

Marinette Menominee Area Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 7, 2026	Time: 5:30pm	Place: Marinette Rec Center
Meeting Called By: MMAYHA Board of Directors		Type of Meeting: MMAYHA Monthly Board Meeting
Agenda Topics		
Call to Order / Roll Call		
Approve Agenda		
Approve Prior Meeting Min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 10, 17 & 23 	
Public Comment		
Presidents Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trophy Case • Athletic Trainer Update • Raffle Ticket Check Presentation • End of year Banquet • Jerseys 	
Rec Center Update		
Vice Presidents Update		
Director of Hockey Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dryland Training • Checking Clinic • Men's League Policy • Danglefest 	
New Agenda Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squirt Tournament Budget • Bantam State Tournament • Pink out Game • Mini Mite Tournament 	
Standing Agenda Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment Committee • WIAA Committee 	
Future Topics		
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraiser • Referee Bonus Payments • Dasher Board Covers • Financial Report 	
Secretary's Report		
Appointed Positions Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8U/IP Director • Athletic Director • Rules and Regulations Director • Concessions Chair • Volunteer Hours Coordinator • Sponsorship Chair • Registrar • Scheduler • Tournament Directors 	
Public Comment		
Closed Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disciplinary Action 	
Motion to Adjourn		
PROPOSED NEXT BOARD MEETING February 4, 2026 at Marinette Rec Center		

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Meeting Facilitator: Nikki Schingick	Notetaker: Secretary – Gabe Aschbacher	

Board Attendees:

Nikki Schingick – President
 Samantha Wilke - Treasurer
 Gabe Aschbacher - Secretary
 David Behrens – Vice President
 Adam Walker – Vice President

Guest Attendees:

Rachel Raygo, Bobbi Irish, Lisa Bohaczek, Jason Radke, Maddie Vandenberg, Chelsea Vonau, Tracy Zeske, Ashley Beh

Meeting Topics

Topic:	Presenter:	Notes
Call to Order Roll Call	Nikki S.	Called to order 5:33pm – Nikki S
Approve Agenda	Nikki S.	1 st – Gabe A. 2 nd – Samantha W. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed unanimously.
Approve Prior Meeting Minutes	Nikki S.	Samantha W. made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from the 12-3-2025, 12-10-2025, and 12-23-2025 meetings as presented. Adam W. seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed unanimously.
Public Comment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Radke stated that he had been released as a coach for the Squirt B team and has had no discussion as to why. Will be discussed in closed session. • Concern was stated on Mike Maas’s E-mail not being posted on the MM Thunder website. Will follow up for accessibility to the Rules and Regs Director. • Update was requested on the calendar of events that was being created for Association-wide deadlines. This calendar will be updated and brought to a following meeting.
President	Nikki S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trophy Case: Adam W. is following up with the Shamrocks regarding their donation to this project. Still looking into the previous years donation amount and donor. Gavin was not present at the last REC meeting to approve plans from the REC perspective. Frank Alloy has agreed to donate his time and materials for block work, Zack Vonau has agreed to donate his time in construction (\$2000 materials), glass for the case is currently quoted at \$2366, paint for the trophy case is quoted at \$750 for materials and \$750 for paint application (if MMAYHA does not paint). Next steps include City (REC) approval and an estimated 6-week build time. • Athletic Trainer Update: Juliann Plimpton our Athletic Trainer feels comfortable and that she has the needs of our players met. She has spent some time with the Bantam team getting familiar with hockey equipment and its role in administering emergency medical procedures. Follow up needed on providing food and drink during her “shifts”. • Raffle Ticket Check Presentation: A check presentation has been scheduled for 1-9-2026 at 12:00 with the War in the Woods Promotions. MMAYHA had a goal of selling 50 tickets and ended up selling 69 tickets. • End of year Banquet: MMAYHA Board supports moving the end of year banquet

