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Board of Directors Meeting January 13th, 2025 – Agenda

Date: 01/13/2026
Time: 5:30 PM CST
Location: Decatur Civic Center (Lobby)

Meeting Attendees:

Ross Bereksten	Jen Deaton	Ryan Katt
Blayne Mathis	Karen Quick	Ian Rhode
Andy Stukins	John Weber	

Absent Board Member:

Drew Early

Guests:

Mark Birch

Meeting Called to Order by Bereksten at 5:30PM

Approval Pre-Distributed Minutes

- Motion Quick. Second Rhode. Motion Carries.

Public Forum / Member Comments

- Mark Birch brought topics to Board
 - DYHA Hall of Fame Plaque
 - Hidden by women’s bathroom currently
 - Suggested to move to more prevalent place
 - Potential to display in hall leading to locker rooms but would be in a SafeSport only zone
 - Suggested to call it “Hall of Flames”
 - Number of Board Members
 - In previous years, total board members was 15
 - Covered both youth and high school at total of 15 board members
 - Questioning whether there is interest in switching back to 15
 - Fog Blasters
 - Birch willing to setup and cover costs associated
 - Alumni Game
 - Next game planned for November 2026
 - Looking to expand offering to regional teams
 - All day event
 - Civic Center Waivers would need to be signed
 - Registration out of Crossbar – no rosters
 - Could be covered by USA Hockey
 - Suggested to reach out to Bill Franey from High School Board for alignment
 - High School Board By-laws state that this game is scheduled/run by their board so referred Birch to High School Board to discuss items above





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- Goal Frames
 - Will be dealt with after the season is over
- Rules in Penalty Box are gone again
 - Need to post again; referred to High School Board since were required at high school game

Discussion Topics

- Financial Review
 - DYHA now setup for ACH through Hickory Point
 - Blayne is noted as Super Administrator
 - 6U Jamborees
 - Participants will be charged individually
- Active Shooter Incident
 - No additional information other than Civic Center statement issued previously
 - Coaches did a good job of getting kids in locker rooms
 - Police arrived quickly and handled swiftly
 - Need to put a plan in place in coordination with Civic Center
- Blaze Food Drive
 - 10U C1 won the food drive
 - Food donated to Good Samaritan Inn
 - Will likely be a yearly event
- Hockey Director
 - 12U Team has lost a few players – down to a total of 11
 - Coach has requested to move a few players up from 10U for tournament
 - This would not follow DYHA's GOP's so will not be allowed
- Registrars Update
 - No coaches have been redlined per USA Hockey
 - USA Hockey brought back one time use exemption
 - 2 - New Beginner Sign-ups after New Year
- Cage & Equipment Review
 - Game Puck Order
 - 21 Day Leadtime After Order Finalized
 - Purchased 300 pucks previously
 - Will need to look at quick change goalie equipment for littles, post-season
 - 6U/8U parents have been requesting goalie helmets
 - From a safety standpoint, these players should be wearing their regular helmets
 - Have begun re-stringing new nets
- MoM Update
 - TOF Strategy and Update
 - Managers have dates (3/7 and 3/8) and times and are working to plan accordingly
- Maverick Spirit Wear Update
 - Updated Mock Store is up with new items which were requested
 - Coins have arrived to distribute at year end parties
- Summer Activities Alignment
 - Splash Cove
 - Schedule during same timeframe, around 7/15 date





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- Pucks and Putts
 - Would like to schedule again for 2026; will discuss in more detail at next meeting
- Civic Center asking timeframe for booking ice
 - Looking at mid-July

Motion Closed Session Katt at 6:23PM. Second Weber.

Motion to Exit Closed Session at 6:28PM Weber. Second Rhode.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:29PM Weber. Second Rhode.

