

GYHA Board Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2025

Board Members Present: Don Johnson, Bill Ryan, Ryan Whitehurst, Jeff Barton, Aly Miser, Baillie Hults, Veronica Lamendola
Absent: Nick Lane

Guests Present: Jane Collins, Mara Riley, Steve Hults

Old Business

- The minutes from the September Board Meeting were approved.

Board Discussion

- Don made a motion to move future Board Meeting time to 5:45 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The motion was approved by the Board.
- Bill inquired about feedback from families about the letter sent by the Board. Jane Collins said that parents have expressed concern that the organization may have lost its “team feeling” from previous years.

V. Financials (Ryan Whitehurst)

- Bill provided Ryan with \$150 cash from magnet sales and \$60 cash for jersey sales.
- **Checking Account:** Ryan recommended keeping a lesser amount in the current checking account, maintaining \$30,000 for ice bills and related expenses.
- **New Bank Account:** Don and Ryan will meet on a Friday afternoon to set up a new bank account. Ryan will obtain the necessary information and advise the Board on the next steps.
- **Venmo/PayPal:** Ryan will set up a non-profit PayPal business account, which will be linked to the organization's Venmo account to remove it from the personal Venmo account of Nick Lane. Nick sends all receipts to Ryan for tracking until the official transfer is completed.

Programs

Mites 2025/2026 Season

- **Roster Count:** 12 Girls and 52 Boys.
- **Coach's Credentials:** Coaches must complete CEP. Approximately 95% of credentials are complete. One coach decided not to continue coaching.
- Practices are reported as going well; breaking them into smaller groups is effective, though can be inconvenient for families with the added weekend dates.

- **Jamboree & Game Dates:** Fort Bragg and Charleston Jamborees had low RSVP numbers, Charleston due to being early the day after Halloween.
- Jane Collins reported that White and Red team families find it difficult to plan for away games because invitations are often received only the week of the event. Jane discussed the idea of having C teams play B teams for an added challenge. Parents feel the team structure has changed, leading to perceptions of unfairness.
- Don responded encouraging parents to attend monthly board meetings and voice concerns directly to GYHA and asked Jane to communicate this to families.
- Jane noted that some families were encouraged to try Triad Rec league to get more ice time, which has contributed to the organizational divide.
- Mara and Baillie confirmed that Winston and Hillsborough had requested that GYHA not bring their two upper teams to the I-40 games. GYHA was asked to only bring two lower level teams, C and D level.
- Someone suggests GYHA poll families next year on their willingness to travel versus their preference to stay home.
- **Away Games:** Mara is still searching for away games for the White and Red teams, aiming for a more unified schedule.
- The Board must discuss roster decisions and away jamboree discrepancies with Ben, Head Coach. Following this discussion, an email should be sent to families detailing where invites are originating (e.g., confirming Blue and Green (A and B) teams were not invited to I-40 games) to ensure transparency. GYHA agreed that the ultimate goal must be to do what is best for the kids.
- **Pictures:** All scheduling information will be released next week from the photographer. Mara will coordinate a makeup day.
- **Jerseys:** A reprint issue resulted in some jerseys not matching the originals as the order was placed with a Thomasville company. Issues persist with ordering extra blank jerseys, as they do not always match the original color. The registration system was found to prevent returning players from selecting the option to order a new jersey.
- **Program Set Up and Guidelines (Next Year):** Baillie will create a Google Doc outlining all additions, changes, or alterations for next season's program setup. This document should include established guidelines for team placement, a definition of "travel," and specific guidelines for the Lady Stars Program. GYHA will continue to add things to this list as the season goes on, then review it at the end of the season.
- **LTP Winter 1 Session:** Starts November 3rd. 16-18 total registered, including 6 new children. Registration will go public in a few days; THFF families and the waiting list get priority for registration. The maximum number of participants is 50.

Closed Door Session

A closed-door session began at **7:50 PM**. The meeting was adjourned.