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		<p>to the Marinette High School. 2025 Banquet was held on Tuesday March 18th at 5:30 in the activity hall of the REC. 2026 banquet will follow a similar timeline (mid-week evening in late march). Caitlyn Erickson will develop a proposal for the banquet and present to the Board. Discussion was had regarding standardization of the presentation after dinner due to timing issues in years past.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jerseys: MMAYHA has a sample of a double-sided jersey to look at and explore if this is the direction we would like to move towards. Discussion was had regarding setting up jersey sponsorship which would theoretically pay for all players jerseys and socks for all teams. More to come on this topic.
Rec Center Update	Nikki S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overhead heaters were in working condition during the High School Tournament. Issues arose when no maintenance personnel were on-site because they are the only workers who know how to operate the system. Nikki will request clarification on the rink temperature requirements for turning the heaters on. Floor cleanliness in rink area remains an issue. Rink was not cleaned on the Friday night before the home tournament during set-up.
Vice President		
Director of Hockey Update		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dryland Training: Bantam attendance averaging 7-10 players. Squirt/Peewee attendance averaging 15 players. Bantam representative has asked for clarification on dryland being considered "practice". Proposed 2026 times are as follows; Bantam 2x per month required Tuesday 5:30-6:60 PM, Peewee Tuesday at 6:15 PM (30 minutes) and Thursday at 5:30 PM (30 minutes), Squirts times to be determined proposed Monday 6:30 PM and Wednesday 6:45 PM. These times will be brought to the REC for approval. Checking Clinic: Have reached out to Dan Jablonic but has again heard nothing back. Men's League Policy: No update. Danglefest: Previous leadership has elected to step down from running the tournament this year. Joe Denny advised that scheduling issues with spring hockey tryouts has been an increasing issue for this tournament. Scheduling in the past for this event had been the first week of April (Easter 2026). Volunteers

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		<p>available are the biggest concern for trying to make this event happen. Nikki will create a association wide survey regarding leadership and volunteer availability with a proposed tournament date the weekend of 3-21-2026.</p>
<p>New Agenda Topics</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squirt Tournament Budget: The Squirt combined tournament budget was presented to the Board showing 11 teams registered (2-MMAYHA). The concessions line was stricken from the budget. Budget showed a total profit of \$3470. Gabe A. made a motion to approve the Squirt tournament budget as presented. David B. seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed, the motion passed unanimously. • Bantam State Tournament: The Bantam State Tournament is scheduled at the Marinette REC Center February 20, 21, 22, 2026. MMAYHA must select a tournament director as soon as possible. No volunteers have come forward at this time. • Pink out Game: Rachel Raygo updated the Board that the Pink Out game will be played on Friday February 6th. This year's recipient is Harlow Ilse, whose father is a MMAYHA Alumni. The family has accepted this recognition graciously. The Pink Out planning group is requesting a basket donated from each team for this event. Event night activities include, possible skate with the high school pre-game, blanket/teddy bear toss to be donated to local organizations, beer/wine pull, stick raffles for first goal of each period, 50/50. Rachel will work on a press release that Nikki can work with her press contacts. • Mini Mite Tournament: Look at this as a possible option for 2026/2027 year.
<p>Standing Agenda Topics</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment Committee • WIAA Committee: No update.
<p>Secretary</p>		
<p>Treasurer</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraiser: All tickets and monies are due in the green box by February 1st for raffle and candy bar sales. • Referee Bonus Payments: Currently \$1125 to pay out for the 2025/2026 season. There is a potential for \$1375 more to pay out this season for a total of \$2500. The referee in Chief Cindy does believe this bonus structure helps MMAYHA obtain a consistent number of referees throughout the year. 22 referees have handled games this season with 10 being reliable. Discussion was had that these referees do get extra payment for travelling on top of these bonuses. Gabe A. made a motion to approve payment of the current bonus structure for the 2025/2026 season only. To be revisited prior to the 2026/2027 season to create a formal policy on referee bonus payment. Samantha W. seconded. David B.

