



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



Attendance

- **Present** - Danny Schnacky, Jody Christensen, Heidi Van Nurden, John Robinson, Brigid Burhans, Pat Gundersen, Megan Ross, Ben Seiser, Caryn Weingartner, Megan Wieser, Vanessa Withers, Kyle Wright.
- **Absent** - None

Call to order - Danny Schnacky. 6pm

Approve Consent Agenda - Last Meeting Minutes & Current Agenda

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

Guest(s) Present & Comments

- None present

President's Report – Danny Schnacky

- Danny updated on a few items as the season kicked off.
 - Missing puck bags and miscellaneous other equipment issued to teams etc.
 - Skater approval for U10 B team female skater. PWC late registration add.
 - Hotel reimbursal for Blackcat team with one RF skater. Agreement with Baldwin to move to pro-rata arrangement for the Blackcat coop. May be worth adding to policy handbook and update accordingly.
 - Credentialing update, board covered, almost set with all coaching staff; Mite level remains an issue
 - Danny met with MN D2 hockey director, for presidents meeting. Affiliate agreements etc. Danny only Wisconsin affiliate representative present. New MAHA return to play forms and procedure.
 - Senior banners item that came up today. Update and how Danny plans to respond etc.
 - HS liaison sign ups, hosting WIAA sectional final.

Treasurer's Report – Heidi Van Nurden

- Heidi provided an overview of our current financial position and relevant updates regarding recent expenditures. Covered registration final numbers, utility bills Re: year-round ice etc.

Old Business.

- None

New Business

- Off-Ice Operations
 - Hiring a pool of 4-6 zam drivers / supervisors
 - John made a motion we approve the proposed interview panel (see below item) and the proposed addition to the year-round ice plan by supplementing with 4-6 1099 contractors as needed to assist with zam driver coverage. Pat seconded. All in favor. MC
 - Approval of Interview panel
 - Danny Schnacky, Ben Seiser, Caryn Weingartner, John Robinson
 - Survey results and feedback

- Caryn gave a brief overview of survey results/responses to date. Reminding us that responses were anonymous. Pleasing response rate; 71 on approx 170 families canvassed.
- Board member HS game assignments
- Covered above in presidents report

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

- See reports below. Discussion regarding fundraising items and sponsorship opportunities etc. discussion around

Comments, Announcements, Other Business

- None

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, November 12th, 2025 at 6pm at Wildcat Center.

Committee Reports

- See below

November 2025	Monthly Update	New Business Agenda for Discussion or Decision
On-Ice Operations		
Off-Ice Operations	Ice rental contract; Heidi and Jody will be meeting with the Attorney's Brian Laule and Max Newhouse to discuss the ice rental contract on Nov 13th. All Managers have been selected and are up and running. Still waiting on D2 game schedule for 14U girls. Currently have 533 hours of ice rented. Looking for a vote to add a pool of independent contractors that will cover when rink manager is not able. Would pay \$18-\$20 per hour. Registration; this is where we ended: Mites-91 total-lost 10 returners, gained 37 new skaters, 19 from LTS. We have 27 x 8U girls. Returning skaters from LTS 2024 were 21 of 24. Squirts 35, PW 37, Bantams-27, JG-4, 10U girls 13, added 3 new skaters, 12U girls 7, 14U girls 17, Total skaters for 24-25 was 246, Total skaters for 25-26 is 231. Tournaments are filling nicely.	Hiring of 4-6 pool drivers/supervisors Approval of the interview team for Rink Manager Caryn Weingartner, Ben Seiser, Danny Schnacky, and John Robinson
Building Operations		
Member Recruitment & Retention		
Fundraising & External Relations	Apparel Coordinator Process document created by current lead for future consistency (copies to show). Sponsorships/Ads team working on lots of renewals. Junior's wall ad to be installed ASAP, new wall ad sent to printer and a couple of new contracts received. Team would appreciate any Board member connections to businesses on our ad list for which we don't have a strong/reliable contact already. Webmaster primarily making sure team managers have the email and Sports Engine access they need. He's also working on other SE requests and web updates. Content produced for webpage that encourages ways to support the RFYHA and notes that we are not doing a raffle ticket fundraiser this season.	
Financial Operations		