

DYHA Board Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
Dubuque ImOn Arena
Community Room

Chad Wilwert called the meeting to order at 6:33PM.

Attendance: Kelly Klein, Chad Wilwert, Dustin Smith, Joe Hoffman, Jesse Smith, Curt Freihofer, and Justin Muehlenkamp. Nonboard Members Amy Sookochof, and Eric Trausch.

Secretary Report

Secretary Report motion to approve by Chad Wilwert, second by Dustin Smith. Motion approved.

Financial Report

Financial Report motion to approve by Kelly Klein, second by Jess Smith. Motion approved.

High School Update

- Review for the Logo for additional jerseys- Amy to send to board for approval
 - Ice Time 08/18/2025 and 8/20/2025 from 7:00PM - 8:15PM
 - TryOuts are 08/25/2025 and 08/27/2025 from 7:00PM - 8:15PM
 - High School Schedule, 2 divisions
 - Motion to approve Austin Willenborg as head coach, second by Joe Hoffman. Motion approved. Justin Muehlenkamp abstained.
 - Eric & Amy will need to send a proposal to the DYHA Board for the amount of coaches to evaluate compensation.
 - Practice Times 3:55PM - 5:10PM
- Approved per email on 09/02/2025:
- Motion to approve funding for the High School Team from DYHA to \$1200.

Review and approve revised Travel Team Policy 2025 – 2026

Motion to approve Travel Team Policy by Justin Muehlenkamp, second by Curt Freihofer. Motion approved.

Tryouts - Evaluation Process

1. What is the format? # of sessions, goalie-only session
 - Goalie only session
2. Number of neutral volunteers & who they will be
3. Neutral volunteers to assist
 - 1 coach from every division from last year
 - 4 evaluators that are neutral
 - Director of Hockey as an evaluator
4. Equipment needs

- August 26th
- 5. Evaluation sheets, etc.
 - Justin will print the evaluation sheets off

→ Approved per email on 09/10/2025 for Tryout Evaluation Process:

1.) Tryout/evaluation on ice plan.

Tryout sessions will have one or two warm-up drills followed by a scrimmage. Goalies will have their own session, along with being evaluated during the two player sessions if they are in net.

2.) Volunteers selected to assist during the tryouts/evaluations.

Squirts: On ice lead coach Chris Richman. Justin Muehlenkamp will assist Chris where needed.

PeeWee: On ice lead coach is Chad Wilwert. Justin Muehlenkamp and Cody Lytle will assist Chad where needed. Either one or the other or both may be helping Chad, but at least one will be there to help.

Bantam: Will be run as a normal practice as there will not be two Bantam teams. Pending approval of his background check, Tyler Henry will run the practices with no assistance needed. If background check does not come back in time, Mark Plantery will run the practices.

3.) Evaluators selected to provide player feedback during tryouts/evaluations.

Seamus Gregory (HC UD)

Mike Lennon (AC UD)

Sam Coulter (UD GA)

Mike Kuruc (UD Women's AC)

Tyler Henry

Breydon Hemminger

Mark Plantery

Erin Connelly (UD Women's HC) may also participate

Registration Update

- 20 Little Saints
- 35 Mites - 24 RWB
- 36 Squirts Travel (5 house)
- 29 PeeWee Travel (11 house)
- 18 Bantams (3 house)

DYHA Golf Outing Fundraiser

Travel Team Fundraiser only (Squirt through Bantams). Amount raised will go towards registration fees (amount of players on each team divided by amount raised)

Other

- Girl Hockey update

- Jerseys are ready to be ordered.
- Looking to open an apparel store
- Looking to have another open skates for girls only
- Try Hockey for Free
 - 10/05/2025 - Girls Try Hockey for Free 9:15AM (UD Women's Hockey Assisting)
 - 10/19/2025 - Try Hockey for Free (UD Men's Hockey Assisting)
 - Radio Ads would run mid September and registration by end of September
 - Motion to approve dates by Chad Wilwert, second by Curt Freihofer.
Motion approved
- Shooter Tutors
 - Motion to approve 2 Shooter Tutors by Chad Wilwert, second by Jess Smith.
Motion approved.
- Helmet Stickers
 - Motion to approve Helmet stickers, Qty: 200 at \$0.98/each. Motion approved by Dustin Smith, second by Joe Hoffman. Motion approved.
- Rental Equipment
 - August 26th, 2025

Chad Wilwert motioned to close the meeting at 8:41PM, second by Kelly Klein.

- ➔ Red, White, and Blue season will start on Monday, September 29, 2025 and have a second practice on Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Evaluations would follow on Monday, October 6, 2025 and Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Motion approved via email on 08/19/2025.
- ➔ Additional 44 practice jerseys to be ordered to support Bantam and Squirts with pricing as follows:
 - 12 Orange, 12 Light Blue for Bantam
 - 10 Scarlet, 10 Gold for Squirts
 - Total = \$979 + tax (\$22.25/jersey)
 - Motion approved via email on 08/19/2025