



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.

January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting date and time: 1/15/2026

Meeting called to order at: 6:51 by Nick Miller and Troy Hawkinson

Location: Tri-County Ice Arena - Party Room

Present

Nick Miller (Vice President & Scheduler)
Troy Hawkinson (Director of Hockey)
Justin Plutz (Treasurer)
Christina Syverud (Secretary)
Brittany Sullivan (Registrar)
Sam Hawkinson (Tournament Director/Website)
Teryn Williams (Volunteer Coordinator)
Jethe Abraham (Squirt Director)
Hannah Scholl (PeeWee Director)
Alyssa Mason (Bantam Director)
Matt Mohelnitzky (Mite Director)
Melissa Hodgson (Sponsor Coordinator)
Tara Corneil (Fundraising/SCRIP Coordinator)

Absent

Chris Hansman (President)
Matt Caruana (IP Director)
Bret Hamer (Safety Coordinator)
Kevin Grater (Appleton Ice)
Emily Grasse (Equipment Manager)
Zack Boycks (Growth Coordinator)
Don Allen (Growth Coordinator)
Melissa Hodgson (Sponsor Coordinator)

Member attendees:

BOARD MEETING

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

Looking to create a committee to run on the Fox Valley side to fundraise.

- **MEMBER COMMENTS:** N/A

- **RECOGNITIONS:** Sam, Teryn, Katie N for running the Winter Classic Mite tournament. Jill Steffek and Denise Caruana.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Hannah Scholl, Brittany seconded

REPORTS

- **President's Report-** *Chris Hansman*
 - Organization feedback report - midseason survey, already done at the end of the year.
 - James Taylor leading Blades Bash - Raffle for Volunteer 10 hours.
 - Age directors - keep reminding people to sell gun raffle tickets. Possibly post w/ purchase on facebook
 - Positions available posted. Nominations due Feb. 8th.
 - Voting spots moving forward stay the same
- **Vice President's Report** – *Nick Miller*
 - N/A
- **Registrar's Report** – *Brittany Sullivan*
 - Create a new U8 mite team with IP's moved up and some U6 to round out U8 mite teams.
- **Treasurer's Report** – *Justin Plutz*
 - 1099 Submitted 990 exchanges completed.
 - Class B raffle is set up and complete.
 - The cutoff for Scrip may be moved up.
 - CoVantage roll over
- **Fundraising Report** – *Tara Corneil*
 - Hockey Fantasy raffle - Post picture of envelope to facebook. Approved for next year.
 - Kwik Trip raffle
- **Volunteer Report** - *Teryn Williams*
 - Posting hours volunteer hours for monsters on ice, girls grow the game, playdowns, Blades Bash.
 - IP move ups were all given 5 hours of volunteer time.
 - How to handle invoices for not filling volunteer hours.
- **Website Coordinator-** *Sam Hawkinson*
 - Everybody happy with new look
 - Locker room policy

Tournament Director - *Sam Hawkinson*

- Pure Hockey mini sticks for Winter Classic, question for Bantam C state as well as pre order.
- Girl team tournament during Winter Classic

- Bantam C State - Possible NHM player doing clock work all weekend, if we don't fill volunteer hours, music, announcements, scoresheets.
- Raffle Baskets for Bantam C state tournament. Katie is working on.
- Souvenir for State - Raffle tickets for baskets
- **Growth Report** – *Zach Boycks , Don Allen*
 - Girls bring a friend day.
- **Sponsorship Coordinator** - *Melissa Hodgson*
 - Delivering Blades Blast off jerseys and Thank yous on Monday.
- **Safety Coordinator**- *Bret Hamer*
 - N/A
- **Equipment Coordinator** -
 - **MOI**
 - 10 IP Teams (Friday night or Saturday morning games)
 - 3U6 Blue teams - Don created rosters
 - 3 White teams (Mammoth, Kraken, Stars)- all rosters submitted
 - 1 REd team - roster submitted
 - Concession hours (tentative: Friday 6-8, Saturday 8am-7pm, Sunday 8am- 3pm)

Girls

Grow the Game clinic - Monday Feb 16th 11-2
 Open to all registered USA hockey U8 and U6 female players
 1-2 hours of clinic, 1 hour jam style game and mash up
 Tori DuVal, Goalies Inc., Lawrence and Gambler (maybe) Looking to add a few more.

Equipment

31 bags were handed out
 All 75 sticks were handed out, 0 remain in the gear room
 10 neck remain for the year will need to order more during the off season

- **Scheduler Report** - *Nick Miller*
 - The schedule will fluctuate before playdowns everyone will have a practice Fri. night or Sat before playdowns.
- **Director of Hockey Report** – *Troy Hawkinson*
 - Morning Skates going well
 - Pee wee/ Goalie time switch on Thursday.
 - Great Culture
- **Age Directors' Reports** - *Time allotted | 15 min| Action required: please submit reports via email prior to meeting if possible.*
 - **IP-Matt Caruana**

- n/a
- **Mites – Matt Mohelnitzky**
 - n/a
- **Squirt – Jethe Abraham**
 - n/a
- **PeeWee – Hannah Scholl**
 - Pee wee B won Appleton Tournament
 - Bantam goodie bags
- **Bantams – Alyssa Mason**
 - Raffle Baskets

OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSIONS

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NEW BUSINESS/VOTING ITEMS

- Volunteer for State Tournament
- Send out requests for Board Elections
- Nomination requests and bios for Board positions due (Jan 15)
- Slapshot with Bios - 2 week voting period, need to announce results in March
- Reach out to Neenah, Menasha, Greenville, Hortonville Youth/Tball directors to promote THFF and next year IP dates. (Growth Coordinator)

Adjourned: 8:10 motion Nick Miller, second Hannah, approved Tara

NEXT MEETING: Feb 19th 6:30 Woodshed

