📝 Meeting Minutes - Northwest Montana Youth Hockey Association

Date & Time:
July 7, 2026 6:00-7:30PM

Attendees:
~~Heather Vezane - President~~
Cara Ryan Lemire – Vice President
Cristinna Gebbia - Treasurer
Rich Evers - Secretary
Susie Kalgren
Brittney Crest
Lindsey Foster
Abbie Steffen
Amanda Hayes – Executive Director
~~Brandon Cottrell – Hockey Director~~

Meeting Objective / Agenda:

Per Amanda's on-going list of items needing addressed, below are discussion points:

- Team Budgets
- NMYHA Budget
  - Initial Funding
    - GHA - $9,000
    - FVHA - $
  - Registration Fees
  - Coaching Payments
  - Tournament Fees
- Cash Flow Projections
- Amanda's Contracts
  - NMYHA
  - GHA
- Brandon's Contract
- Add Amanda & Brandon as signers on Glacier Bank account w/debit cards
- Bylaws need approval
- Policy Manual needs approval
- Crossbar site needs review

Key Discussion Points:

1. **Budgets**
   - Shared sentiment that revenue is over projected and expenses are under projected.
   - Discussion about Winter Classic and Battle of the Boarder Tourneys.
     - Having two local tournaments is redundant. Reduce to one for the originally intended age groups and consider adding for older age groups.
   - Woodland Ice Center is keeping Griz Winter Classic and Craft Brewers Cup to help support their fundraising efforts and are open to sharing funds pending details of agreement.

2. **Registration Fees**
   - Adjustments made:
     - $2100 for HS & JV
     - $1900 for 19U Girls
     - $1600 for 14U Girls
     - $1800 for 14U
     - $1600 for 12U
     - $1375 for 10U
     - $850 for 8U
     - $550 for House Programs
   - Registration will include one (1) tournament.
   - Prices adjusted to the number of games offered and practice ice times.

3. **Initial Funding**
   - FVHA will donate $12,000 for operating costs and $3,000 for scholarships.

Decisions Made ✅

Approval of June 29 meeting minutes.
Lindsey motioned. Abbie 2nded. All approved.

Approved the 2026-27 registration fees. Adjustments were made to price. Price includes one (1) tournament with the option to add more tournaments at an additional fee to the team requesting.
Rich motioned. Heather 2nded. Motion passed 7-1.

Approved to volunteer fee for 2026-27 with criteria to be determined later.
Heather motioned. Susie 2nded. All approved.

Next Steps:

- Schedule a meeting on 7/14/2026 to continue getting priority items accomplished for upcoming season.
- Next meeting will be focusing on getting by-laws and association budget approved.
    - Board members need to review by-laws ahead of the next meeting.
    - Budget will be refined with as much current information as possible ahead of next meeting.