

CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

LOCATION: Lobby, at 7pm



President:	2029	Mike Patten
Vice President:	2028	Doug Custer
Treasurer:	2029	Dom Ryder
Secretary:	2028	Rachelle Flater
Directors:	2027	Nick Hart, Derek Darrow, Eric Mueller, Conrad High
	2029	Steve Gibbs, Ryan Hanrahan
	2028	Ashly Steinke, Jason Sullivan
Rink Manager:		Bob Normand

General Meeting: Called to order at 7:02pm

Spencer Myer represented Figure Skating.

Squirt Model Update: Jon Ippel provided an update on the proposed Squirt model. Practice is projected to begin **October 19**, with approximately four weeks of practices before evaluations/tryouts. Evaluations/tryouts are currently projected for **mid-November**.

Chase Hoople from VSA presented a proposal for a local Mite League. The proposed league would utilize a 4-on-4 format and would provide additional playing opportunities for local Mite players.

The goal is to obtain enough sponsorship funding to make participation free for CYHA members. This would provide additional opportunities for players to remain in the area and play more games on a smaller rink rather than exclusively playing cross-ice hockey.

If sufficient sponsorships are not obtained, associations may be asked to help cover the cost. The estimated worst-case cost would be approximately \$90 per game, or approximately \$10 per player, which is comparable to the cost of a typical jamboree.

Jon Ippel will represent CYHA in gathering additional information from VSA regarding the proposed Mite League. Jon and Chase will include the PDC in future discussions and information.

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT: The July Board Meeting Minutes were approved, The July Special Meeting Minutes were approved. The Secretary's report has been distributed.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was distributed.

Motion: Steve Gibbs moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Second:** Doug Custer. **Motion carried.**

3. CORRESPONDENCE / OFFICER REPORTS: No additional items were reported.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Work Night — August 24

The following tasks were identified for the August 24 work night:

- Dispose of leftover paint cans.
- Remove items from the lobby walls.
- Begin washing lobby walls with soap and warm water.
- Address trash cans and related cleanup.

B. Additional Work Night — September 28

A September 28 work night may be added to allow for additional painting and cleanup so the lobby project can be completed before the season becomes fully underway.

C. Lobby Face-Lift Project

Sherwin-Williams representatives met with CYHA and will be donating:

- 15 gallons of paint for the lobby.
- Brushes.
- Rollers.
- Drop cloths.

Sherwin-Williams will also provide CYHA with a discount on any additional paint needed for the lobby project.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with painting. **Volunteer hours will be awarded for participation.**

D. Advertising / Marketing Committee: A motion was made to establish a committee of **5–7 volunteers** to assist with selling advertising and hanging advertising banners. Each committee member will receive **15 volunteer hours** for their participation.

Motion: Steve Gibbs. **Second:** Doug Custer. **Motion carried.**

5. NEW BUSINESS: No new business was reported.

6. FINANCE / ADMINISTRATION — DOM RYDER The Finance/Administration Report has been distributed.

7. FUNDRAISING — STEVE GIBBS / RACHELLE FLATER

A. Fundraising Pickup Night — October 1 Fundraising pickup night is scheduled for **October 1**. An additional **Spaghetti Feed Dinner Night** was proposed in conjunction with the fundraising pickup. **Motion:** Ashly Steinke. **Second:** Conrad High. **Motion carried.** Volunteers will be needed for the event.

B. 2027 Northwest Beer & Wine Fest **May 22, 2027, Motion:** Doug Custer. **Second:** Steve Gibbs. **Motion carried.**

C. 2027 CYHA Golf Outing: **August 20, 2027, Motion:** Nick Hart. **Second:** Ashly Steinke. **Motion carried.**

8. PDC — NICK HART / ERIC MUELLER

A. Bantam Co-Op with Altoona The PDC presented a proposal regarding a Bantam co-op with Altoona. **Motion:** Steve Gibbs moved to approve the proposal to for further discussion co-op with Altoona. **Second:** Doug Custer. After discussion, the PDC declined the offer. **Motion failed.** CYHA will not submit a counteroffer.

B. Bantam Tryouts

Bantam tryouts will be canceled. Players will participate in a skills practice instead. CYHA will have **one Bantam team**.

C. Game Scheduling- Tasha continues to work on scheduling.

- Peewee and Squirt tournaments are being scheduled.
 - Games are currently in the process of being finalized.
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9. CONCESSIONS — CONRAD HIGH

The Concessions Report has been distributed.

Meeting Extension A motion was made to extend the meeting to **8:30 p.m. Motion:** Ashly Steinke. **Second:** Conrad High.

10. EQUIPMENT — RYAN HANRAHAN

A. Open Skate Fee

The Board discussed the possibility of charging a fee for open skate to generate additional revenue.

The Board discussed CYHA's commitment to providing community ice time at no cost and the importance of continuing to provide this benefit to the community, particularly as a nonprofit organization and in maintaining the value communicated to donors.

Decision: CYHA will continue to provide open skate at no cost at this time.

B. Summer 2027 — Two Sheets of Ice

The Board discussed the viability of operating both sheets of ice during Summer 2027.

Based on the revenue generated through summer hockey and ice rentals this year, along with increased demand from "pop-up" leagues in the area seeking ice time, the Board determined that operating both sheets of ice during Summer 2027 makes financial and operational sense.

C. Skate Rental Fee The skate rental fee will increase from **\$3 to \$5**.

11. OPERATIONS / MAINTENANCE — DEREK DARROW

Additional information was provided regarding a potential donation from a Chippewa booster club.

The Chi High Booster clubs allotted the Chippewa High School hockey teams \$2,000 bar/light show project. The proposed lighting system may include a red light and an additional green light for the Thunder and may also be available for CYHA use. Additional information will be provided as the project develops. Steve will update later.

12. TOURNAMENTS / TEAM REPRESENTATIVES — ASHLY STEINKE

A. Hockey Day- No updates currently.

B. Traveling Teams / Tournaments

There are ongoing communication issues with traveling teams a call is scheduled for tomorrow to get somethings worked out. Tournament participants have generally been compliant with the Stay-to-Play requirements.

13. RECRUITMENT / PUBLICITY — JASON SULLIVAN The Recruitment/Publicity Report has been distributed. Lots of local events we participated in this last month.

14. FACILITIES — BOB NORMAND The Facilities Report has been distributed.

A. Zamboni Training

Zamboni training videos have been added to the CYHA website. Anyone interested in becoming a Zamboni driver must complete the training videos **before contacting Bob Normand**.

CYHA is in significant need of additional Zamboni drivers. Training should be completed as soon as possible, prior to the start of the season.

B. Scheduling: Schedules are currently being entered. CYHA is waiting for responses from the Eau Claire co-op before finalizing some scheduling details.

ADJOURNMENT **Motion:** Steve Gibbs moved to adjourn the meeting at **8:50 p.m.** **Second:** Doug Custer. **Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**
