

# Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b> February 10, 2026	<b>Time:</b> 7:01PM – : PM	<b>Place:</b> Rinkside Room/Cornerstone
<b>Meeting Called By:</b> GBAYHA Board of Directors		<b>Type of Meeting:</b> GBAYHA Monthly Meeting
<b>Meeting Facilitator:</b> Nick Glander		<b>Notetaker:</b>
<b>Board Attendees:</b>		
Nathan Conoley*	Sarah Golden	Nick Maricque
Mike Dahleen	Robin Hester	Dove McDowell*
Joni Gegare*	Jessica Kimps	Natalie Mitchell*
Nick Glander	Kelly Losey	Jessie Pondell*
Joey Gerarden – Hockey Director		Mike Szkodzinski – Cornerstone Rep
<b>Guest Attendees:</b>		
Abby Gazella, Maddie Silk, Mikaela Messerschmidt, Joy Weires, Nathan & Marrisra Heim		
<b>Meeting Topics</b>		
<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Call to Order Roll Call	Nick G.	Nick @ 7:01PM
Approve Agenda	Nick G.	1 <sup>st</sup> – Natalie M. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Jessie P. All in favor, none opposed.
Approve Prior Meeting Minutes	Nick G.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Mike D. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Amanda S. All in favor, none opposed.
Raffle Ticket Drawing Winners	Nick G.	4 - \$50 winners 1. \$50 – 3. \$50 – 4. \$50 – 5. \$50 – Picture completed and email sent to Jayne Sharka
Presidents Update	Nick G.	<p><b><u>WAHA Playdown Summary - Congrats to:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10U Co-ed (Squirt) Gold</li> <li>• 10U Co-ed (Squirt) Black</li> <li>• 12U Co-ed (PW) Gold</li> <li>• 12 U Co-ed (PW) Black</li> <li>• 12U Girls A</li> <li>• 12U Girls B</li> <li>• 14U Girls B</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAHA President Meeting Summary</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion to have medical personnel at tournaments.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cost impacts could be challenging.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rebecca Hildebrandt is the new executive director for WAHA.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>End of Year Survey</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Similar to last year</li> <li>○ Name (preferred but will have an option for anonymous.</li> <li>○ Questions:</li> <li>○ What has gone well for you &amp; your player?</li> <li>○ What did not go well? What did you see as the issue / constraint?</li> <li>○ Regarding what did not go well, what suggestions do you have to improve your experience?</li> <li>○ What would you like to see in the future?</li> <li>○ Any additional comments / feedback?</li> <li>● Survey managed by Executive Board, and the comments are provided to proper committees. Comments to Board &amp; committee to remain anonymous.</li> <li>● Coaches             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How do you feel the season went overall?</li> <li>○ As a coach, what went well this season?</li> <li>○ What did not? What suggestions do you have for improvement?</li> <li>○ Did the Hockey Director touch base with you throughout the season?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Cornerstone Update	Nick G.	<p><b><u>Cornerstone Update:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fundraising at \$20.2M. 2.8M is the fundraising goal.</li> <li>● Roof ¾ on.</li> <li>● Still on track for Fall 2026</li> <li>● Financed and nothing stopping construction</li> </ul>
Director of Hockey	Joey Gerarden	<p>Did not meet this month due to playdowns.</p> <p>Spring hockey is coming, is different that Youth Hockey. Spring Hockey is run by Cornerstone.</p>
Agenda Topics	Nick G.	<p><b><u>Fundraising – Chair – Dove M.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Butter Bread fundraiser is closing soon.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Blizzard Ticket Pr0motion</u></b></p> <p><u>Golf Outing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lead – Sarah Golden</li> <li>● July 10<sup>th</sup> at Mid Vallee Golf Course.</li> <li>● Big push to get more teams registered.</li> <li>● More participation from GBAYHA families to get donations and sponsors.</li> <li>● Managers will get information out before end of year.</li> <li>● Businesses are more likely to donate if they a personal connection to asker.</li> <li>● All profits to got GBAYHA to offset costs.</li> <li>● Need Volunteers and will be an early option for volunteer hrs.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Registration – Outstanding Fees</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4 families with outstanding fees. All have been notified.</li> <li>● They have until the 15<sup>th</sup> to pay or skaters will be held offsite until payment is received.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Growth Committee</u></b></p> <p><u>Girls – Jessie Pondell</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Try hockey for Free Event – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ At capacity. 30 boys and 20 girls.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Olympic Theme W/ SNC Women on-ice and GBU off-ice support.</li> </ul>

