

**Wayzata Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
4 August, 2025**

Present: Jaclyn Hill, Michelle Ugurlu, Tom Hewitt, Gina Carbo, Mike Grossman, Ben Olson, Becky Draper, Alan Gaffany, Ben Norton, Christie Weeg, Christian Peterson, Becky Draper, Tia Senenfelder, Sarah Cook, Miles Death, Ryan Foltz, Greb Gibson.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Secretary's Report (Anne Phaneuf)

Request to approve July meeting minutes. MGrossman motioned to approve; GCarbo seconded; minutes approved.

Tournaments: (Josh Jensen) Jaclyn Hill

- Home tournaments submitted to refs one month ahead of the deadline. Only 1 follow-up question.
- Away tournaments – waiting for a couple bigger tournaments to be finalized.
- Paid coaches were given the chance to pick where they wanted to go for away tournaments. MDeath to share with them when teams are finalized.
- Gifts for hosted tournaments ordered. First, second, and third medals; team trophy; and Waggle hats for the winning teams.
- Beanies will be given to players for everyone at our hosted tournaments.

Charitable Gambling: Tom Hewitt

- Requested approval for:
 - Expenses and taxes for September 2025 - \$195,000
 - Monthly results to the board for July 2025
 - Pay City of Medina June 2025 Taxes - \$396.28
 - Donate \$200,000 to the City of Plymouth (PIC)
- \$200k to PIC will be dropped off
- Update on October 2023 theft of \$2,530. We need to pay \$2500 to gambling for the theft incident with Tom's employee. That needs to be paid now but will come back to us through her restitution.
- MGrossman made a motion to approve all requests, donation, and payment of \$2500; AGaffany seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Jewell

The budget will be broken down for each committee. That is reflected in depth with this month's financials in the agenda. It will not always be specific for each meeting, but will be available through Tim.

Hockey Operations: Miles Death

- Team Genius – tryout process platform and data tracking during the season. MDeath has used the free trial; it appears to be user friendly. Cost is \$9 per player. Information can be used by coaches to assess progress/give feedback through the year, but it starts over after the season. AGaffany made a motion to approve the purchase at the \$9 level; GCarbo seconded; motion approved.
- Squirt A: JHill shared that OMGHA only wants one squirt A team. To stick to the guidelines – based on size, associations need to have x # of teams per level. Discussion on stacking teams. A decision was made that WYHA and OMGHA will have stacked A teams. All Squirt teams will play each other once. The high A team will then need to find their own scrimmages to meet their 35 scrimmage cap while all

other squirt teams will play D3 association teams in their level again (twice total) and find outside scrimmages to meet the limit. High A cannot compete in the district competition. They will play each other in the best of 3 games.

- Talent based play up policy: this cannot be initiated by the parent. Miles Death/Ryan Foltz/Becky Draper need to go through the whole process of observing, etc. Went through the document. CPeterson made a motion to approve the play up policy document; BDraper seconded; motion passed.
- Coaches handbook – will work on this in August and present in September.

Registrar: Sarah Cook

- Of the 47 volunteers identified as requiring Board Roster placement, 45 have registered with WYHA and 42 of the 45 have completed all compliance requirements. We are in excellent shape ahead of the August 15 District 3 deadline — thank you all!
- All play up requests so far are processed.
- Coach registration bug fixed.
- Coach compliance status on website.
- LRM and team manager registration is open.

Membership and Operations: Tia Senenfelder

- Newsletter – help wanted from board members.
- Name Badges: If you want a name badge (new board members), a replacement one, or a name badge for any of your support coordinators - fill out the form by August 15th.
- Website content updates for 2025-2026 season: Pages have been updated to reflect the 2025-2026 season. There are a few outstanding pages with content updates needed (Monday Night Skills and Coaches Corner have last year's content and dates, and the Goalie pages could use a review to ensure all content is up to date). Miles, Lindsey, and Christie, please reach out for help if needed updating that content. All - if you see something on the website that looks outdated or needing updates, please let Tia know.
- Content for August Newsletter:
 - Registration open
 - Tryout volunteer shifts available
 - Pre-season clinics registration
 - Jersey reveal
 - Apparel shops
 - Open roles (Jr Gold 16 Coach, Mite Madness Coordinator, Time Clock/Scoreboard trainer). Let TSenenfelder know about any needs for a consolidated "available roles" communication. Due Monday 8/4 EOD.
 - 2024-2025 Annual Report
- Is there any other communication to share in August? Send Tia a note by Monday EOD.
- Volunteer Sessions updated.
- "Registration Now Open" Yard Signs will be up in the community by 8/10.
- "Proud Home of a Wayzata Hockey Player" signs - 50 people requested signs. A few no-shows for pick-up so there are about 5 left.

4th Rink/National Tournament: Greg Gibson

- 4th rink July 24 study session.
- The City Council didn't vote but approved to move forward. Offered \$200,000 to get it started. They want \$1.2 million to get a point person on getting the votes, architecture fees, and all the startups. City is making an RFP for architectural designs and true costs.
- The National Tournament is all set to go.

- Hockey Day MN - Erik indicated the City of Plymouth has been interested in putting on Hockey Day MN 2028. We are in support and will help where we can; ultimately the city will be taking this on.

D3: Ben Norton

- 2027 JrGold state tournaments – will be starting discussions on whether we host. Most indicated it would be good to do this. It does make some money.

VP Girls Travel: Becky Draper

- OMGHA 15U wants to scrimmage but doing it before tryouts.
- 19U OMGHA not responding.

Equipment – Gina Carbo

- Jerseys are ordered and will be in to us in five weeks.
- Mite jerseys will be finalized tomorrow for ordering.

Goalies – Christie Weeg

- All equipment ordered for the season.
- Need information on skills night.

Website: Becky Draper

No updates. Tournament information will be sent to Becky soon so that it is visible.

Sponsors: Ben Olson

(Jaclyn) still hasn't gotten money from last season.

Ice Scheduling: Jaclyn Hill

- D3 scheduler meeting tomorrow night.
- Mite Jamborees are probably not going to happen; Michelle to handle.
- Looking to give level coordinator access to Avario to keep up on their level teams.

Ben Norton made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Next meeting is September 8th, 2025.