. - Coach Archambault

Squirt C: Squirt C is always an interesting mix of teaching basic skills alongside introducing players to positions and the rules of the game for the first time. The boys' hockey knowledge had to grow fast this year with offsides, icing, line changes, and penalties, but they rocked it. The highlight of the season was a 3rd place win at the New Ulm Tournament, and the boys rotating who took the trophy home every day for the rest of the season. That trophy looked ROUGH at the end, but it survived the whole team. I'm very proud of these boys, and excited to see them progress through the association.- Coach Torgerson

10UB1: We had a successful season this year with a lot of development with our players. We had large gains with: playing with our heads up, passing the puck, supporting the puck, and improving defensive angles. During the Marshall 10U B tournament, our girls played (4) amazing games, and we won the championship - the first tournament win for this group of girls. We placed third in the O-Town Showdown, and we also finished the regular season with a third

place seeding for our district tournament, but lost a couple of overtime heartbreakers to finish below our expectations. Our team also has great chemistry and are a tight knit group on and off of the ice. We had tons of fun, and our girls were very respectful to one another as well as their opponents. - Coach Gaulrapp

U10B2: The U10B2 girls hockey team showed tremendous determination and resilience throughout the season, competing in every game. Their final record of 11-14-4 reflects a season filled with hard-fought battles and close contests. The players demonstrated significant growth both individually and as a team. The progress they made was evident in their improved skills and teamwork. - Coach Teeters

PWA: The PWA team had an incredible season. From coaches to parents to players, it was a joy interacting with everyone all season long. Our players showed up to every practice and every game and worked extremely hard nearly all of the time. We were able to get better all season long and had a trip to regions to show for it. An extremely fun season. - Coach Gaulrapp

PWB: The PWB team finished the season with a 21-23-4 record. They showed a lot of determination and growth while competing in a very difficult schedule. Despite facing tough opponents, the players continually improved their skills and worked hard throughout the year, making significant progress both individually and as a team. - Coach Teeters

PWC: PWC battled through a challenging and remarkably successful season. Efforts paid off with three trophies added to the case, highlighted by a dominant play all the way to the District 9 Championship. One of the season's defining moments came with a thrilling one-goal victory at the Mayo Civic Center over the top ranked team in the state, proving to the boys that they could play with and defeat anyone when at their best. - Coach Klein

U12: The U12A team had a great season! We took the challenge of bumping up to the U12A level and took some time to get used to the speed of the game but were able to figure it out and ended up making the State tournament in Roseau by winning our Region tournament. We realized we needed to play as a team in order to compete at the A level. Several girls will be moving up to high school next year, so capping their youth hockey careers at the state tournament was awesome to see. - Coach Olson

Bantam A: The Bantam A team had a fun and successful season! Highlighted by some successful tournament play: 1st in our home tournament, 1st in Des Moines, 2nd at Champlin Park, 2nd in Duluth, 2nd in Districts, and 3rd in Regions. Some of our more memorable parts of the season included some team outdoor skates at morehouse and team get-togethers at coach Pat Ahlm's apartment building's community room. - Coach Hacker

Bantam B: This season was a huge growth year for Bantam B's. Jumping into full contact from Peewees can be a little daunting. Especially if considered "undersized". While we had size differential amongst the team, we found new ways to navigate/excel on the ice with that in mind. A philosophy that was leaned on hard by myself and the assistant coach was effort and compete. Giving 100% effort during practice/games was something we told the kids would make it easier to evaluate and progress forward through a player's individual progression.

The season had its ups and downs, wins and losses wise. Whilst staying on the upper side of D9 we faced adversity when travelling outside of the district. This gave us something to build on however.

We made it to our district tournament and ended up shooting for 3rd place after a tough loss to Rochester gray. The team internalized that loss and turned it into a resounding victory against Winona to take home 3rd place and some hardware! - Coach Wittrock