DYHA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 15, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Dubuque ImOn Arena

Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.

Attendance
Present: Cody Lytle, Chad Wilwert, Jess Smith, Mike Lennon, Mike Leppellere, Kyle Korth, Curt Freihoefer, and Joe Hoffman. Kayla Rawson was not present.

Non-Members Present: Mark Plantery and Amy Sookochoff.

Approval of Previous Minutes
Curt revised the coach pay from the prior communication.

Motion to approve the revised Secretary's Report by Cody Lytle, seconded by Chad Wilwert. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report
Curt will send monthly team budget updates showing how each team is tracking against budget.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Cody Lytle, seconded by Jess Smith. All in favor; motion carried.

Registration Update
Current registration is 208 total participants, behind last year, including 17 at 6U, 54 at 8U, 47 at 10U, 49 at 12U, 27 at 14U, and 14 at 18U. Squirt C player declined this season due to travel.

High School Update
The committee requested that the high school logo remain exclusive to high school teams. Motion by Curt Freihoefer, seconded by Mike Lennon. Motion passed, 7–1.

Coaching contracts for Austin and Justin were sent to Cody Lytle. The Board discussed the contracts and compensation approach, with DYHA and the high school program sharing responsibility for coach pay.

Locker room requirements were discussed for JV2 due to age range and SafeSport requirements. Flex players will not attend Monday skills with Bantam/JV2.

No additional issues were noted.

Director of Hockey Update

Mark provided an evaluation update. The Board discussed evaluation process improvements, remaining player evaluations, roster approvals, and the extra Mite option. Joe Hoffman will finalize the evaluation policy and lessons learned. Little Blackhawks currently has 27 participants.

Travel Team Updates

Teams are set. RWB will be notified that at least one player will be pulled up, with at least three players moving to Squirt.

One Squirt C player is not playing due to travel.

Assistant coaches and managers were discussed, except Bantam White and Squirt Black. Motion to approve travel assistant coaches and team managers by Cody Lytle, seconded by Curt Freihoefer. All in favor; motion carried.

The Board noted the need to ensure goalie coaches are available for goalie skills. Mike Carrick and Zach Dozan were discussed at $100 per session. Coaching jackets should only be ordered for coaches who did not receive one last year.

Ice Schedule Status

Kyle Korth noted that the schedule was reviewed the day prior and approved.

Equipment Rental and Try Hockey for Free

An additional equipment rental date is needed and is targeted for October 26 from 5:30–7:30 PM. Try Hockey for Free currently has 9 girls signed up for the girls-focused event, 5 signed up for Girls Day, and 6 signed up for the October 3 date. Flyers have been distributed around town and surrounding areas, and information has been posted on Facebook.

Girls Hockey Update

The girls program is scheduled for September 16 at 5:30 PM. There are 33 girls registered, which is 8 short of last year's number. The Cedar Rapids tournament is scheduled for January 22–24. The Board also noted the need to clearly communicate the girls locker room plan. Mark agreed to update the locker room board to indicate girls.

Fundraiser Update and Locker Room Policy

SafeSport requires a club locker room policy. The Board discussed holding teams accountable for locker room monitors stationed just outside the door, enforcing the cell phone policy, and requiring base layers if accommodations are not available for girls.

Motion to approve by Curt Freihoefer, seconded by Joe Hoffman. All in favor; motion carried.

Fundraiser tickets have been ordered. Jess Smith will manage ticket handout, and Curt will provide Jess with the list by level. The Board also discussed reminding families to request extra tickets and distributing tickets through team managers.

Committee Updates

Scholarship Committee: Curt Freihoefer noted that scholarship work is still in progress. The committee will meet on September 30 for the first round and again at the end of October for the second round.

Development and Endowment Committee: no updates.

Hall of Fame Committee: a policy needs to be written; Mark Plantery will lead. Possible committee members were discussed. The trophy case is moving to the skate sharpening area.

Picture Night

Picture night for travel teams is targeted for November 2–4. The Board discussed checking with the photographer to determine whether he can give up lower youth pictures and provide an actual team photo.

Additional Notes

Updated contact emails for board provided

- Ref Scheduler (refscheduler@dubuquehockey.org)
- Tournaments (bbtb@dubuquehockey.org)
- Elections (elections@dubuquehockey.org)
- President (president@dubuquehockey.org)
- General information (info@dubuquehockey.org)
- Registrar (registrar@dubuquehockey.org)
- Treasurer (treasurer@dubuquehockey.org)
- Icescheduler (icescheduler@dubuquehockey.org)

Zach Schultz requested to serve as Bantam assistant coach. The Board voted on the request: 1 in favor, 6 opposed, and 2 abstained.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Cody Lytle at 8:03 PM.