



Fox Valley Youth Hockey Association

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.

June 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: 6/18/2026

Meeting called to order at: 6:38pm by Rene

Location and time: Woodshed Bar & Grill 6:30 p.m.

Present

Rene L'Esperance (President)
Nick Miller (Vice President & Scheduler)
Troy Hawkinson (Director of Hockey)
Sam Hawkinson (Tournament Director)
Brittany Sullivan (Registrar)
Hannah Scholl (PeeWee Director)
Sara Hansman (Squirt Director)
Jimmy Taylor (Website Coordinator)
Teryn Williams (Volunteer Coordinator)
Kristen Hirsbrunner (Fundraising/SCRIP Coordinator)
Zach Boycks (Growth Coordinator)
? (Safety Coordinator)
Matt Caruana (IP Director)

Absent

Ben Weight (Treasurer)

Kevin Grater (Appleton Ice)
Christina Syverud (Secretary)
Megan Czosek (Bantam Director)
Jill Steffeck (Mite Director)
Emily Grasse (Equipment Manager)
Melissa Hodgson (Sponsor Coordinator)

Member attendees: N/A

BOARD MEETING

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

- **RECOGNITIONS:** Zach Boycks → 4th of July Parade
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Nick Motion to approve. Brittany 2nd. Mins Approved

REPORTS:

- **President's Report-**
 - Action without meeting June 9, 2026. 2 motions approved - 1) \$50,000 to Appleton Ice for advanced ice fees. 2) approval of Matt Caruana for IP Coordinator.
 - WAHA Update: WAHA Bd of Directors passed nine (9) rules changes. Of note - emergency goalie permitted for playdowns/state for illness/injury, not suspension. 90 second intermissions instead of 3 min. for playdowns/state. Rosters have to be approved prior to any games played.
 - WAHA Mite Equipment Grant: Application submitted June 17. Grant would provide 10 complete mite equipment sets valued at approximately \$3,500 for use in FVYHA's Introductory Program and Mini-Mite program. Awards will be announced before the WAHA Annual Meeting on August 1.
 - **Get Members to go Vote for new WAHA board members: Brand/Coppick**
 - Information - Lord of the Rinks Article, USA Today - 5.7.26
- **Vice President's Report – Nick Miller**
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- **Treasurer's Report – Ben Weight**
 - Yearly Report: Given by Miller → See Spreadsheet (updated).
 - Income: 31K
 - Coaching Committee: request purchase of reversible jersey. 60 per age group. 180 total.
 - 2 TVs and an Ipad
 - Shooter Tutor
 - Fundraising Expenses: \$28,437.50 to Hockey Fantasy Raffle
 - Gun Raffle
 - Ridgeway Deposit: \$500
 - \$5,000 → Blades bash
 - Ice Budget: \$270k
 - Coaching Reimbursement
 - PEP/Non-parent coaches/Evaluators
 - State Entry Fees
 - Goal Inc: \$6k
 - Scholarships:
 - Goalie Reduced fees: \$2,800
 - HOH: \$7.500
 - Additional Ice: Open Play: 7k → \$35/Blade Skater
 - Large ice must be in use.
 - Pool Rules: Under 12 must have an adult on site.
 - Everyone is already paid for.
 - Waiver
 - Starts: Oct 24th, 2026

- IP: Sticks and Neckguards
 - Registration: equipment rental: \$50→\$75
 - Sticks. Will vote if needed.
 - \$3,000 for any gear purchases.
 - Program Expense: 331K
 - Conservative Budget: to not over extend.
- Skate Fees:
 - Bantams: \$ 1,575 → \$1,750
 - Peewees: \$ \$1,400 → \$1,550
 - Squirts: \$1,175 → \$1,300
 - Mites: \$625 → \$725
 - U6: \$475
 - IP: \$110 & \$60
- *Motion to Approve the Budget: Matt 1st→ Troy 2nd*
 - All Approved
 - Increase in skate fees to cover the cost of increased ice cost. Cost per age group comparable to the surrounding clubs.
- **Registrar's Report – Brittany Sullivan**
 - New Region 3 Registrar: **Becky Unterriker**
 - C: 920.939.5122
 - Becky.Unterriker@usahockey.org
 - July 31 deadline for board members to obtain new USA Hockey number AND register on Crossbar
 - Will we have games the weekend after tryouts? Need to have rosters approved prior - which means head coach needs to have USA Hockey #, Background Screen approved and Safesport completed 3 days prior.
 - First (true) games will be two weeks after Try-Outs
 - Try Outs: Oct 5th, 6th, and 8th
 - Oct 24th will be the first weekend of games.
- Any feedback on adding/removing from registration?
 - ☐ Hockey Experience and Job Employer/Title
 - ☐ Take off 1hour IP
 - ☐ Family Max volunteer hours→ Click Yes.
 - ☐ Unfulfilled Volunteer hours will be charged at Registration.
- **Fundraising Report – Kristen Hirsbrunner**
 - End of season report for Raise Right has been run so codes for registration can be generated.

