

Durango Area Youth Hockey Association

Board Meeting Summary for 3/11/26

Mission:

Durango Area Youth Hockey Association (DAYHA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the growth of ice hockey in the Durango area and providing the best possible experience for all participants.

Community Feedback

Community members shared interest in:

- Clearer roles and responsibilities for board members and organizational leadership
- Increased transparency and communication with members
- More consistent posting of board meeting summaries and organizational updates

The board discussed improving communication through **regular meeting summaries and periodic organizational updates**.

Financial Update

- This year is projected to **break even**.
 - Reserve funds have been placed into **CD accounts to earn interest**.
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Board & Organizational Updates

- Board meetings are held **monthly from 5:30–7:00 PM**.
- Board and paid staff position descriptions will be **reviewed and updated during the upcoming board transition**.
- Director performance reviews are conducted annually by board leadership.

DAYHA is a volunteer-run organization, and **we need additional board members to help support the future of our program**. After five years of dedicated service, our current President will be stepping down but has graciously offered to assist with a **6-month transition period**. Our Vice President may be moving out of state and the term is up. The Secretary term is concluding.

We cannot run this organization with just a few people. **A strong, engaged board is essential to keeping youth hockey thriving in Durango.**

If you are interested in helping support DAYHA by serving on the board, **please contact us at secretary@durangohockey.org**

Fundraising

- DAYHA is working toward a **\$60,000 fundraising goal for the upcoming year.**
- Women's/Girls Hockey Weekend was well attended and a success.

A recent fundraising meeting generated several ideas, including:

- Raffle tickets
- Swag shop
- Stanley Cup viewing event
- Chili cook-off or food event
- Popcorn fundraiser campaign
- Shoot-a-thon

Additional planning and scheduling will follow. Please contact jessica@durangohockey.org or alexa@durangohockey.org if you are interested in joining the fundraising efforts.

Scholarships

- DAYHA received a **\$5,000 Team-Up Scholarship.**
 - Scholarship guidelines will be **reviewed and clarified before registration opens.**
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Upcoming Important Dates

- **April 1:** Board member interest submissions due
 - **April 15:** Board elections
 - **Spring Clinics (late March/early April), tryouts, and registration fees** will be shared soon.
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Program Updates

- Future events will include improved communication regarding sponsors and team rosters.
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New Business

- The board will **review and update the refund policy.**