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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/11/2026
Time: 5:30 PM CST
Location: Decatur Civic Center

Members in attendance:

Blayne Mathis
Jerry Spain
Jen Deaton

Ian Rhode
Tyler Morgan
Karen Quick

Ryan Katt
Drew Early
Amanda Renshaw

Guests:

Diana Stukins
Robert Kaufman
Mark Schwarze
Brandi Johnson
Ian Sheffer

Rebekah Sheffer
Rachel Proctor
Andrea Sheffer
Jennifer McGarry
Patrick McGarry

Roxie Danyus
Ross Bareksten
Mark Birch
Blake Dotson
Andy Stukins

Meeting Called to Order by Mathis at 5:34

Approval of Minutes from July

Motion Morgan. Second Renshaw. Motion Passes

Public Forum

- Blake Dotson came to brief the Board on the status of the house program. Significant interest was expressed in the program and commitment to keep it developing.
- Mark Schwarze requested the board provide more emphasis on full ice activities to further develop players. The board is in support and will make an effort to continue this opportunity.
- Brandi Johnson expressed the need for additional goalie coaching and development. She also stated DYHA does not afford goalies 50% reduction of fees like other programs. Pricing was discussed as well as scholarship opportunities. The Board will communicate the availability of scholarships to DYHA families.
- Mark Birch spoke to the importance of condition of young athletes.
- Robert Kaufman thanked Blake Dotson for his commitment to the travel team. He also discussed his support of fielding more teams versus cutting players. Many other parents expressed similar support. It is a priority of the board to continue the development of entire program.
- Patrick McGarry talked about the positive experience of his child last year on a small team.

Presidents Report – Mathis

- Insurance – waiting on USAH annual insurance, to appease CC and ice contract requirements.
- CC has clarified that per some of their insurance/safety rules, they will have to run dehumidification enough to keep glass from being too foggy. However, the CC is balancing and the ice quality has been seemingly okay.





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- MoHockey is going to use iPads with Gamesheet app for electronic scoresheets this year. The club may need to acquire an iPad for this purpose. Morgan is going to attempt to secure ipads for program use.
- CC has notified us that the 2nd floor will be closed this weekend (pageant event) and the parking lot will be closed Sept. 16 (town yard sale).
- We need to vote on remaining coaches, including those that were discussed between meetings.
- Scholarship applications need to be reviewed (in closed session).

Hockey Director Report – Katt

Player Move Up Requests-Forms can be found in the dashboard

- Cruz Scott-Asking to move from 12u to 14u. We are expecting to field 1-team at the 14u level which will require us to move travel tryout participants to the house program. If only one team is fielded at the 14u level, Cruz will not be able to move up. To be addressed after the completion of tryouts.
- Over the past few years, I have been a strong advocate of moving players that are in a Mite level after their second year if they are capable. I believe this helps keep the player and parents interested in the organization.
 - Owen Holloway-Asking to move from 6u to 8u. This would be his 3rd year in 6u. I suggest moving him up to the 8u half ice group. I believe he wants to tryout for Sparks. Ian and I will need to see if he is ready for that jump.
 - Paul Kopelke- Asking to move from 6u to 8u. This would be his 3rd year in 6u. I suggest moving him up to the 8u half ice group. I believe he wants to tryout for Sparks. Ian and I will need to see if he is ready for that jump.
 - **Motion made by Katt to allow move up of Holloway & Kopelke to 8U half ice. Second Morgan. Motion passed.**

Tryouts

- We are continuing to look for a 16u goalie.
- 12U-projecting 20 “for sure” players 5 “maybe players” 3-goalsies
 - 3 new 12u players from Champaign and Springfield joining weekend clinics. I expect these players to tryout for travel.
 - We have one beginner that is expected to tryout out at 12u
 - We have one former DYHA player that may come back
- Springfield is planning to cut 10-14u players. This may affect our tryouts significantly.
- 10u is looking like 2 solid teams
- Tryout procedure will be the same as the past few years.
 - Each coach will create tryout session plans to be given to a group of coach volunteers to run on the ice with the players while the lead coach, hockey director, and other coaches will evaluate each player’s hockey ability, attitude, and work ethic.
 - To eliminate distractions for players on the ice, parents will be required to view tryouts from the upper lobby. Parents will not be allowed in the rink. Livebarn will be blacked out during tryout week.

