River Falls Youth Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2026. 6:00pm to 7:30 pm
Wildcat Center

Attendance

- **Present** - Danny Schnacky, Jody Christensen, Heidi Van Nurden, John Robinson, Megan Ross, Ryan Van Nurden, Caryn Weingartner, Jeff Wesley, Megan Wieser.
- **Absent** - Andy Blake, Brigid Burhans, Ben Seiser.

Call to order - Danny Schnacky. 6:10pm

Approve Consent Agenda - Last Meeting Minutes & Current Agenda

- John made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jody seconded. All in favor. MC.

Guest(s) Present & Comments

- None present

President's Report – Danny Schnacky

- Update on MN Blue Ox negotiations. Contract verbal approval with BlueOx waiting for Docusign. Following up.
- Communication to HS regarding parking lot usage.
- Coaching interest updates on the website, volunteering instructions added, registration link removed from home page as it drives to a page that includes tournament registration.
- CPDC committee report. Met 27th May. Discussed exceptional skater criteria regarding Baldwin 10U split etc. Jody gave projections for 26/27 teams based on birth years, expected returners etc. Particularly important with goalies. MN D2 rep shortlist of candidates created. 30 hr volunteer position; conduits to board via CPDC regarding rule changes and MN Hockey updates etc. Seeking a new CPDC member to shadow as Nate Adams roles off; prefer female representation. Goaltending development; drilling into this issue with MAP/MEGA; assistant coach to be dedicated goalie coach to learn and lean into MEGA resources and facilitate a good goalie practice on a regular basis.
- Pre-season camps are lined up and MAP/MEGA to run. Dates are set and registration open. Mites added for pre-season opportunity too. Price increased modestly. Camp at Wildcat Center.
- Rule proposal from WAHA. Danny will notify if it passes. USA Hockey rules coaches require full credentialing before games or practice begin. Jody made a motion that we request interested coaches credential ahead of time refund if not selected (receipts required) Heidi seconded. All in favor. MC.

Treasurer's Report – Heidi Van Nurden

- Heidi provided a brief overview of our current financial position and relevant updates regarding recent expenditures. This included ice rental and associated expenses since the end of the youth season.

Old Business.

- Rental contract update
    - See President's Report.

New Business

- Official's Pay
  - Jody made a motion to increase official's pay as presented ($1380 additional). John Seconded. All in favor. MC.
- Condensation management and associated costs
  - Discussion about managing condensation, possible solutions, seal the leak and areas were warm air meets cold. Air flow management, hang unused fans etc.
- RFHS Locker room requests
  - Several requests for improvements (see committee reports). Discussion. Water bottle filler, lockable storage area, coaches area in current JV locker room. Jodi made a motion that we proceed with these requested improvements up to a cost of $4,000. Danny second. All in favor. MC.
- Ad pricing
  - Update on committee meeting. (See committee reports). Social role moving to year round, drafting an intake form for a social request to help handle requests. BLC will share the work they have done here. Form could be included in Crossbar site. QR codes displayed for submission; workload concerns. Keep submission through managers. Ideas for a variety of features etc through the season/year. Photography; a game per team. Not just active play, crowd, coaches etc.
  - Heather, Danny, Brigid, Megan W. met 6/9/26 to discuss changes in roles and changing ad pricing. Discussed other potential ad revenue ideas; naming rights, other programs etc. Market research etc.
  - Ad pricing. Year round ice now. No increase in price the last 4 years. Discussion about incremental increase as we fill the rink. Proposed 20% increase in ad pricing effective July 1, 2026 for new advertisers. Megan made a motion for all advertising opportunities effective July 1, for new advertisers to increase 20%. Caryn seconded. All in favor. MC.
- Review Crossbar access
  - Keep asynchronous. By role. Contact Danny if needing access. Connect Brent Remackel with Dalton for access and training etc.

Board Comments; Q&A on submitted monthly Operations Committee Reports

- See reports below.
  - Jody: Hunt reached out for ice time over there. Sent us the list of available. Requested +60 hrs from last year, likely won't get all of them. Would result in +$5,000 ice cost. Waiting to see what we are allocated.

Comments, Announcements, Other Business

- Proposed moving Saturday 9/26 tryout date to Sunday 9/27. Danny will run it by CPDC.
- Becca Sponsler will not be housekeeping lead next season.
- RF days for the HS showcase. Will we open concessions? Yes, Dylan responsible for prepping and stocking.

Adjourn

- Danny made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. MC. Meeting adjourned.

Confirm next meeting time

- Next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8th, 2026 at 6pm at Wildcat Center.

Committee Reports

- See below

June 2026	Monthly Update	New Business Agenda for Discussion or Decision
On-Ice Operations		
Off-Ice Operations	Met with the ref coordinator, looking around the area on our officials pay, we suggest a slight increase. We have not increased pay in 3 season-we would increase 14U from 90-95, 12U -60 min from 55-60, 75 min from 65-67, 90 min-from 70-75, 10U from 40-45. Junior gold will stay at 120. and Adult will stay at 65-Rough numbers around number of games and tournament games, this would be an increase of expense of 1380.00. Tournaments are filling up like crazy, Bantam B has only one slot left of 12. 10U girls is also almost full. Registration is up and running, sign ups have been a little slow in comparison to years past. I think some of it is confusion on how to get signed up with crossbar.	Need a vote in increase officials pay
Building Operations	Met with Tim Beres about the following requests: 1) Build a wall with a door in the JV lockerroom to create a separate space for coaches to use for equipment/gear storage and dressing. 2) Modify the entrance area to the Varsity locker room to relocate his skate sharpener from the JV lockerroom to create more space for JV. 3) Build a 5' x 8' lockable closet upstairs by the skybox for storage. 4) Fix the lock between the Varsity and JV locker rooms. Fighting condensation and moisture in the rink: Purchased two dehumidifiers, one for concessions and one for the new skate sharpening room. Exploring options for parking lot repairs. Doing walkthroughs of building to familiarize with systems and prioritizing repairs/maintenance.	Discuss who covers costs for Tim Beres requests, Discuss potential damage from moisture/condensation in buildings and budget for cost associated with condensation
Financial Operations		
Fundraising & External Relations	Met with the social lead, photographer, and the advertising team to set goals and strategies for year ahead. Seven volunteers worked the concessions booth for the Fighting Fish game. We raised money via tips and promoted youth programs via our table display.	Need a vote to increase ad pricing