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		<p>votes no, Samantha W. votes yes, Adam W. votes yes, Nikki S. votes yes, Gabe A. votes yes. Motion passed 4-1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dasher Board Covers: Board covers have been ordered and are waiting for installation. • Gamesheets: Have received reimbursement for 24/25 season and have submitted for reimbursement for the 25/26 season. • Financial Report: General Checking: \$64,613.49, Concessions: \$23,771.87, Savings: \$106,795.41.
<p>Appointed Positions Updates</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8U/IP Director: Maddie has created a process and documentation for players at the end of the year to help parents and the association know where to register the following year. There will be an evaluation during the last weeks of practice with players moving to the next level obtaining a certificate of level with copies retained for the association. The mite tournament final numbers are in and showed a profit of \$3,423.00. The trophy for the Red level was delayed and will be shipped to the receiving team. A parent made a donation for a second set of fastest skater trophies. Great job on the tournament Maddie and Chelsea, your hard work and effort really show! • Athletic Director • Rules and Regulations Director • Concessions Chair: One of the Drinks coolers is currently non-functional. Estimated time to be fixed is 2-4 weeks. Update that the handheld microphone is broken, unknown reason. Nikki made a motion to spend \$200 to purchase a microphone if we cannot fix the current handheld. Gabe A. seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed, motion passed unanimously. • Volunteer Hours Coordinator: 6 families are currently done with their dibs requirements. Reminder given to cover the shamrocks games dibs. • Sponsorship Chair: Updated that the rink is close to being completely full with sponsorship banners. Waiting on Dasher Board Covers to complete installation. Megan is working with facilities director Rob Erickson on installation. Lithocrafters is printing the banners. • Registrar: Current registration numbers show: 37 LTS/LTP, 107 Travel/Coed, 45 tournament registrations not including MM Thunder teams. • Scheduler • Tournament Directors: Tracy Zeske updated that work continues on the Squirt Home Tournament. Squirt B Round Robin style play, Squirt A will utilize 2 pools of teams.
<p>Public Comment</p>		<p>Question was presented asking when the practice season officially ends. Would be beneficial to allow continued practice for those interested to stay in shape for spring hockey tryouts.</p>

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Closed Session		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samantha W. made a motion to go into closed session to discuss disciplinary action. Nikki S. seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed unanimously. Disciplinary Action Samantha W. made a motion to exit closed session. Nikki S. seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed unanimously.
Motion to Adjourn		Motion to adjourn at 7:39 PM 1st: Nikki S. 2nd: Adam W. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed unanimously.
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Committees/Positions	2025-26 Leader Name(s)	Additional Comments
Hockey Operations		
Athletic Director	Darrick Schingick	Board Appointed 14-May-25
IP Director	Maddie Vandenberg	Board Appointed 03-Sept-25
Rules & Regs. Director	Mike Maas	Board Appointed 04-Jun-25
Referee-In-Chief	Cindy S.	Rules & Regs Director Appointed 04-Jun-25
Fundraising		
MMAYHA Fundraising Chair	OPEN	
Fundraising Chairperson	OPEN	
Sponsorship Chairperson	Megan Sullivan	Board Appointed 08-Oct-25
Registrars / WAHA Compliance		
Membership Chairperson	Ashley Behrens	Secretary Appointed 04-Jun-25
WAHA Rep.	OPEN	
Cultural Education Liaison	OPEN	
Volunteer Hours		
Volunteer Hours Chairperson	Megan Schroeder	Treasurer Appointed 03-Sept-25
Concessions Chair	Bobbi Irish	Treasurer Appointed 04-Jun-25
MMAYHA Positions		
State Tournament Coordinator		
Equipment Manager	Ashley Haile	Facilities Director Appointed 04-Jun-25
Facilities Director	Rob Erickson	Board Appointed 04-Jun-25
Master Scheduler	Joe Denny	Athletic Director Appointed 04-Jun-25
Team Managers	High School: Heather Miller, Bantam: Lisa Bohaczek, Pee wee: Kelly Hartwig, Squirt B: Tracy Zeske, Squirt A: Melissa Walker, Mites: Maddie Vandenberg/Tracy Rhode, LTS/LTP: Maddie Vandenberg	
Tournament Directors	Mite: Maddie Vandenberg, Squirt: Melissa Walker/Tracy Sheldon-Zeske, Pee wee: Kelly Hartwig, Bantam: Brittany Smith, High School: Rachel Raygo	