2026-2027 Coaches





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- Beginner-TBD
- 6u-Chris Gillmar
- 8u Half Ice-Matt Groves
- 8u Sparks-Ian Rhode
- 10 AA-Ryan Katt
- 12u AA-Requesting a vote on Andy Stukins to fill this position
 - **Motion Katt. Second Mathis. Motion passes unanimously.**
- 14u AA- Blayne Mathis
- 16u AA-Brian Deaton
- House-Blake Dotson

Motion was made to recertify the slated of candidates. Motion Mathis. Second Rhode. Motion passed unanimously

Financial Report - Rhode

- Registrations – 2026-2027 Pre-Season
 - 16U & 18U 3v3 – 28
 - 14U 3v3 – 18
 - 12U 3v3 – 19
 - 10U 3v3 – 25
 - 8U & 6U 3v3 – 28
 - Total 3v3 - 118
 - Beginners Summer – 24
 - Clinics – 127 (98 individual, 29 bundle) invoiced in QB, total of \$5,390
 - 3v3 and Summer Beginner Revenue in QB - \$20,800
 - Total Preseason Revenue - \$26,190
 - Preseason Ice Cost – \$8,663 (only July invoice)
 - Net Preseason Income/Loss – \$17,527 (missing August ice cost)
- All Crossbar registrations entered/invoiced in QB, including deposited payments.
- PO Box checked weekly.
- All checks entered into QB and deposited at Hickory Point, as of August 10th.
- Of note – No past due payments in Crossbar. All collected for prior year.
- Financials
 - From July 1 – July 31 –
 - Income - \$35,180
 - Registrations/Dues - \$35,180
 - Expenses - \$11,989
 - Advertising - \$2,541 (Splash Cove Party)
 - Ice - \$8,663





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- Crossbar Fees/Subscription - \$786
 - Net Income – \$23,191
 - Net Income FY - \$31,783
- Cash Balances (per QB – August 10th) –
 - Primary Checking - \$94,188
 - BINGO - \$41,168
 - CD #3 - \$18,397 (new CD, 5 months @ 3.64% APY)
 - Total - \$153,753

Motion to approve treasures report. Motion Mathis. Second Renshaw. Motion approved

Registrars Report – Quick

- Registration is open for all teams.
- League registration will occur right after DYHA tryouts.

MoM Review – Deaton

- More sheets of ice in MO will be needed this season.
- Discussion will occur next month regarding pictures for the season.

Equipment Report – Renshaw

1. Hockey Pucks

- a. One box of blue pucks, black plain pucks, and pucks with the logo are in the cage
- b. Remaining pucks are being stored for now

2. Jersey Store

- a. Cross checked all the numbers and the early season order is being processed
- b. Plan to open another store the week immediately following tryouts - jerseys ordered that round should come in right before the official season starts

3. Apparel Stores

- a. Maverik is going to have his design team mock up some new ideas for apparel
- b. Maverik store update could be a while because of personal stuff he is handling right now

4. Nets

- a. Blayne talked to me about the net rotation - I plan to try and get the oldest set of nets taken to be refurbished within the next month

5. Website

- a. Updated board and tryout information
- b. Uploaded some new photos around the website where I thought it needed to be done - added some photos to some areas





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Other Committee Reports

Pucks & Putts – Tyler Morgan

- Event was cancelled this year after board review. Message sent to DYHA members communicating the update.

New Business

- Goal refurbishment will be coordinated by Morgan.
- **Motion to appoint Karen Quick as house manager. Motion Mathis. Second Mathis. Motion approved.**

Closed Session initiated at 7:24.

- Scholarship review

Adjournment at 7:29

Motion Mathis. Second Morgan. Motion passes.