- Hockey Sweepstakes 25/26 Season: U14: 15 tickets each totaling \$375. U6-U12: 10 tickets each totaling \$250. Total Profit: \$56,000 (50% went to FVYHA and 50% went to 3rd Party)
- 26/27 Season Ideas: [Link to Document](#). Payout through check, Venmo, or credit back to Crossbar account.
 - EVERYONE: look at the spreadsheet - Goal being 30K profit.
 - **Need** to make a decision ASAP.
 - Vote on the final by June 25th.
 - Bantam will need to sell +\$160 more to cover the cost of Jersey and Tourney fees.
- Possible incentives to sell more??? Sell an additional 10 tickets get \$25 off fees (credited through Crossbar)
- **Volunteer Report** - *Teryn Williams*
 - Blades Blast Off hours will be posted early. Break it down by hour.
 - Concessions Profit to alleviate Tournament Fees? Better numbers needed.
- **Website Coordinator**- Jimmy Taylor
 - Met with Sam H today, keeping the website up to date and running→ fresh.
 - Helping with Capitol Campaign with the ask that AHAA also has a go to person (liaison) to do the same.

Tournament Director - *Sam Hawkinson*

- Blades Blast Off Meeting: We are ready to go. Melissa is reaching out to all the past sponsors. Prices are staying the same. 131 skaters registered
 - Skills Competition?
 - No Refunds
 - Highschool Volunteer Hours
- Mite Tournament - need to build
 - Nick will send to WAHA to sanction
 - Sam will get the bill: want to raise the price from \$350→\$425/50
 - Adding a girls division.
- **Growth Report** -

- FVYHA X NSC
 - Asking to Blast out the Flyer
 - Try Hockey: for NSC/Neenah Baseball
 - Greenville/Hortonville
- School Flyers
- Parade:
- Blades bring a friend day: gear provided: 1 hour for boys, 1 hour for girls.
- **Sponsorship Coordinator - *Melissa Hodgson***
 - Start getting sponsors for Blades Blast Off
 - Do we want to put a post in the next newsletter asking for sponsors?
- **Safety Coordinator -**
 - Remove Bret Hamer from the email.
 - Katie N.
- **Equipment Coordinator - *Emily Grasse***
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- **Scheduler Report - *Nick Miller***
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- **Director of Hockey Report – *Troy Hawkinson***
 - Breakfast Club Email went out: need min 10 skaters per age group.
 - Try Outs: Oct 5th, 6th, and 8th: Age Directors hand out jerseys.
 - Squirts: 5:00- 6:30p
 - PeeWee: 6:30- 8:00p
 - Bantam: 8:00- 9:30p
- **Age Directors' Reports - *Time allotted | 15 min| Action required: please submit reports via email prior to meeting if possible.***
 - **IP- Matt**
 - Bring a friend event. Need Volunteers.
 - **Mites – Jill Steffek**
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 - **Squirt – Sara Hansman**
 - Parent suggestions: should board members sit in on after every try-out night for perception.

- **PeeWee – Hannah Scholl**
 - Try-out dinner for evaluators.
 - Welcome back picnic → Blades Blast Off (Sept 26th-26th)
 - Gear Swap: Priced and removed by owner each night from the tent.

- **Bantams – Megan Czosek**
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OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSIONS

- Finalize and approve the budget
- Establish budget and player fees
- Establish sign up dates - July 1 - 31st.
- Submit equipment needs to board

NEW BUSINESS/VOTING ITEMS - Upcoming for July:

Budget to be approved
 Deadline for Waiver acceptance
 July 4th Parades and Community Fests
 Review Bylaws and Policies and discuss at Board mtg
 Register for the WAHA Annual Meeting - (I believe this already happened & were there)
 Welcome back picnic ?

Motion to Adjourn: Troy motioned to adjourn → Matt seconded @9:39pm

Adjourned:

NEXT MEETING: July 16th, 6:30 Woodshed

