

DCYH Board Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 - 7pm - Kasson City Hall, SMALLER Council Chambers, Kasson, MN

Attendees

Executive Officers

Ross Zumbach President	x	Jeremy Jacobsen Vice President	x	Steph Lawson Treasurer	ea	Thommi Fairchild Secretary	x
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Board of Directors

Jason VerNess	x	Joe Biewer	x	Callie Bishop	ea
Jeff Fields	x	Travis Hunzeker	x	Tyler Coleman	x
Matt Eberhardt		Mark Lang	ea	Tom Michnowski	x
Jeremy Thompson	ea	Rachel Wiste	x	Brooke Schaefer	

Guests

Bob Montrose	Mike Baker
Lindsay Meyer	Ryan Christenson

Agenda

Call to order @ 7:01pm

- | Agenda Item | Name of Presenter |
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| 1. Consent approval of | Ross Zumbach |
| a. July- meeting minutes, treasurers report + charitable gambling report | |
| b. August agenda with addition of concessions, rink cleaning, and closed session | |
| Motion to approve: Tom Michnowski | |
| Second: Jeff Fields | |
| Motion Approved: yes | |
| c. Registration Committee | Thommi Fairchild |
| ■ Registration for travel players closed 8/15. Late registration open through 8/31 with fee | |
| ■ Mites registration is open into October | |
| ■ Current Numbers: | |
| 1. Travel - 124 signed up (compared to last year >200) | |
| 2. Mites - 68 signed up | |
| 3. Learn to Skate - 35 signed up | |
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4. Coaches - 28 signed up with a few other emails forwarded on to HOC
 5. Refs - 3 signed up
 6. Volunteers - 4 signed up
 - Embed the jersey link next year
 - Document upload seems to be working well for first time users
 - Looking for a way to align schedules for hockey rink vs teams (generic team created currently)
 - Look at potential for covering jerseys for this year with Sam from General Sports
 1. Sizing was a little difficult
 - DIBS - all going through Crossbar. No checks. Only prepay or payment plan.
 - d. Concessions/Apparel Rachel Wiste
 - New blankets options for concessions (Shark Tank)
 1. minimum of 50 blankets and takes 45-55 days to arrive.
 2. Total cost of \$1,500, at \$30/blanket, recommended to sell for \$60 (make \$1500), but could sell for \$50 (make \$1,000) if folks worried about the price point, last years blankets sold for \$40.
 3. Or we could order plain blankets from General Sports no minimum order: \$5-\$7 profit/blanket
 - Last year had blankets for \$40 in concessions and sold fast
 - Have money in the budget - ACTION ITEM: Rachel to order choppers and blankets
 - e. Community Promotions Joe Biewer
 - Back to school in Byron in the coming weeks (K-5)
 - f. Advertising/Sponsorship: Ross Zumbach
 - SCHEELS - same contract + same equipment fitting
 - First 20 kiddos are eligible
 - ACTION ITEM: email needs to go out. Sent 8/27/26
 - Live Barn - Dodge County streamed on TV at LaMesa (Miguel)
 - g. Fundraising Committee Joe Biewer
 - ACTION ITEM - Verify December 12th raffle drawing date works with Plaza (Mario) - CONFIRMED
 - Raffle tickets are \$400 each child at pick up (cash/check only - separate from Crossbar)
 - Nine Hockey - banner is made and will be going up soon
 - Ways to partner up with HS teams/buddy programs (parades)?
 - h. Hockey Operations
 - District 9 Jeff Fields
 1. No updates (new president and new secretary)
 2. New mouthguard rule - all required to have for the 2026 season
 - a. ACTION ITEM: order some for concessions/vending machines. Bob got some from Canada to start.
 - Hockey Oversight Committee (HOC) Bob Montrose

