



Fox Valley Youth Hockey Association **BLADES**

The Fox Valley Youth Hockey Association (FVYHA)'s mission is to give youth ages 4 to 15 the opportunity to develop character, sportsmanship and teamwork skills through the sport of hockey.

August 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting date and time: 8/21/2025

Meeting called to order at: 6:18 By Chris Hansman

Location: Woodshed Bar and Grill

Present

Chris Hansman (President)
Nick Miller (Vice President & Scheduler)
Justin Plutz (Treasurer)
Brittany Sullivan (Registrar)
Troy Hawkinson (Director of Hockey)
Sam Hawkinson (Tournament Director/Website)
Alyssa Mason (Bantam Director)
Tara Corneil (Fundraising/SCRIP Coordinator)
Matt Caruana (IP Director)
Christina Syverud (Secretary)
Melissa Hodgson (Sponsor Coordinator)
Zack Boycks (Growth Coordinator)

Absent

Kevin Grater (Appleton Ice)
Matt Mohelnitzky (Mite Director)
Zack Boycks, Don Allen (Growth Coordinator)
Hannah Scholl (PeeWee Director)
Bret Hamer (Safety Coordinator)
Emily Grasse (Equipment Manager)
Jethe Abraham (Squirt Director)
Teryn Williams (Volunteer Coordinator)

Member attendees:

BOARD MEETING

- **APPLETON ICE. DISCUSSION:** *Kevin Grater*

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- **MEMBER COMMENTS:** N/A
- **RECOGNITIONS:**
 - Thanks to Mike Williams for replacing all the lights and rewiring the concession stands.
 - Thanks to Louie for helping clean and fix concessions. Thank you to the volunteers that helped prepare the lobby to paint.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Brittany motioned, seconded by Chris and Matt.

REPORTS

- **President's Report- Chris Hansman**
 - *Painting Project - Adding 1 more Prep session and then opening up painting option with ice for each age group over Labor day.*
 - *Parent meeting - Oct. 1st, Neenah Atrium, just need to confirm time.*
 - *THFF- dates are set Sept. 21st 2-3:30 @ tri county and Oct. 11th 1-2:30 @ Appleton, Stacy is working with Matt and Matt around registration for USA Hockey. Make sure volunteer spots are open within crossbar (Teryn).*
 - *IP Welcome Event - Oct. 12th 1-5pm, Emily is going to work on registration through crossbar this year, so seamless with calendar's.*
 - *Waivers (Troy)*
 - *Release - Oshkosh Player that moved to Neenah, but did a trial 6 week program last year (getting full info) - Unanimous vote to release Bentley Henning.*
 - *Scholarship - received 1, need to get a committee together to vote.*
- **Vice President's Report – Nick Miller**
 - Question of renting out mite gear. Preference to not, as that would be more cost, space, and more stuff to keep track of. Idea to sell at Blades Blastoff or send them to play it again sports if looking for cheaper stuff when just starting.
 - **New parent meeting to address how to fit equipment?**
 - IP team manager - Need someone that knows the club and has experience.
- **Registrar's Report – Brittany Sullivan**
 - Skater move-ups
 - In person registration - 14 families 1st night, 12 families 2nd night
 - Lots of questions on pricing - base registration is listed and no mention of jersey costs or raffle cost being in addition to listed price
 - New this year - I do need to upload a board of directors to USAHockey before I can upload rosters - please complete safesport and background check if they are expiring this year.
 - Late registration fee - 20%
- **Treasurer's Report – Justin Plutz**
 - Paid Ice invoice for Sept.

- **Fundraising Report – Tara Corneil**
Raise right was successful
- **Volunteer Report - Teryn Williams**
Blades Blastoff and Drop the puck - need times for games
Parking spots raffle
- **Website Coordinator- Sam Hawkinson**
 - Update paint volunteer with ice time for kids while painting. Times to paint over Labor day
 - Blades Blastoff - Plenty of sponsors. Last day to register 8/22.
 - Concessions
- **Tournament Director - Sam Hawkinson**
 - Hats
 - Order more drinks, chips
 - Alcohol license applied for and tent reserved.
- **Growth Report – Zach Boycks , Don Allen**
 - St Margaret Mary homecoming
 - NHM Float
- **Sponsorship Coordinator - Melissa Hodgson**
 - Kwik Trip renewed
 - Reach out to Play it again sports
- **Safety Coordinator- Bret Hamer**
 - *New backboard*
 - *All teams have a first aid backpack for Team Manager to have during the season.*
- **Scheduler Report - Nick Miller**
 - Almost done with the schedule. Need to send out Google form for families to sign up for concessions.
 - Kelsey in charge of the Mite schedule.
- **Director of Hockey Report – Troy Hawkinson**
 - Waiver approvals - Unanimous vote to add all and release Bentley Henning

- Lucas Hirsbrunner 2017 Mite
 - Gustav Ulrich 13
 - Joey Miller 13
 - Hamer
 - CC All yes
 - Accepted position for Midget team - John Krisna, Easton - non-parent coaches
 - NHM Blades night Dec. 20th
 - Fall Agility Monday, Tuesday - starting Sept. 15th
- **Age Directors' Reports** - *Time allotted | 15 min| Action required: please submit reports via email prior to meeting if possible.*
 - **IP-Matt Caruana**
 - IP welcome event at Scheels Oct 12th
 - Need to set up volunteer postings, same as last year.
 - IP "Team Manager"
 - Amy Pomeroy
 - **Mites** – Matt Mohelnitzky
 - n/a
 - **Squirt** – Jethe Abraham
 - n/a
 - **PeeWee** – Hannah Scholl
 - n/a
 - **Bantams** – Alyssa Mason
 - Gear swap Blades Blastoff

OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSIONS

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS/VOTING ITEMS

- Blast off
- Equipment Inventory & needs
- Sponsorship outreach
- Waivers
- Skater Registration
- Player Conduct issues

- Labor Day/ End of summer parade Greenville - Not participating this year.
- Team store apparel

Meeting adjourned at: 7:52 motioned by Chris Hansman, seconded by Justin Plutz

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 18, 2025 6:30 p.m. Woodshed

