

DYHA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 13, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Dubuque ImOn Arena

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Attendance

Present: Cody Lytle, Chad Wilwert, Jess Smith, Mike Lennon, Mike Leppellere, Kyle Korth, Curt Freihoefer, Kayla McLaughlin and Joe Hoffman.

Non-Members Present: Mark Plantery and Amy Sookochoff.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the Secretary's Report by Kyle Korth, seconded by Mike Lennon. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Bantam Red has 14 players and Bantam White has 17 players. Bantam Red may exceed its budget. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Jess Smith, seconded by Chad Wilwert. All in favor; motion carried.

High School Update

The coaching contract is finalized and provided to Mark Plantery by the end of the week. The Board also identified the need for a JV2 team manager next season and discussed holding high school tryouts in June.

Registration Update

Travel rosters have been approved. Current registrations include 35 for Little Blackhawks, 9 for Little Saints, 16 for House Mites, and 34 for Upper House: 13 Squirt, 16 Peewee, and 5 Bantam. The Upper House program is exploring options to form three teams.

Mike Lennon and Mark Plantery will arrange a parent meeting for Little Saints and Little Blackhawks families to review events and player options following Little Saints. Four coaches are needed for Sunday mornings, with two coaches at each level. Zach D. will coach Little Blackhawks and will be responsible for bringing up players as needed.

Director of Hockey Update

Mite evaluations are complete and were approved by the Board. Coaches meetings were held with the Squirt and Pee wee groups. The Board discussed capping Little Blackhawks registration at 40 participants and organizing the Mite teams with 8, 9, and 9 players.

Mike Lennon will send the proposed coaches to the Board for approval. The head coaches proposed are Red: Tut; Black: Mike Lennon; and White: Kayla.

Travel Team Update

Motion to approve double rostering by Curt Freihoefer and seconded by Joe Hoffman; the specific motion and vote outcome were not recorded.

Ice Schedule Status

Most available ice slots have been filled, although some remain open.

Equipment Rental and Try Hockey for Free

A new equipment request form was distributed, and scheduled pickup times are being tested. Parents should also be reminded about skate-sharpening needs.

Try Hockey for Free has 12 girls and 20 coed participants registered.

Girls Hockey Update

Ice has been reserved for December 27. The program is registered for the Cedar Rapids tournament in January.

Fundraiser Update

Raffle tickets will be distributed this week. Curt Freihoefer will send families an email explaining the raffle, reminding them to sign all required forms, and outlining how to request additional tickets. Proceeds from tickets sold beyond the standard allotment will be credited to the applicable team budget rather than to DYHA's general budget.

Committee Updates

Scholarship Committee: Based on the applicants, awards will cover a portion of travel player fees and house fees. Curt Freihoefer sent the proposed list to Jess Smith for review.

Discipline: The Board discussed enforcement of the locker room monitor requirement. Jess Smith will send guidance to coaches and team managers.

Picture Night

Dani Neyens will handle house team pictures, while Wes will continue to handle travel team pictures.

Additional Business

The Board will draft an apparel policy clarifying who may use DYHA logos. A transfer policy was also discussed, but no additional details were recorded.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Cody Lytle, seconded by Mike Leppellere. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.