

DCYH Board Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 - 7pm - Kasson City Hall, SMALLER 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	x
Jeff Fields	x	Travis Hunzeker	x	Tyler Coleman	x
Matt Eberhardt	ea	Mark Lang	x	Tom Michnowski	
Jeremy Thompson		Rachel Wiste	x	Brooke Schaefer	x

Guests

Zach Orth	Bob Montrose
Katie Montrose	Rachel Peterson
Keith Stanich	Nels Pearson (MN State Senate)

Agenda

Call to order @ 7:01pm

- | Agenda Item | Name of Presenter |
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| 1. Consent approval of | Ross Zumbach |
| a. May - meeting minutes, treasurers report + charitable gambling report | |
| b. June agenda | |
| Motion to approve: Tyler Coleman | |
| Second: Joe Biewer | |
| Motion Approved: yes | |
| c. Registration Committee | Callie Bishop |
| ■ Met with Crossbar - permissions are getting in place | |
| ■ Meeting with Lindsay tomorrow night | |
| ■ Family Fun Night - October 10th 5-8pm | |
| ■ Raffle Tickets: | |
| 1. Decided on bank drops on the last day of the month during raffle collection | |

- a. 3 total drops September 30th, October 31st, and November 30th
 2. Cash or check only to abide by MN gambling laws - language stating "cash preferred"
 3. Drawing - tentatively December 12th
 - a. all money must be deposited before the drawing
 - b. Drawing for this year to be held at Plaza Morena in Dodge Center
- d. Advertising/Sponsorship: Ross Zumbach
 - Everything ready to pick up (broken lexan and new dasher board) - Ross will pick up
 - General Sports -
 1. Chose to do sponsorship sweatshirt after jersey
 2. Glove order went well - can open back up if more interest after the season starts
 3. Sam will come down and do a jersey fitting in person - time with tryouts
 4. Waggle hats - 2-3 options
 - Keep typical sale with A-Z for October
 - Rachel happy to be the liaison as registration gets going
- e. Fundraising Committee Joe Biewer
 - Mailer at the beginning of July
 1. Need Learn to Skate times and dates (typically 4 slots) + cost
 - a. **ACTION ITEM: Keith Stanich to check with Howie on dates**
 - b. Verified \$30 cost
 - Little wild registration - had 8 of 10 available slots filled as of 2 weeks ago
 - Good Neighbor Days + Back to School set for Byron
 1. Need leads from other city's
 - Raffle order needs to be in by end of August (220 to start)
 - Scheels has been emailed and seems willing to participate in the free equipment for the first 20 new players. Mariah was our contact and it has transitioned to Marlee).
- f. Hockey Operations
 - District 9 Jeff Fields
 1. No new communication or meeting since Mark Blaisdell resigned
 - Hockey Oversight Committee (HOC) Bob Montrose
 1. Girls hockey - critical issue (going to end up with one team based on numbers)
 2. Tough to schedule tournaments without knowing true levels of play
 - a. 3 squirt, 2 bantam, 2 peewee
 - b. at/over budget for tournaments with only 2 tournaments booked for the squirt levels
 - c. On the verge of 4 squirt teams and 3 peewee teams
 - d. At/over budget for tournaments with only 2 tournaments booked for the squirt levels
 - e. May 1st and June 1st are key dates for tournaments to open up (need to be ready in coming years)

- f. Clarification requested on whether HOC should book based on number of tournaments or based on budget?
 - i. Keith will book 3 more squirt tournaments to meet the 3 tournaments per team required
- g. U10 - 11-13 skaters
- h. U12/U15 combo - 12 skaters
- i. Squirts - 41 skaters 2 goalie
- j. PeeWee - 29 skaters 4 goalies
- k. Bantam - 24 skaters 3 goalies
- l. Goalies - need to plant bigger seeds to recruit
 - i. Need to get involved with the mite program (attend goalie skills night to buddy up with older goalies)
 - ii. Potential registration incentives for 1st year (consider 1st year goalies play for free)
 - iii. Equipment to use free of charge?
 - iv. High School Intermission games (should have at least 4 per year)
 - v. Goalie spotlights/Saves of the week
 - vi. Help address the bigger issues that prevent kids from wanting to play goalie (stigma, team separation, the need to develop skills as a player, team camaraderie, etc)
 - vii. 9H has some goalies (both boys and girls) that are willing to do some extra and work with young goalies.
 - viii. Getting goalie parents there to help answer questions parents might have
 - ix. Host a "goalie game" where they scrimmage each other in full gear
 - x. Mites will be invited to goalie skills night going forward
 - 1. Plenty of quick change pads available
- m. Mite program
 - i. Goals:
 - 1. Reducing numbers of kids on the ice
 - 2. Increase the number of touches
 - 3. Player development focus
 - 4. Creating excitement for parents and coaches
 - 5. Introduce actual game play
 - ii. 3 grants have been submitted: Pass the Puck, Skate it Forward and Community Power Play
 - iii. Proposal is to increase registration for termites to \$265 for termites (U6) with 40 hours of ice time allotted to mites to \$400 for supermites (U8) with 60 hours ice time allotted to supermites.

New Business

1. Budget:
 - a. 9 hockey - looking into more equipment for dryland and teaming up with Lourdes
 - i. Look into preseason cost sharing options for 507
 - ii. 9 hockey is open to prepay for ice time a year at a time
 - b. If we accept HOC recommendation for mites program - increase revenue by \$12,500
 - c. Budget has an increase in registration fees for mites to \$250 for termites and \$400 for supermites + 10% increase for travel teams
 - i. Motion to accept the budget with the increase for mites as recommended by the HOC committee: Tyler Coleman
2nd: Mark Lang
Motion passes: yes
2. Plan is to have HOC, Howie, and Jeff as ice coordinator meet to optimize ice hours and structure so the same teams aren't always playing each other (Squirt A, B, + C).
3. HOC to create 2 additional 1-pagers: one on travel teams and one on additional training (507/9H, edge work, etc)
4. 10K puck challenge - was in play by now last year where you log your shots on a website. Ross and Bob to connect for options.
 - a. **ACTION ITEM: Bob to send out email to the association for this year 10k puck challenge**
5. Ross has a page created for HOC working in background - it is not live as of yet
6. Communication - who sends out what?
 - a. Bob should have access to email association and filter as needed through Crossbar
 - b. Request to address emails to Bob but CC HOC for clarity on who is expected to respond

Adjournment of DCYH board meeting @ 9:38pm

Motion to adjourn: Jeff Fields

Second: Rachel Wiste

Motion approved: yes