



Wildcat Hockey Board Minutes
10/16/2025 - 7 PM – Rex's Innkeeper
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		Board Member	Position	Executive (Voting)	Committee(s)	Term Ending	Email
Executive Members	Officer Members	Micki Smeeding	President	Tie Break Only	Hockey Ops, Scheduling, Scholarship	2026	president@wildcathockey.org
		Bryan Ellefson	Past President	Yes	Hockey Operations, Scheduling	2026	pastpresident@wildcathockey.org
		Dan Heldmann	President Elect	Yes	Hockey Ops, Recruitment, Girls	2026	presidentelect@wildcathockey.org
		Susan Senti	Secretary	Yes	Recruitment	2027	secretary@wildcathockey.org
		Ashley Van Ooyen	Treasurer	Yes	Scholarship	2026	treasurer@wildcathockey.org
		Brian Stark	Hockey Director	Yes	Hockey Operations, Scheduling	2026	hockeydirector@wildcathockey.org
		TJ Marks	Hockey Director Assistant	Yes	Hockey Ops, Scheduling, Girls	2026	hockeydirectorassistant@wildcathockey.org
	Age Level Directors	Gretta Luedeke	ALD - LTS/LTP	Yes		2026	aldits@wildcathockey.org
		Jack Sieburg	ALD - 6U	Yes		2026	ald6u@wildcathockey.org
		Justin Padley	ALD-8U (Mite)	Yes		2026	ald8u@wildcathockey.org
		Pete Bier	ALD - 10U (Squirt)	Yes		2026	aldsquirt@wildcathockey.org
		Chad Weldwood	ALD - 12U (Peewee)	Yes		2026	aldpeewee@wildcathockey.org
		Todd Swenson	ALD - 14U (Bantam)	Yes		2026	aldbantam@wildcathockey.org
		<i>Open</i>	<i>ALD-18U (Midget)</i>	Yes		2026	aldmidget@wildcathockey.org
		Diana Van de Kreeke	Girl's Hockey Director	Yes	Girl's Hockey Hockey Ops, Recruitment	2026	girlshockeydirector@wildcathockey.org
Appointed Members	Age Level Assistants	Sarah Hays	ALA-6U	No		2026	ala6u@wildcathockey.org
		Andy Ertl	ALM-6U	No		2026	ala8u@wildcathockey.org
		Nate Johnson	ALA-8U (Mite)	No		2026	alm8U@wildcathockey.org
		Trevor Greiber	ALA - 10U (Squirt)	No		2026	alasquirt@wildcathockey.org
		Andy McCormick	ALA - 12U (Peewee)	No		2026	alapeewee@wildcathockey.org
		Jim and Michelle Dama	ALA - 14U (Bantam)	No		2026	alabantam@wildcathockey.org
		<i>Open</i>	<i>ALA-18U (Midget)</i>	No		2026	-
		Michelle Mueller	Apparel Directors	No		2026	apparel@wildcathockey.org
		Corrin Maier		No		2027	apparel2nd@wildcathockey.org
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		Craig Van de Kreeke	Equipment Manager	No		2026	equipment@wildcathockey.org
		Suann Saltzberry	Ice Scheduler	No	Ice Schedule Cmte	2027	scheduler@wildcathockey.org
		Misty Clemens	Registrar	No		2027	registrar@wildcathockey.org
		Matt Claggett	Skills Director	No		2026	skillsdirector@wildcathockey.org
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		Drea Maier	Safety Directors	No		2026	safety1@wildcathockey.org
		Karen Gauerke		No		2027	safety2@wildcathockey.org

(Term ending indicates June 30 of the year listed)

- I. Call meeting to order: 7:02pm.
- II. Member open forum: none
- III. Approval of prior meeting minutes: Jack motions, Bryan seconds. Passes by unanimous consent.
- IV. Additions to the agenda: none

V. Approval of agenda: Jack motions, Pete seconds. Passes by unanimous consent.

VI. New Business:

- A. Pay Bills
- B. \$5k request for outdoor rink parts from capital improvements fund (50'x100' plus a liner). Plan to search on facebook marketplace. Would need to determine storage situation. Hoping boards will help with the freeze/thaw cycles so we don't lose the water. Rinks are modular so we could start small and add on if interest is there. Pete motions to approve expenditures up to \$5k. Brian seconds. Jack opposes. Motion passes.

VII. Reports By Appointed Board Members

- A. Apparel: bulk of jersey orders have come in already! Working through ad hoc orders for jerseys. Checking in with Trending Now regarding how the store is going, upcoming holiday promotions, etc.
- B. Equipment Manager: updated the 8U bin for half board set up and added ice cleats so no one falls. Updated goalie gear for a couple of players. Brian S is providing a lift to put banners up (45 year, Squirt C2). Helmet stickers will be handed out on Saturday. Changed combination on equipment cage, too many people had access. Practice jerseys are handed out. Reminder to put gear away where it belongs after practices. Working on 8U goalie bags next week and working on future storage solutions.
- C. Scheduler: October practices are out, November is in process and should be out by the end of the weekend. 3 touches for SQ/PW, working on 4 touches for Bantams. Dells practices start last week in November through the rest of the season. Game ice availability has been sent out to teams. Still some ice left that teams can purchase as a team, will communicate to managers. Goalie practices start next week. Power Skating & skills Monday nights starting in 2 weeks. Deforest ice time offerings aren't great, they start at 4pm. Lots of available ice on weekends but already booked in Waunakee.
- D. Registrar: appreciate patience while she is learning. Lots to learn! Board needs to have all requirements complete (USA Hockey#, SafeSport, background check) before we can upload team rosters to USA Hockey. Get your requirements done! Coaches, managers will need to have theirs done soon. Rosters are finalized on Dec 31 for State.
- E. Skills Directors: Dryland Schedule will go out next week for teams to sign up. Skills and Power Skating starts end of October. Goalie practices start next week.
- F. Tournament Director:
 - **Classic:** Schedule posted, communication sent to families. Rosters set-ish. (A few adjustments daily. Google drive is up to date) **ALD's** - for games and the program, please have coaches on the ice to wrangle skaters. We have Tom's Truck, Kona Ice confirmed. I am trying to confirm the taco truck, but if they bail, my back-up is getting pizzas to sell from the concession stand. Great support for raffle baskets and some fun new stuff this year with photos being taken and food drive. Text or email me if you have any questions/feedback.

