



DYHA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Decatur Civic Center

Board members present: Ross Bareksten, Drew Early, Jon Erickson, Ryan Katt, Blayne Mathis, Ian Rhode, Andy Stukins, Karen Quick

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 5:36PM by Ross.

2. Approval of the March Minutes

- a. Motion by Jon to approve minutes
- b. 2nd by Karen
- c. Motion passes unanimously

3. Public Forum / Member Comments

- a. N/A
- b. Mark Birch, Jim Keller, Brett Poe present

4. 2025 Board Position Appointments

- a. Motion by Jon to nominate Ross Bareksten as President
- b. 2nd by Karen
- c. Motion passes unanimously
- d. Ross discussed and motioned to assign position as follows:
 - i. Blayne Mathis – VP
 - ii. Ian Rhode – Treasurer
 - iii. Karen Quick – Registrar and Webmaster
 - iv. Drew Early – Secretary
 - v. Ryan Katt – Hockey Director
- e. 2nd by Jon
- f. Motion passes unanimously
- g. Ross appointed the below and all accepted
 - i. Jon Erickson – Discipline
 - ii. Jen Deaton – Manager of Managers
 - iii. Andy Stukins – Ice Scheduler
- h. Social Media was discussed. This role may need to be outsourced. Departing Board Member Jim Keller volunteered to assist.

5. Financial Review

- a. Blayne gave the update, standing in for Brian Hillman.
 - i. Hickory Point bank accounts totaled approximately \$120,000

- ii. Last fiscal year was a loss of approximately \$17,000
- iii. Brian is working on settling Quickbooks for the last fiscal year still and expects to have this completed by End of Year

6. 16U Midget Program Update

- a. Update provided by Jim Keller
- b. 3 registrations so far but many discussions are in progress
- c. Tryout scheduling will be important where the suggestion is that later would be advantageous

7. Survey Results Discussion

- a. Overall positive results from surveys but bullying was one thing reported by some teams, particularly 12U and High School
 - i. In years past, Discipline Committee was used by coaches to address bullying with certain players
- b. This year we will need to stress to coaches locker room monitors and the standards we expect them to maintain
- c. Only about 69 responses from 200 kids means we could cast a wider net but also appreciate that the lower rate means many may be satisfied
- d. Vase majority – around 87% - were happy with the value. Overall positive responses.
- e. Discussed that summary results should be sent to members
- f. Discussed doing a preseason survey; to be done by the President or Hockey Director

8. Cage and Equipment Review

- a. Goalie Nets
 - i. Mark and Blayne coordinating new powdercoating on 4 full size goals.
 - ii. New nets will also be purchased for older mid-size nets
- b. Pure Hockey Store
 - i. To be renewed; timelines are always a concern
 - ii. New store to be opened before start of the season
 - iii. Discussed purchasing extra jerseys for Blues use and some spares for late-season joins/move-ups
- c. Follow Up on In-Ice Logos
 - i. Blayne to send Jon information on logo so he can pursue new graphics with Dynagraphics

9. Summer Activities

- a. Splash Cove
 - i. July 26th – 7PM – 9PM
 - ii. Ross confirmed all is set with nothing more to plan
 - iii. Andy asked to send the invite to the membership
 - iv. Comment was made that Lil Jon is playing at the Devon the night before
- b. Pucks and Putts Golf Outing
 - i. July 14th at 2PM at Country Club of Decatur
 - ii. Jon and Ross provided update
 - iii. Sponsorships and more to be arranged between now and the time of the outing
 - iv. Jon has been and will continue to accumulate items for the auction
- c. Coach's Application Timeline and Key Dates

- i. Ryan will need to get those done by next board meeting so AA coaches can be voted on next meeting and 3v3 responsibilities can be aligned
 - 1. Blayne challenged that 3v3 should be tied to AA level head coaches necessarily
 - 2. Ryan said we just need leads for each age level
 - 3. Jim offered to help in any capacity needed as able
 - 4. Agreement reached to get coaches applications out sooner, though not necessarily tie to head coaches
- d. Goalie Program and 3v3 League
 - i. See above regarding 3v3

10. SOP Language Adoption

- a. Ross presented
- b. Motion by Drew to support
- c. 2nd by Jon
- d. Motion passes unanimously

11. New Business/Topics Not Listed in Agenda

- a. Civic Center has asked for ice schedule, both preseason and regular season when possible
 - i. First open skate this year will be 7/25/25
- b. Blaze has sold their Premier and Elite teams and will now have an 18U AAA Team. This has some potential overlap with our high school program but impacts should be minor. Ice needs will be different this year
- c. Ryan brought forward that Blaze Foundation wants to sponsor a DYHA player's youth dues, hotel and other season costs. They want to introduce the player at the Blaze Alumni Game on 8/30/25.
 - i. Universal agreement from Board that DYHA Board should not be a part of determining this. The Blaze Foundation should take care of soliciting interest, selecting the player, performing reimbursements, etc.
 - ii. If Blaze Foundation alternately wants to donate to DYHA Scholarship fund so DYHA can award scholarships as normally and per normal DYHA confidential standards, that is also acceptable
- d. Brett Poe present and discussed goalie clinics
 - i. His availability is Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday though not all.
 - ii. Board discussed options:
 - 1. Fee-based goalie clinics open to players from all clubs with proper coach support
 - 2. Less cost clinics, less formalized with less support from other coaches, focused on developing Decatur players
 - 3. Group decided pre-season clinics will be for-fee and OPEN to players from other clubs

12. Closed Session

- a. Motion by Drew to move to closed session at 7:24PM
- b. 2nd by Jon
- c. Passed unanimously

13. Exit Closed Session

- a. Motion by Ian to exit closed session at 7:26PM
- b. 2nd by Jon
- c. Motion passes unanimously.

14. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Jon to close the meeting at 7:26PM
- b. 2nd by Ian
- c. Motion passes unanimously