

CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

January 21, 2026

LOCATION: Board Room in North Rink at 7pm



President:	2026	Steve Gibbs- present
Vice President:	2028	Doug Custer-present
Treasurer:	2026	Dom Ryder-present
Secretary:	2028	Rachelle Flater- present
Directors:	2027	Nick Hart-present Derek Darrow- present Eric Mueller-
	2026	Jason Darley Mike Patte- present
	2028	Ashly Steinke-present Jason Sullivan-present Billy Fransway-present
Rink Manager:		Bob Normand- present

Additional Attendees: Jo-Anna Hart, Crystelle High, Conrad High, Kyle McRoberts, Eric Vavra, Hallie Patten (via speaker), David Bloom

1. Call to Order

The general meeting was called to order at **7:02 PM**. Kyle McRoberts addressed the board regarding potential placement of his son (2020 birth year) at the Mite level for the upcoming season. Discussion included the possibility of playing at the Mite level next year. The Player Development Committee (PDC) will follow up closer to the start of the 2026 season. This topic will be revisited at the beginning of the 2026 season, with further discussion anticipated by **late October 2026**.

2. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was previously sent.

a. SNAP! Fundraiser

- SNAP! Fundraiser is underway and scheduled to launch **Monday, January 26**.
 - WEAU will be visiting the rink for an interview.
 - Board members are encouraged to share fundraiser information on social media.
 - Appreciation was extended to members who have completed onboarding.
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3. Treasurer's Report The Treasurer's Report was previously sent.

Motion to Approve: Doug Custer **Second:** Ashly Steinke

4. Correspondence / Officer Reports

- Tom Voitl donated \$1,000 for the sound system. The Board expressed sincere thanks.

5. Old Business

a. Outdoor Rink (ODR)

- Mighty Mites skated successfully on **2 of 3 nights**; remaining nights were too cold.
- No additional public skating occurred during that time.
- Overall considered a success. Appreciation was extended to **Eric** for preparation and maintenance.

b. Hockey Day 2026

- Menomonie has been asked to come and play us and board-approved on their end.
- Proposed date: **January 9, 2027**.
- Accommodating this would require moving the Bantam B/C Tournament to December, resulting in no home ice weekends in December.
- **Ashly** will contact Bantam teams to confirm acceptance of the date change.
- An email vote will be sent to the board.

c. Rebrand Discussion

- Rebrand- A motion to send out the created poll to all association members asking their feedback on rebranding the rink. Motion **not granted**.
- Any rebrand effort must involve the full association with a fair and comprehensive survey.
- The survey must outline association boundaries (Chippewa, Bloomer, Stanley).
- The Thunder name originated from youth within the association at the time.
- Mike Patten and Cory H. will develop a revised survey and share it with the board via email first.

6. New Business

a. Documentation

1. We are starting the process of looking at all the policies, procedures and protocols to make sure they are updated, and visible
 - Coaches Conduct
 - Player Move-Up Policy
 - Player Code of Conduct
 - Board By-laws.
2. These documents must be easily accessible for coaches, members, and prospective families.
3. Rachele will reach out to Eric to ask if he has a list of old documents that didn't make it over to crossbar.

4. Meeting agendas, minutes, and email votes will be posted on the website for member access.
5. Crossbar has significant capacity for document storage; focus is needed to utilize its full potential.

b. Cleaning Supplies

- A commercial vacuum ordered in the fall was backordered; the supplier has since closed.
- Dyson vacuums require replacement they are 2 years old. **Derek** is researching alternatives.
- Gloves will be ordered, and broom condition will be assessed.
- Dissatisfaction was expressed regarding **JF Cleaning Services** due to staffing changes. Two new cleaners are started last week.
- Cost details: approximately **\$800 per cleaning**, with **~\$11,000 spent year-to-date**.

7. Finance / Administration (Dom Ryder)

No additional items to report.

8. Fundraising (Jason Darley)

a. Keeping It Cool Capital Campaign-

Jason should know in the next week or so if we have a sponsor for a new scoreboard for the South rink- this would include a \$50,000 donation to purchase the new scoreboard, \$15,000 for the installing and the remaining will be used to pay on the chiller system.

b. Bingo (Bob)

- Attendance has been smaller, but a new jackpot has started.

c. Golf Outing- No updates.

d. Beerfest- Licensing forms and mailers have been sent.

9. Player Development Committee (Nick Hart, Eric Mueller)

a. Riverhawks Co-op

- Hosted **750 girls, 68 teams**, across **7 rinks this weekend for the Riverhawks Classic. Huge thank you** Doug, Sunny, Barry, Melissa, and Bob for support and making all the things happen for this tournament.

b. Game Schedules

- No updates.

c. Registration / Summer Programming

- Summer planning discussions are needed.
 - **Steve** will meet with **Barry** to explore options for upcoming summers.
 - **Mike** expressed interest in developing goalie training; PDC will assist with planning.
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10. Concessions (Billy Fransway)

- Health inspection was successful. Bob and Sarah attended.
 - Billy and Sarah have completed Servesafe certification.
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11. Equipment (Mike Patten)

- No additional equipment available for rental this season.
 - An email will be sent requesting small equipment donations.
 - Minor maintenance required on the Blackstone skate sharpener.
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12. Operations & Maintenance (Derek Darrow)

- **Motion approved** to have JF address floor scrubber issues.
 - Zamboni blades require replacement.
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13. Tournaments / Team Reps (Ashly Steinke)

- Incident occurred at the Bantam B/C Tournament involving parents from an away team.
 - Some parents were removed from the tournament and will not be permitted to return.
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14. Recruitment / Publicity (Jason Sullivan)

- Report previously sent.
 - **10 new players registered** following the GOAL program. Appreciation expressed to all involved.
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15. Facilities (Bob Normand)

- Report previously sent.
- Concessions doors and overhead door have been tuned up.

Closed Session

Motion to Enter Closed Session: Jason Darley

Second: Mike Patten

Meeting adjourned at **8:26 PM.**
