

Denfeld Youth Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, April 26th, 2026

T Bonz - 7:01pm – 8:45pm

Members Present: Jeremy Meyer, Nate Hartman, Melissa Dott, Andrea Minnehan (via phone), Bryan Bjonskaas, Jeff Reidsdorf

Guests: Billy Owens, Nate Weber, Ivan Dakovic, Darrell Eckenberg

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Meyer.
2. Review and Approval of March 2026 monthly meeting minutes. **Motion** to approve the March 2026 minutes made by Dott, seconded by Bjonskaas. All in favor, no opposed. Motion Passed.
3. Old Business:
 - a. DAHA Representative:
 - i. Discussed DAHA elections.
 - ii. Casey Kudler joined to discuss a few topics:
 1. Bantam and PeeWee rosters for the 2026-2027 season.
 2. Markley confirmed that District 11 requires either a city-wide model if full rosters cannot be fielded, or participation as a Denfeld-only association. Players may not try out for higher-level teams on the East side under this structure.
 3. Checking Camps
 - a. Denfeld will organize its own camp, as East has camps scheduled for May 11th and 18th.
 - b. Additional checking camps will be scheduled in the fall prior to the season.
 4. Home Tournaments
 - a. Tournament levels were confirmed as follows:
 - i. Up North = Bantam B1 and B2
 - ii. Zenith = PeeWee B1 and B2
 - b. Participation will be limited to eight teams to comply with the 25-game maximum.
 - c. Factors influencing this limit include referee availability (particularly on Fridays), higher hotel costs in Duluth compared to the Twin Cities, and challenges in filling local tournaments.
 - b. At Large:
 - i. Cancer Fundraiser – Funds were sent via Zelle to DYHA. A card and check were also sent to Essentia Pediatric Cancer.
 - ii. Reminder issued to Bantam families regarding outstanding ice assessments. Hartman was included on these emails.
 - iii. A USB drive containing Denfeld hockey files (jerseys, logos, events, etc.) will be transferred to a designated board member.
 - iv. Will meet a current board member to show them the storage area at Heritage.
 - c. Fundraising: no update
 - d. Tournament Director: no update

4. New Business:

a. Board Elections

The following nominations were made and seconded:

- **President:** *Bryan Bjonskaas* (nominated by Hartman, seconded by Dott)
- **Vice President:** *Josh Feick* (nominated by Bjonskaas, seconded by Dott)
- **Fundraising:** *Ivan Dakovic* (nominated by Dott, seconded by Hartman)
- **DAHA Representative:** *Josh Feick* (nominated by Bjonskaas, seconded by Dott)
- **At Large:** *Darrell Eckenberg* (nominated by Bjonskaas, seconded by Hartman)
- **At Large:** *Craig Bridges* (nominated by Meyer, seconded by Hartman)
- **At Large:** *Billy Owens* (nominated by Bjonskaas, seconded by Meyer)
- **At Large:** *Nate Webber* (nominated by Meyer, seconded by Bjonskaas)

A **motion** to approve the new board slate and conclude the previous board's terms was made by Bjonskaas and seconded by Hartman. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed

b. Golf Tournament

- i. Scheduled for August 15th, 2026.
- ii. The association will work to secure 10 teams + hole sponsors.

c. Duluth Tournaments

- i. Up North: January 1-3 (Bantam B1 and B2)
- ii. Zenith: January 22-24 (PeeWee B1 and B2)
- iii. Current plan includes eight teams per tournament, with a goal of expanding to 12–16 teams.
- iv. Fewer teams would result in reduced revenue and fewer volunteer opportunities for families to offset ice assessments.

d. Team Managers

- i. Bantam = Nate Hartman
- ii. PeeWee = Chris & Melissa Dott

e. Board Meeting Schedule 4

- i. Meetings will be held on the third Sunday of each month at 6pm.
- ii. Location to be determined.

5. Treasurer's Report: Account Summary March 31st, 2026

Expenses	Credits
\$15,373.15	\$5,991.64

Treasurer Report Notes: Hartman presented the treasurer's report and answered questions from the board members. Income and expenses are consistent with what is expected for this time of year. No major concerns were noted.

Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Meyer, second by Bjonskaas. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bjonskaas and seconded by Dott. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.