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- 8U Girls Program – looking at launching 8U girls in fall.
    - If it is all girls, we can have girls from other organizations.
    - Putting in for a WAHA grant anticipating an all-girls team.
  - 8U to 10U Bridge Practice
    - About 5 girls are moving up. They will get an invitation to attend a 10U practice.
  - Girls Hockey Brand
    - Conversation with girls being their own “entity”. Appleton was used as an example. They have 3 -10U girls teams, and 2-8U girls teams.
      - Appleton is a Co-op, GBAYHA is not.
    - Nate attended the Ice Bears Meeting to gather information
      - They have issues and concerns.
    - Rebranding will not change numbers issue but could help.
    - Thought is:
      - Could increase girls numbers.
      - Look to rebrand as a new color or new name
      - Jessie will draft a survey to see if that is something the families want.
        - Will include with EoY Survey.
  - Jessie motions to pause jersey discussion in order to send the survey to the families.
    - Tori Seconds.
    - Nick M. Motions to include all families.
    - Mike D. Seconds.
    - **Revised Motion – to pause new jersey conversation in order to send an end-of-year survey to all families. This will include jersey options and thoughts and feeling toward identity in the organizations.**
      - **9 Yes, 4 No, Motion Passes.**
- Boys – Nate Conoley
- Try hockey for Free Event – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Next Level Hockey Camp Update –
    - Booked for a weekend camp. Friday – Sunday.
    - Nate will confirm with Don.
    - Offered a 10% discount for any GBAYHA family that wants to attend in Eagle River.
    - More Details in March Meeting.
  - Skate with SNC
    - Went well. 35 kids of all ages.
- Home Tournament Experience
- Beer License
    - Jan Tournament – Made \$150-151.
    - Held in El Paso Room.
    - SNC Game accounted for 44.7% of revenue.
    - We received the permits for the remaining tournaments.
- Jersey Discussion – Robin / Nate
- Options set (and provided).
    - Paused by the motion above.
    - Options are generated and will survey the membership.
    - Need 8-week lead time on ordering.
    - Ideally it would be good to pair with registration.
    - Still need some guidance on policy.

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		<p><b><u>State Tournament</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12U B Girls Host State             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jessie P. will be Director</li> <li>○ Jessie reached out to teams and coaches.</li> <li>○ Will get some time slots and volunteers that are needed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Volunteer Appreciation Discussion</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we, as an organization, appreciate those who go above and beyond what is ‘volunteer hours’. Make sure they are acknowledged.</li> </ul>
Future Topics	Nick G.	<p>March Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April Board Elections             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 7 board positions open.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GBAYHA Goalies Discussion</li> <li>• Fees - Reducing Practices</li> </ul>
Treasurer’s Report	Tori	<p>Concession stand kickback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aug. - \$15.69</li> <li>• Sept. – \$287.22</li> <li>• Oct. - \$230.20</li> <li>• Nov. - \$1,262.12</li> <li>• Dec. - \$1,583.94</li> <li>• Jan. - \$2,699.48</li> </ul>
Closed Session	Nick G.	Nothing at this time.
Motion to Adjourn		<p>Motion to adjourn at 8:46PM</p> <p>1st: Nicole S.</p> <p>2nd: Joni G.</p> <p>All in favor, none opposed</p>
<b>NEXT BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY – March 10, 2026– 7PM</b>		

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Committees/Positions	2025-26 Leader Name(s)	Additional Comments
<b>Hockey Operations / Coaching Committee</b>		
Hockey Director	Joey Gerarden	
<b>Fundraising - Chair – Dove McDowell</b>		
GBAYHA Fundraising	Dove McDowell / Kelly Losey	
Tournament Raffle Coordinator	Amanda Aplin	Need 1 more person
Scripts Coordinator	Melissa Phillips	
Calendar Raffle	Mandi Thiel	Need 1 more person
50/50 Gambler game	Amanda Aplin	
Apparel	Nicole Smith	
<b>Registrars / WAHA Compliance – Chair – Natalie Mitchell</b>		
Registrar	Amanda- Finance Natalie Mitchell- all other things	
Safety Coordinator	Natalie Mitchell	
Cultural Education Liaison	Natalie Mitchell	
Conduct Committee	Megan (Chair) Steve Linssen	
<b>Growth Committee – Chair - Nathan Conoley</b>		
Youth Girls Growth Liaison	Jessie Pondell	
Youth Boys Growth Liaison	Nathan Conoley	
Cultural Growth	Jessie Pondell, Nathan Conoley, Natalie Mitchel	
Try Hockey for Free Coordinator	Nathan Conoley	
8U Mites Liaison	Lizzy Ariens	
<b>Volunteer Hours Coordinator – Chair – Joni Gegare</b>		
Volunteer Hours / Credits	8U - Abbie Gazella 10U – 14U– Joni Gegare / Jessica Mercheck	
<b>GBAYHA Positions – Chair – Kelly Losey</b>		
Manager & Locker Room Coordinator	Kelly Losey / Robin	
Goalie Liaison	Mike Dahleen	
Goalie Equipment	Jeremiah Muenhow	
Equipment/Jerseys	Amber Baugnet / Kelly Losey	
Tournament Coordinator	Kevin Leigang	