



Wildcat Hockey Board Minutes
(will be approved at September board meeting)
8/21/2025 - 7 PM – Rex’s Innkeeper
<https://meet.google.com/odo-ijiz-nbm>

	Board Member	Position	Executive (Voting)	Committee(s)	Term Ending	Email
Executive 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
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	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
	Open	ALD-18U (Midget)	Yes		2026	aldmidget@wildcathockey.org
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	Andy Ertl	ALM-6U	No		2026	ala8u@wildcathockey.org
	Nate Johnson	ALA-8U (Mite)	No		2026	alm8U@wildcathockey.org
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	Dimitri Suhih	ALA - 14U (Bantam)	No		2026	alabantam@wildcathockey.org
	Open	ALA-18U (Midget)	No		2026	-
	Michelle Mueller	Apparel Directors	No		2026	apparel@wildcathockey.org
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	Karen Gauerke		No		2027	safety2@wildcathockey.org

(Term ending indicates June 30 of the year listed)

I. Call meeting to order: 7:03pm

II. Member open forum

- A. Bednarz: recommends random group placement for blind evaluations, especially for the first night. Important to remove bias, especially for parents and evaluators. Parents & players really need to know the evaluation process is fair. The process needs transparency. Why do we pre-sort into groups? What if all kids

can't go to all pre-season skates? They don't have the same number of chance another kid might.

1. Brian- there is opportunity for kids to move between groups. Parents do not evaluate their own kids' levels.
2. Bryan- acknowledges communication miss last year. Pre-season skates are a consideration, not the only consideration to evaluation groupings. Meant to be the most efficient, fair, try out possible. Will take offline.

III. Approval of prior meeting minutes: Brian motions, TJ seconds. Minutes approved.

IV. Additions to the agenda: none

V. Approval of agenda: Brian motions, Dan seconds. Agenda approved.

VI. New Business (30 min)

A. Bantam A and Goalie Coach

1. Bantam A coach to be voted on since he is outside of organization. Dawson- very interested, from outside of area, no kids in club. Do we know what stipend, if any, he will require? Would be passed onto Bantam A players- need to communicate to parents ahead of time during parent meeting. Unanimous vote to approve.
2. Goalie Coach: Shane Connolly will be on-ice goalie coach, Jayson will help administratively.

B. Pay Bills- three bills, Ashley sent report. Brian motions, Jack seconds, bills approved for payment.

VII. Reports By Appointed Board Members (20 min)

A. Apparel Directors

1. Jerseys need to be ordered by Sep 1. Try on jerseys available. Trending Now will have open house on Sep 24.
2. Should Trending Now be selling helmet decals? A couple of families have asked.
 - a) No need to purchase, Craig has some. He tries to catch kids at preseason skates or tryouts. Families should reach out if they need these.

Old hockey sock cost update: no update.

B. Equipment Manager-

1. ordered more helmet stickers. 45 year banner and helmet stickers- gave Bryan info. Less than \$100.
2. Working to organize THFF gear.
3. Wondering about ordering new 6U nets. Our current nets are in rough shape. Close to \$1000 w/shipping for 6 nets. Will draft an email with info for Sep officers meeting.
 - a) Alyssa mentioned we have a grant we could apply for.

C. Scheduler

1. Working with Don and Ops for scheduling September. Mapping out October. Talked with Aaron Kirby to confirm we want same amount of ice starting in November. He will share times soon. Bakke gave us only a few options. Do we want to buy ice in Deforest when it's open?
 - a) Misty- Do we have rates from Defo yet?
 - b) Bryan- If we have to cut back on ice (due to registrations), what is the timeline to do so? (Matt)- we have time.

D. Registrar

1. 4 days from registration close. Down 109 from last year so far. Will still be open to TYFF kids if they want to register. Hoping for 100 more kids to sign up.
 - a) Bryan- anticipating 10-15% down.

E. Skills Directors

1. Matt C. coordinating with Amy about what nights she wants to hold power skating.
2. Matt C. confirming we can use Arboretum gym for dryland.

F. Tournament Director

1. Have ice confirmed for all tournaments, website is updated. Waiting for registration close before we know what we need for Classic. Food trucks have mostly confirmed, waiting for one more.

G. Safety Directors

1. Karen- putting time on the calendar for upcoming parent, player and coaches meetings.

H. Volunteer Coordinators- no report.

I. Director of Fundraising

1. Golf finished. Working on financials, anticipating just under \$9k. Down from last year but no title sponsor next year.
2. Bucky book and blanket info coming soon.
 - a) Misty- have we considered Emil's pizzas?

VIII. Reports By Executive Board Members (20 min)

A. President (absent)

- WDIR Meeting. (Waunakee Deforest Ice Rink- owner/operator of The Ice Pond) Working on improved communication with the rink board and also capital improvements.
- Working with Chris Gruenloh and DCHOA to have refs come talk to kids pre-season to update them on rules, let them know specifics they look for, and just let them see they are human. Logistics are in infancy but open to ideas.
- Working with Warrior Boosters to have high school kids for THFF (maybe), Classic, and LTS. Updates to last year's communication methods are being refined . If you have times you would like to use high school kids let me know. They want to help if they can.
- [Draft calendar](#) of important dates (hopefully it works for you)

Should we share the calendar with the greater club? Even if tentative for families' planning purposes.

B. President Elect

- Marketing
 - Participated in the WaunaFest Parade on 7/26- passed out 500 business cards with QR codes.
 - Exhibited at WAKE on August 20th
 - Passing out THFF fliers to local elementary schools & 4K sites
- THFF - Saturday, September 13th
 - Co-ed from 9 - 10am (24 registered); Girls only (5 registered) from 10:30 - 11:30am
 - Volunteer openings coming soon!
- Gear Sale - Saturday, September 13th
 - We will be taking gear donations and then hosting a gear sale in the skate room all day (THFF in the morning, first pre-season skates the rest of the day)
 - Volunteer openings coming soon to help sort, set up, and work the sale
- Photographer - Accepting bids/submissions now through September. Make a selection during the October Officers meeting on Sunday, October 12th.
- 10,000 shot club forms due September 1st- have 6 so far.
- Shoutout Susan...crushing it with the emails and social media posts! We've been throwing a lot at her.

C. Past President

1. Working with Craig for Gear Sale drop off times. Make sure we have access to Ice Pond for set up.

D. Hockey Director

1. Getting ready for final numbers, shared preseason skates to ALDs today. There will be 9 preseason skates per age group.
2. Finalizing evaluation dates soon.

E. Hockey Director Assistant- no report.

F. Treasurer (absent)

G. Secretary-

1. Will send final reminder social post/email on Sunday.
2. send any newsletter items- next one for early September.

IX. Reports by Age Level Reps (20 min)

A. LTS/LTP ALD- absent

B. 6U ALD

1. looking forward to the season

C. 8U ALD

1. working with Brian for standardization for 6U & 8U. Will work with Brandon B. for transition.

D. Squirt ALD- (late or absent due to football)

E. Pee wee ALD-

1. Ready to go.

F. Bantam ALD -

1. Two tournaments have been booked for each of the Bantam teams-Started working on Sign-ups for Pre-Tryout skates- Hockey!

G. Girls Hockey Director

10U girls team with Middleton update:
This Saturday is a girls only session.
Looking for contact with Cougar boosters

~~H. Midget ALD~~

X. Old Business- none

XI. Adjourn- TJ motions, Jack seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

XII. Future Items

Next Board Meeting: September 18th, 2025 Location Rex's unless the room is booked with paying customers