- **8U Tournament:** Registrations are full. We're looking to expand and having a girls bracket also (separate email sent). We have the ice all day Saturday. Will get volunteer sign-ups posted after the classic and based on feedback on the added teams/divisions, I'll get our teams registered and brackets posted. Medals and Trophies are ordered. Hotel info was sent out (Alyssa)
- **6U Tournament:** Registrations continue to come in (18 spots of 20 available). Medals are ordered. Once we have teams, we can get those teams registered. 6U hotel info went out too.

- G. Safety Directors: good turn out for 2 mandatory parent meetings. 36 families still left, have been in contact with those families. There will be a 3rd make up session on 10/20 at 7. Will work on setting up team meetings over the next two weeks. Open to feedback on how to make this process easier. Hoping managers load these into Crossbar. Need 10-15 mins per team. DCHOA is interested in coming in too.
- H. Volunteer Coordinators: figuring out how to work through concessions hours between WYHA and high schools. When do we need to be out so HS volunteers can come in and be ready to go? Can we apply to cover HS concessions as a team fundraiser? Yes. What is the compensation rate? TBD. Request for non-perishables for the food bank. Jen working on getting on the November concession schedule and crediting hours for coaches, managers, etc.
- I. Director of Fundraising: Bucky Books, Wreaths, Blankets, more in process. Working on yard signs with Dan. If we get more than 25, then we get a price break. Put gear sale request out in February as the season ends.

VIII. Reports By Executive Board Members

- A. President: Channel 15 coming to rink on 10/24 from 5-7am to do live interviews every 20-30 mins. Hockey moms will be on one side, kids on the other. Will send a sign up genius for ~30 kids. Region 4 minutes went out. Need to send letters to current families from open school districts to inform them that since they are registered with Wildcats, we are considered their home association. If they choose to play elsewhere, they will need to request a transfer. Dryland/shooting gallery area mtg was held. Hoping for completion before end of next season. DCHOA requires a manager's personal emails.
- B. President Elect: Managers off and running, training was held. Working through some DCHOA log in issues/questions. Game Sheet codes have been sent out. If we don't have rosters uploaded to USA Hockey, we will have to manually enter players. My Hockey Rankings- Managers need to upload rosters and games manually. Results do not need to be uploaded, Game Sheet does this. Checking on ipads this weekend, will install updates, etc. Photographer- working with Erin again. Media day is scheduled for Saturday, there is a sign up genius. She'll take some pics during the program. Coaches need to get pictures taken. Next board meeting, Erin will come take pictures at 6:30.
- C. Past President: More to come on outdoor rink. Send info to Bryan if you see anything on marketplace. In house ref certifications in process, once kids complete certifications, will send info to managers.

- D. Hockey Director: evals are done. Working on splitting 6U teams. Working with Chase to understand midget numbers- so far looks like ~7-9. Need to reach out to Navs & send an interest questionnaire.
- E. Hockey Director Assistant: absent.
- F. Treasurer: absent.
- G. Secretary: please send any newsletter items before Wednesday each week. As the season gets going, please send any pictures you take, good things that happen via email or tag the association in your social posts.

IX. Reports by Age Level Reps

- A. LTS/LTP ALD: absent.
- B. 6U ALD: teams are created, there will be 6 teams of 8-9 skaters. Great coaches this year! Signed up for tournaments- Gobbler Games, West Bend, Mite-cicle. Hotel info sent out.
- C. 8U ALD: absent.
- D. Squirt ALD: teams are formed. practices off and running. Plenty of coaches. 2 new managers working on getting games filled. All teams have 3 tournaments booked.
- E. PeeWee ALD: teams formed. Good feedback on eval process with the open windows, they were appreciated.
- F. Bantam ALD:
 - Tryouts went well. I didn't personally hear of any complaints for team assignments.
 - Tournaments and most games are scheduled for both Bantam teams. Other associations began to reach out to schedule games in early September. Most R4 team's availability was limited once we had our game schedules. It would be nice if the Ice Pond could get them out by late August moving forward.
 - Pete seconds, region 4 was already booked before we even started evals. Chad agreed it was extremely difficult at the PeeWee level too. Will take discussion offline.
- G. Girls Hockey Director: Girls only 8U team fell apart. Doesn't take away from girls tournament and jamboree teams. Will start planning for next year.

~~H. Midget ALD~~

X. Old Business: none

XI. Future Items

Next Board Meeting: November 20th, 2025 Location Rex's unless the room is booked with paying customers

December meeting NOT at Rex's (it's booked)- ideas (besides Ice Pond)?

XII. Adjourn. Bryan motions, Jack seconds. Motion passes by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned. 8:08pm.

- [Draft calendar](#) of important dates