



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.

July 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting date and time: 7/17/2025

Meeting called to order at: 6:32 meeting called to order by Chris Hansman

Location: Tri - County Ice Arena

Present

Chris Hansman (President)
Nick Miller (Vice President & Scheduler)
Justin Plutz (Treasurer)
Brittany Sullivan (Registrar)
Troy Hawkinson (Co-Director of Hockey)
Sam Hawkinson (Tournament Director/Website)
Matt Mohelnitzky (Mite Director)
Hannah Scholl (PeeWee Director)
Alyssa Mason (Bantam Director)
Zack Boycks , Don Allen (Growth Coordinator)
Tara Corneil (Fundraising/SCRIP Coordinator)
Bret Hamer (Safety Coordinator)
Matt Caruana (IP Director)
Christina Syverud (Secretary)
Teryn Williams (Volunteer Coordinator)
Emily Grasse (Equipment Manager)

Absent

Jethe Abraham (Squirt Director)
Kevin Grater (Appleton Ice)
Melissa Hodgson (Sponsor Coordinator)

Member attendees: N/A

BOARD MEETING

- **APPLETON ICE. DISCUSSION:** *Kevin Grater*
 - N/A

- **MEMBER COMMENTS:** N/A
- **RECOGNITIONS:**
Zack Boycks and Don Allen for putting together a float for the Neenah 4th of July parade.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** N/A There was no June Board Meeting held.

REPORTS

- **President's Report- Chris Hansman**
Gun raffle approved. Have tickets ready by registration.
Concessions - Chris and Louis going to a food show, and we have a contract. Chris and Louis working to organize and clean it up.. Age limit 14 or older, unless it is your own child.
- **Vice President's Report – Nick Miller**
 - Hosting Bantam C state tournament Feb. 21-22 at Champion Center.
 - Hosting PeeWee A state tournament in 2 years.
 - Have Stars schedule and Nick is working on scheduling Friday night games and all teams will have a Friday night game.
 - Working to secure a liquor license for Blades Blastoff. 120 kids registered.
- **Registrar's Report – Brittany Sullivan**
 - All Board members need to have Background checks and safesport completed every 2 years.
 - Script - digital with codes
 - In person registration dates/jersey try-on
 - Aug 7 6pm-8pm
 - Aug 18 4pm - 6pm
 - Registration open August 5, closes September 1
- **Treasurer's Report – Justin Plutz**
 - N/A
- **Fundraising Report – Tara Corneil**
NHL Sweepstakes cards would need 13 additional cards, meat raffle or pay \$162.00.
Do not need a raffle license for this. Adding into registration cost.
Restaurant fundraiser or Food Truck night. Comedy Club is also an option looking at Thursday night.
- **Volunteer Report - Teryn Williams**
No volunteer buyout this year. If the bill is not paid their child can not try out.

- **Website Coordinator- Sam Hawkinson**
 - Any updates that need to be made
 - Updated all board positions
- **Tournament Director - Sam Hawkinson**
 - BBO
 - 120 Registered
 - Will push out a “one month to register” email & social media post next week - expect to surpass last years 167 - hoping to recruit some Bantams
 - Need to schedule another BBO meeting to plan w/ age directors and tournament committee - last meeting was in June - talked about tasks that need to be done, etc.
 - Need sponsors
 - Drop the Puck - October 17-19th
 - Head of event with Sarah Fuecht
 - The ask is that our board be present that day helping
 - Winter Classic out in the world- already have a couple registered
- **Growth Report – Zach Boycks , Don Allen**
 - Sponsor for BBO \$500 for 1 team, \$1500 for 4 teams
 - The parade was a success.
 - Flyers out to schools to try hockey. Neenah public and private schools.
 - Ice time for girls try hockey, try hockey & U6 bring a friend day.
- **Sponsorship Coordinator - Melissa Hodgson**
 - Securing teams for Blades Blades Off, and checks should be coming in. Still looking for more if you know anyone interested!
 - Kwik Trip renewed Dasher board (check should be coming as well)
 - The Milwaukee Herd reached out and would like to have FVB for a game - schedule is pending, will send out possible dates when I hear more.
- **Safety Coordinator- Bret Hamer**
 - N/A
- **Scheduler Report - Nick Miller**
 - Might have games around Thanksgiving weekend.
- **Director of Hockey Report – Troy Hawkinson**
 - Ice contract done.
 - Reviews positive from HOH.

- Need another coaches committee meeting.
- 3 waivers - 2 PeeWee (1 comes with a mite, so 3)
- Fall agility
- Power Skating in the morning during winter.
- 5 squirt, 3 PeeWee, 3 Bantam teams. Working on logistics of a Midget team. Will add to registration.
- **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
 - Commitment from Meat Block for Blades Blastoff.
 - **Squirt** – Jethe Abraham
 - N/A
 - **PeeWee** – Hannah Scholl
 - Getting families familiar with scoreboard and IPAD (scoresheets), and music.
 - **Bantams** – Alyssa Mason
 - N/A

OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSIONS

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS/VOTING ITEMS

- Golf Outing
- Blast off
- Equipment Inventory & needs
- Sponsorship outreach
- Budget
- Waivers

Budget Review: Motion to approve via Justin Plutz, Tara Seconded motion. Board approved budget.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:37 motion to adjourn by Chris Hansman, Seconded by Hannah Scholl

NEXT MEETING: August 6:00pm WOODSHED Bar and Grill Neenah

