

NRHYHA Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

6:00pm Salties

Meeting Commence: 6:05PM

Roll Call - JP, Nicole, Angela, Mary, Lee, Jesse,

Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve the agenda: JP, Mary

MOTION to approve of June Meeting Minutes: Mary, Nicole

Financials:

- **MOTION** to approve financials: Mary, Nicole
- Annie requested approval to open a sweep account at RCU
- **MOTION** to move forward with sweep account at RCU: Mary, Nicole

Open Forum:

- Nicole Spalding -
 - Acknowledged that we already approved June's meeting minutes, but there is a need to amend the language around the Gretzky Rule decision for Borgestad to try out for PeeWees. The language currently reads as "Gretzky Rule: needs to be one of the top 3 of the A team, 2nd year squirt to PeeWee A." However, there is no Gretzky Rule to move from Squirt to PeeWee, therefore it should read as "Following WAHA Rules to allow Briggs Borgestad to try out for PeeWees". Angela will amend the minutes and have posted.
- Sara Ashmore -
 - Looking for approval to donate one hour of ice in October for the 30-in-30 special cause (Sophie's Squad) to go towards Mental Health Awareness in sports. Board agreed. Sara will look at the calendar to work out scheduling.
 - Homeschooling - wondering if we should charge for this going forward? Angela recommended moving the decision to the next board

meeting. Mary reminded everyone that we are in agreement with the District to provide this for Homeschooled kids. Sara will pull previous year's ice times and the board will decide in the August Board Meeting

- Communications - Expressed concerns with the current communications - delays in getting out, lack of urgency and need to tailor them to draw more attention. Nicole and Angela to meet with Tina.
- Craig Warner -
 - Following up with board decision to share end of year survey feedback with coaches. Board agreed this is a good idea, but it's critical to anonymize the feedback as much as possible.
 - There was discussion to implement a formal mid-year feedback survey. Craig will draft up the survey and have the board review/approve in August board meeting.

Rink Update (Dustin J.):

- Compressors starting July 30th
- Dustin is going with RinkTech's recommendations on flooding and they will check compressors during that process.
- Flooding to begin 8/4 - one of the high school kids to help that week
- Ice Resurfer to get going on 8/14; Blaze Tournament is 8/15
- Dustin would like to use painted lines instead of vinyl as they look sharper. This would be a \$750 cost; need an answer by 8/4
- Cabin Watch put a fob entry on the board room door
- Rick (rink attendant) sadly passed away in a motorcycle accident, so we need to find out his service arrangements. Dustin to look for backfill.
- Cunningham family wants to sponsor a 4x8 dasherboard or sign in the rink. Dustin to reach out to Steve Deplazes
- Trent (Yuro Stars) is requesting 6am ice time on Tuesday Mornings. Dustin to reach out to JL to see if that would interfere with High School practice times

Tournaments (Sarah Barron):

- 5/11 tournaments are full

- U14 tournament overlaps with Playdowns weekend. There are currently 6 teams registered
 - **MOTION:** Move U14 tournament to weekend of 2/14, 2/15, and 2/16
 - Sarah Barron to reach out to registered teams to see if the date change would present a challenge
- U14 would like to play MN U14A

Fundraising (Michelle Warner):

- Need five more people to volunteer for Somerset concert - Friday night
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- Need Tina to send a communication ASAP.

Apparel/Jerseys (Angela Olson):

- No refunds on jerseys now that names will be on the back
- Britta will handle the apparel ordering with Strauss again - including STARS
- Mite Manager (Whitney) will need to send a communication to Mite families that Mite socks will be available for purchase in the Tiger Den

Community Outreach (Angela Olson):

- Angela shared there have been three people who expressed interest. She is going to reach out to them to get started.

Bernicks (Britta Titel):

- Britta recommends getting a new refrigerator and vending machine that will count towards the total units sold
- We need to amend the \$10K value for new arena, as it's way too low
- Slushy vendor is going to give us a slushy machine to use and will service for FREE
 - **MOTION:** Get a new refrigerator and vending machine that will count towards fulfillment, and continue discussions with Bernicks on minimum target for new arena (Mary, Angela)

Registration (Angela Olson):

- Current Registration Counts as of 7/23/2025:
 - Mites - 16 (1 first years, 15 returning)
 - Squirts - 10
 - PeeWees - 4
 - Bantams - 2
 - WW Stars - 3
 - 3v3 Only - 0
 - Skate Camp - 29 (12 Mites, 11 Squirts, 3 PeeWees, 3 Girls)
 - Advanced Skate - 12 (6 Squirts, 5 PeeWees, 1 Bantam)
 - Goalie Camp - 2
- Bonkoski's request to be released from NRYHA so Brogan can play with Cottage Grove again.
 - **MOTION:** Release Brogan from NRYHA to play for Cottage Grove (Lee, Nicole)

Mites (Tim Tobin):

- No program specific updates
- The equipment room has been cleaned out and will be bringing old equipment to Play It Again Sports to get money. Plan is to use that money back into needed equipment (e.g. neck guards, etc.)
- GOAL Program - Shawn is currently drafting the grant request
- NRYHA won the Equipment Grant again this year. Equipment to be picked up at the WAHA Annual Meeting

STARS (Sarah Barron):

- Current registration as of 7/23/2025:
 - U14: 7 skaters; 1 goalie
 - U12: 22 skaters; 2 goalies

- U10: 20 skaters; 2 goalies
- Somerset recommends moving up 7-8 skaters to fill the U14 level, as some of the U14 girls are moving up to HS.
- NRYHA does not agree with any tryout, move ups, evaluation decisions that Somerset recommends until we have an active co-op discussion. Alex to follow up.
 - **MOTION:** Play U14 A in Minnesota (Lee, Jesse)

D2 Rep (Angela Olson):

- We still need a D2 Rep
- Tina to send communication

PCDC (Mitch S.):

- Named Bantam A Coach - Kayden Campo
- Tryouts start October 5th
- Teams based on current registration:
 - Squirts: 2 teams (need 1 goalie)
 - PeeWee: 3 teams (have 3 goalies)
 - Bantams: 2 teams (have 3 goalies)

Long Range Plan (Angela Olson):

- The Centre is still very much in support of our efforts; we are aligned
- Plan to renovate existing rink and build a second sheet/rink to the east is still in motion
- Zoning is complete
- Next Step: Soil study to determine water runoff; takes 8 weeks
- a. Cost is \$30K - coming out of escrow
 - City Council Meeting was last week
 - Centre is adding on parking so they need to figure out the water run off as well.
 - Once we get the numbers back on the soil study, NRYHA Board to have a meeting with the neighbors to make them aware of the facility expansion plans
 - Sports Center Road to become a one-way to accommodate diagonal parking

- The total project will cost \$12M
- JLG is on board to begin in 2027 if we start fundraising NOW.
- Mary and Angela are meeting with River Valley Foundation on 8/11 to discuss Capital Campaign
- Members should be prepared for a donation ask to help fund the project.
- Project Phases:
 1. Parking Lot
 2. Lean-To renovation of team rooms
 3. 2nd rink addition and refrigeration
 4. Centre Link

Meeting Adjourn: 7:34PM