



**River Falls Youth Hockey Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
*February 12, 6:00pm to 7:30 pm*  
*Wildcat Center*



**Attendance**

- **Present** - Kaylan Wilson, Jody Christensen, John Robinson, Chad Flanagan, Ben Seiser, Vanessa Withers, Danny Schnacky, Kyle Wright, Pat Gundersen, Heidi Van Nurden, Megan Ross.
- **Absent** - Jeff Prochnow.

**Call to order** - Kaylan Wilson

**Approve Consent Agenda** - Last Meeting Minutes & Current Agenda

- Kaylan made a motion to approve the consent agenda with two additions to the agenda. Furnace & Water Heater item, Studio EA/Market & Johnson meeting. Jody seconded. All in favor. MC.

**Guest(s) Present & Comments**

- None present.

**President's Report** – Kaylan Wilson

- Reminders regarding USA Hockey vs WIAA regarding attitudes towards co-ops, access to shop, process for donating hours, organization chart.
- Coaches, managers and other members should go to the ice scheduler lead for Hunt Arena rentals and not contact Hunt Arena directly. May need to make some adjustments to process to reduce last-minute ice cancellations etc.

**Treasurer's Report** – Chad Flanagan

- Chad provided an overview of our current financial position and relevant updates. This included a presentation of the proposed new RFHS rental contract ahead of discussion with the Athletic Director.
- Kaylan made a motion that we admit Neil Accola, Eddie Miller & Jody Christensen as honorary members of RFYHA. John seconded. All in favor. MC.

**Old Business.**

- None.

**New Business**

- Off-Ice Operations
  - Proposed 2025/2026 Registration fee changes. With consideration for increased costs everywhere, finance committee recommended an increase in registration fees for next year and removing the family fundraising requirements. Kaylan made a motion to approve the proposed fee increases as presented. Chad seconded. All in favor. MC.
- On-Ice Operations
  - Intermediate Net purchase. \$1,600 total. Request from Mite program, approved by CPDC. Kaylan made a motion to proceed with purchase using remaining grant funds. Pat seconded. All in favor. MC.
  - USA Hockey bench coach rule changes. USA Hockey is reducing allowable number of bench coaches next year from 4 to 3. Proposed change at RFYHA would be to roster

one Head Coach, two Assistant Coaches and one alternate bench coach to fill in should an assistant coach not be present for a game. Clarified that RFYHA handbook states that our practice will be to place qualified, talented non-parent coaches wherever possible.

- **Building Operations**
  - Permanently locking doors between some locker rooms. Discussed options and settled on the clear need to lock interior locker rooms doors permanently.
  - Ice-out/Ice-in dates. Ice-out will begin on 3/16. Chad will work to outsource Zamboni driver to shave the ice down. Need to fill this available ice as best as possible.
  - Furnace supplying locker rooms is not functioning correctly. It needs a new motor, with shims and belts (inc. stock of spare belts), a new controller and get them communicating correctly. Approx. \$1,200 of parts plus \$1,500 labor. Some additional sheet metal work in the off season. \$1,500 or so. Needs fresh-air intake repairs in the off season as well; estimate forthcoming.
  - Water Heater servicing locker rooms is beyond economic repair. Original to the building and parts are no longer available. Given usage and service need, likely go for a heavy duty residential or light commercial to reduce cost.
  - Recent meeting with Studio EA and Market & Johnson (M&J). Kaylan, Chad and Kyle recently met with M&J and their architect to layout a project scope and begin envisioning a future build out of the facility. Explorations into possible additions might include outdoor rink improvements, a second full-sized rink, dry-land training space, increased Zamboni space, mechanical space, warming house for existing outdoor rink, bathrooms, storage space, meeting rooms, locker rooms, 3-on-3 rink, etc. Professional fees for an initial conceptual design as outlined in the meeting would be \$7,500 and would be the starting point for future discussions. Jody made a motion to proceed with engaging Studio EA. Pat seconded. All in favor. MC.

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

- See reports below.

### **Strategic Planning**

- Slate committee reminders
- Officer nomination and election. Nominations as follows: Jody - VP (subject to reelection to the board), John - Secretary, Heidi - Treasurer, Danny - President. Pat made a motion to accept the officer selections as nominated. Kyle seconded. All in favor. MC.
- Blackcat Coop discussion. Upcoming RFYHA & BYH Exec. Officer meeting on Feb. 24th. Kaylan reiterated RFYHAs commitment and long-term vision with regard girl's Wildcat hockey and to the coop moving forward.

### **Comments, Announcements, Other Business**

- None

### **Adjourn**

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

### **Confirm next meeting time**

- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26th, 2025 at 6pm at Wildcat Center.

### **Committee Reports**

- See below

February 2025	Monthly Update	New Business Agenda for Discussion or Decision
<b>On-Ice Operations</b>	Mites has inquired about the possibility of purchasing new intermediate-nets to use in Jams and practices. The original ask was for 4 new nets; however, after discussion, it was the group's feeling that it would be better to purchase 6 and throw away the old smaller mini nets. The old mini-nets are in tough shape and would likely create further storage issues. Discussed success/gaps for monday skate/skills-recommended to keep mondays reserved for development but TBD on the vendor. USAHockey is changing the number of coaches on the bench from 4 to 3. CPDC recommends next season placing 3 coaches (1 head, 2 assistants) plus one alternate to help at practice and be available to go on the bench as needed.	Purchase of intermediate nets. USA Hockey bench coach rule change.
<b>Off-Ice Operations</b>	Hosted play downs weekend of 2/1-2/2, we got 7 games this year, and we got 4 Championship Sunday games which we have never had before. Everything went very well. One update to next years tournament calendar, we will be breaking out the Bantam A/B tournaments, to read Bantam A(WI) and B1(MN) and Bantam B(WI) and B2(MN). Talking with coaches for Junior Gold and we are strongly considering only playing in WI next season: Reason are just to many games in short amount of time, skaters not competitive, WI has proven to me much more competitive, also we can play by the WI rules and we know what we have, Junior Gold is very unorganized and no one seems to know what is going on.	
<b>Building Operations</b>		Ice out/Ice in dates (presesason and tryout dates)
<b>Financial Operations</b>		
<b>Fundraising &amp; External Relations</b>		