- U10 girls coaches all covered
- Recruiting for open spots
- September will start coaching seminars (highly encouraged but not required)
- Tryouts will have 3 evaluators not tied to Dodge County but familiar with Southern MN
- Goalies - 10 registered (trying to grow at Mites)
 1. Nick Moore want 5 more sets of quick change gear
- Mites - still on track for new program
 1. Less needed at 9H than originally expected
 2. Lower than projected numbers currently
- \$800 gear up grant from Dicks Sporting Goods to use for equipment in the form of gift cards
 1. ACTION ITEM: Bob to use gift cards for quick change gear
- 507 bantams are registered
 1. Giving 2 free sessions for girls U12 to see how we could utilize
- Officials - Bob met with Reid (Mark Lang was going to jump in and help for ongoing training/mentorship)
 1. Only 3 refs registered currently
 2. Need to put in effort to recruit
- Warm up ice is set
 1. Neutral eyes
 2. Bob wants to go on the ice and run the tryouts
 3. Same plan for tryouts as last year
 4. Preparing for tryouts - guidebook that will be sent
 5. ACTION ITEM: Email from Bob regarding warmups and tryout ice times so it can be sent out to association - Bob to send out in beginning of September, but will push out via the association . Sent to association.
- Rink updates
 1. Scheduling:
 - a. HS games/practices first
 - b. Youth hockey second
 - c. Everything else fills in around those
 - d. 50 min vs longer practices - feedback was to limit/minimize the shorter practices
 2. Plan for rink doors + trash cans (projected cost \$1,850). Trash cans were donated but they need logos
 - a. ACTION ITEM: Any remaining funds from Gordo Cup grant money?
 - b. Currently have 3 different logos representing boys, girls and youth
 - c. ACTION ITEM: Reach out to HS boosters for opinion on door logo. Bob to revise logo based on feedback.

- d. Motion to approve \$1850 for rink entry updates if not already in the budget:
Thommi Fairchild
 - e. Second: Tom Michnowski
 - f. Motion approved: Majority - yes.
 - g. Rachel opposed on the basis there needs to be a discussion with all 3 teams
- 3. Rink equipment - either properly fix it or replace it
- 4. Rubber matting needs to be extended for areas coaches/players are expected to reach
- Rink Cleaning Rachel Wiste
 - 1. Capital improvements committee
 - a. Set the expectation and ask the city/county for help with upkeep. Come to the county meetings and talk to dodge county (need to hear it from the everyone)
 - b. ACTION ITEM: Ryan Christenson - will reach out when Howie schedules the next meeting with the city/county
 - c. Maintenance of the rink - county (new cameras)??
 - d. First cleaning to prioritize the glass and bleachers/locker room paint
 - i. Glass - magic erasers, window cleaner, and windshield washer fluid
 - ii. Bleachers - touch up paint
 - iii. Locker rooms - painting
 - iv. Looking for 10 volunteers (4 glass, 3 painting, 3 locker rooms)
 - v. ACTION ITEM: Rachel to reach out to Howie and find a weeknight to propose
 - e. Notified that the meeting earlier today (8/19/26) it was approved to start the process of renegotiating the terms of the rink. (120 days to renegotiate starting today)
 - i. Current state: City/County split losses 50/50. Rink loses money every year. Howie is employed by the city. Rink is city managed, county owned. Good idea to get feedback from families outside Dodge County. Is there a job description for city employees (parks and rec)

New Business

1. Reimbursement of the flower arrangement that was sent for Terry's funeral service on behalf of DCYH
Motion to approve \$113.52 reimbursement to Stephanie Lawson: Jeff Fields
Second: Joe Biewer
Motion passed: Yes
2. Reimburse the gambling account with non-gambling funds for the loss at Pete's as it was not covered.
 - a. ACTION ITEM: question for Brooke, since we can't utilize the funds that were kept in gambling to cover the account, can they be disbursed and will we be penalized because they weren't spent in the fiscal year?
 - b. Received a letter from the state the loss from Pete's was not covered.
 - c. Has to come out of non-gambling funds

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- d. Required to pay it \$15,253.43
 - e. ACTION ITEM: have we looked into different insurance options/coverage/pricing?
 - f. Motion to approve to pay the loss of \$15,253.43: Rachel Wiste
 - g. Second: Tyler Coleman
 - h. Motion passes: yes

Motion to close open session and move into Closed Session @ 8:45pm

Motion: Rachel Wiste

2nd: Tom Michnowski

Motion Approved: yes

Adjournment of DCYH board meeting @ 9:16pm

Motion to adjourn: Joe Biewer

Second: Rachel Wiste

Motion approved: yes