



## 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.

### April 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting date and time: 4/17/2025

Meeting called to order at: 6:08 by Chris Hansman

Location: Woodshed Bar & Grill Neenah

#### **Present**

Chris Hansman (President)  
Nick Miller (Vice President & Scheduler)  
Justin Plutz (Treasurer)  
Brittany Sullivan (Registrar & equipment manager)  
Troy Hawkinson (Co-Director of Hockey)  
Kevin Grater (Appleton Ice)  
Sam Hawkinson (Tournament Director/Website)  
Matt Mohelnitzky (Mite Director)  
Jethe Abraham (Squirt Director)  
Hannah Scholl (PeeWee Director)  
Alyssa Mason (Bantam Director)  
Kammi Pelant (Secretary)  
Zack Boycks , Don Allen (Growth Coordinator)  
Tara Corneil (Fundraising/SCRIP Coordinator)  
Andrea Schilling (Fundraising/SCRIP Coordinator)  
Bret Hamer (Safety Coordinator)  
Matt Caruana (IP Director)

#### **Absent**

Kevin Grater  
Bret Hamer  
Zack Boycks  
Don Allen

Member attendees:

#### **BOARD MEETING**

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

- **RECOGNITIONS:**

- Sara Hansman, Megan Czosek, Kelsey Raby, Emily Grasse, Chris Hansman,
- WEHL Championship
- John Kriz for summer help along with Mark Ewing & Derek Selch

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Nick Motion, Chris Second

## **REPORTS**

- **President's Report- Chris Hansman**

- Golf Outing - looking to switch the date from Sept 8th to a summer date. Talked to Ridgeway to change. Talked to Tommy to make sure we aren't stepping on toes in regards to sponsorship/ fundraising campaigns. Look into possibly moving to Westridge if Ridgeway doesn't have a date that works.
- Tommy says close to 1 million. Want to have the cash to pay in full in September. Goal 1.5 mil by hockey season. 3 mil and we will have community first will give us funding to do tri - county.
- Blue sky insulation next year for the large rink. Ductwork coming down over large ice. Spray foam in the small rink.
- AMCOR possible naming rights for rinks, not building.
- Appleton Ice not getting tri-county.

- **Vice President's Report – Nick Miller**

- Bid for Squirt C 2026. Bid in for 2027 Squirt A. State Tournament
- Kevin Concession stand. Running our own and Appleton will run theirs. Talk to Stars about running it. Require each family to pick a game. We will be renting it. Open for every game on the weekend. System for inventory in how to keep stocked. Committee to run it.
- Patches are ordered

- **Registrar's Report – Brittany Sullivan**

- Reached out to Stacy and has not heard back. Will reach out to Fred if she won't respond.
- Registration and making sure coaches are certified.
- Upload jersey numbers into USA Hockey.

- **Treasurer's Report – Justin Plutz**

- Bank looks healthy and all forms submitted.

- **Fundraising Report – [Tara Corneil](#) and [Andrea Schilling](#)**

- N/A

- **Volunteer Report - Sam Hawkinson**

- Follow up discussion about volunteer hours.  
20 hours per family, not including concessions. We are doing more events and reasoning for increased hours. Should know by Aug. to figure out hours.
- Limitless League
  - Low enrollment - any ideas on how to create partnerships?

Zack Boycks is promoting any way he can.

- **Website Coordinator- Sam Hawkinson**
  - Created a new registration for Off Ice program that Troy will talk about later - priced at \$185 so that our profit is still \$180.
- **Tournament Director - Sam Hawkinson**
  - Blades Blast Off
    - Need to start securing sponsors
      - An idea would be to tie to the golf outing - sponsor a hole and a team for \$1,000? Or something along those lines?
      - Roles for Swap, Brat Fry etc.
- **Growth Report – Zach Boycks , Don Allen**
  - U6 bring a friend day in the spring
  - Partnership with girls hockey. ex. Girl Scouts getting a patch to try hockey.
  - Plan to have a mite girls team.
- **Sponsorship Coordinator -**
  - N/A
- **Safety Coordinator- Bret Hamer**
  - N/A
- **Scheduler Report - Nick Miller**
  - Start working on schedule in July
- **Director of Hockey Report – Troy Hawkinson**
  - Ice Schedule completed sent to Appleton, Ice looking for approval on ice slots for 25-26 season.
  - Summer skills with Kriz (formerly Agility) filling up sent out reports will continue to update.
  - Offseason off ice program to go live. Do we want to do an early sign up option for board members & Head Coaches?
  - End of year coaches meeting set, Thursday May 8th.

**Age Directors' Reports - Time allotted / 15 min/ Action required: please submit reports via email prior to meeting if possible.**

- **IP**-Matt Caruana
  - Going to Fridays.
- **Mites** – Matt Mohelnitzky
  - Mites play games after IP on Fridays.
  - Change email to U6/U8 Mites. Get rid of U6.
- **Squirt** – Jethe Abraham
  - N/A
- **PeeWee** – Hannah Scholl
  - Waivers due date July 31st.
- **Bantams** – Alyssa Mason

- Meat Raffle vs. Calendar Raffle?

## OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSIONS

- N/A

## NEW BUSINESS/VOTING ITEMS

- Golf Outing
- Blast off- early bird signup

### **Board Positions for 2025-2026 Season:**

President: Chris Hansman

Vice President: Nick Miller

Secretary: Christina Syverud \*Needs a Vote Hannah Motion, Troy Second, approved.

Treasurer: Justin Plutz

Registrar: Brittany Sullivan

Director of Hockey: Troy Hawkinson

### **Age Directors for 2025-2026:**

Bantam: Alyssa Mason\* Needs a Vote Hannah motioned, Jethe second, approved

Pee Wee: Hannah Scholl

Squirt: Jethe Abraham

Mite: Matt Mohelnitzky

IP Director: [Matt Caruana](#)\*Needs a voteNeeds a Vote Hannah motioned, Jethe second, approved

### **Volunteer Positions for 2025-2026 Season will be voted on at 6pm on April 17th:**

Website Sam Hawkinson~ Hannah motioned , Chris second approved

Volunteer: Teryn Williams~ Nick motioned, Hannah second, approved

Fundraising: Tara Cornielle Andrea Schilling~ Hannah motion, Jethe second, approved

Sponsorship: Melissa Hodgson~ Nick motion, Troy second, approved

Growth: Don Allen and Zach Boycks~ Jethe motion Chris second, approved

Safety: Brett Hamer ~ Hannah motion Troy second, approved

Scheduler: Nick Miller~ Jethe motion, Hannah second, approved

Tournament Director: Sam Hawkinson Nick motion, Chris second, approved

Equipment Director:Brittney?

Meeting adjourned at: 7:47 Hannah motion to adjourn, Justin second

Next Slapshot: John Kriz Skills, Blast off early sign up, Golf Outing

NEXT MEETING: May 15, 2025 6:00pm WOODSHED Bar and Grill Neenah

