



## DYHA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Decatur Civic Center

**Board members present:** Ross Bareksten, Mark Birch, Jen Deaton, Jim Keller (arrived 5:36PM), Blayne Mathis, Andy Stukins, Karen Quick

### 1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 5:33PM by Ross.

### 2. Approval of the March Minutes

- a. Motion by Blayne to approve minutes
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark
- c. Motion passes unanimously

### 3. Public Forum / Member Comments

- a. Mike Pickerell spoke from the Decatur Blaze Foundation indicating that they are looking forward to interacting with and partnering with Decatur Youth Hockey

### 4. 2025 Board Elections

- a. 3 Open Board Seats
  - i. Board Members with Terms Expiring: Mark Birch, Brian Hillman, Jim Keller
- b. 5 Applications Received: Mark Birch, Drew Early, Jon Erickson, Ian Rhode, Jerry Spain
- c. Elected Members Include: Drew Early, Jon Erickson, Ian Rhode
- d. Roles/Responsibilities will be Realigned at May Board Meeting
  - i. Will need to transfer ownership of Facebook page once new board members are seated
  - ii. Will need to remove Jim Keller from bank account as a signatory once roles are assigned and new board members seated

### 5. Financial Review

- a. Tax Exempt Status has been completed – just need to retrieve from the PO Box
  - i. This is needed for Raffle License
- b. Need to update CD's with Hickory Point Bank basis new board members elected and positions assigned
- c. Bank Accounts Settled
  - i. Paid last of bills tonight
- d. P&L shows loss but that was expected due to expenses this year

### 6. 16U Midget Program Update

- a. Would like to open registration to gain interest as soon as possible

- i. Jim Keller motioned to open registration for 16U by 4/11/25 with \$50 registration fee
      - ii. 2nd by Andy
      - iii. Passes unanimously
    - b. Goal would be to get players from DYHA and the surrounding region to begin building this program to feed into the high school program
    - c. 16U players can dual roster and play on the high school team as well
    - d. Expected to play 30-ish league games as well as tournaments with this program
- 7. Cage and Equipment Review**
- a. New Medium Sized Nets
    - i. 4 new to be purchased over the summer
  - b. New Regular Sized Nets
    - i. 2 to be purchased over the summer
  - c. Powder Coating and Netting Update
    - i. 2 Sets of Nets are still at CC Warehouse; still on the docket to be powder coated. Mark Scranton is donating the powder coating services.
    - ii. We have one set of netting and Blayne will purchase a second set prior to beginning of season.
- 8. Logo Summary**
- a. We have two options regarding this topic:
    - i. Use damaged logo and request Civic Center to lay out for Board to review prior to ice going in
    - ii. Return center ice to a true center ice with no logo; put DYHA shield on one side of the ice and Blaze logo on the other side
      - 1. Invoice Civic Center for the expense to order a new shield logo
      - 2. Blayne to get Jon Erickson the specifications for the small shield logo and Jon to speak with DynaGraphics on cost and timeline to produce.
- 9. Summer Activities**
- a. Splash Cove
    - i. Confirmed for July 26<sup>th</sup> from 7PM – 9PM
    - ii. Check has been dropped off
  - b. Pucks and Putts Golf Outing
    - i. Confirmed for July 14th at Country Club of Decatur
    - ii. May have ability to hire auctioneer
    - iii. Last year's golf outing brought approximately \$6,000 to the organization
- 10. 2025-2026 Program Outline**
- a. Beginner Program to begin as soon as ice goes down
- 11. New Business/Topics Not Listed in Agenda**
- a. Been working with Zac/the Blaze on summer programming/clinics/etc. with July 28 ice start.
    - i. Zac looking at a full week camp for the first week of August
  - b. Results from membership surveys to be sent out to board members for discussion in May
  - c. Year-End Survey Results Comments/Items to Address

- i. Bullying of players mentioned frequently in comments
  - 1. Need to address at Coach's meeting and Manager's meeting prior to season start
- d. Would like to have Brett Poe attend next board meeting to put together a goalie clinic for early ice prior to season and outline objectives for the season where goalies are concerned
- e. Mark Birch would still like to explore opportunities for installing fog blasters in the rink to celebrate goals
  - i. Blayne to provide options to Mark
- f. Mark Birch would also like to reach out to local hockey organizations to offer a full day of games for the annual Alumni Games

**12. Closed Session**

- a. Motion by Karen Quick to move to closed session at 7:08PM
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blayne Mathis
- c. Passed unanimously

**13. Exit Closed Session**

- a. Motion by Blayne to exit closed session at 7:14PM
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim
- c. Motion passes unanimously.

**14. Adjournment**

- a. Motion by Blayne to close the meeting at 7:15PM
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim
- c. Motion passes unanimously