



Menomonie Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2023 6:00 pm at hockey rink

Call to order: 6:14 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:18

MYHA Mission, Vision, and Ground Rules

Mission: To provide youth in the greater Menomonie area with the opportunity to learn, play and compete in the game of hockey with an emphasis on growth in the areas of skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Vision: Pursuit of the model USA hockey organization following the American development model.

Ground Rules: Mutual respect, be timely – start on time and end no later than 9:30 p.m. Come prepared. Allow enough time to make decisions and stand by your decisions. Communicate, conduct yourself and make decisions based on what's best for the entire association versus just your child.

Roll Call/Quorum:

- Mike Jax, President- Present
- Stacy Hintzman, Past President - Present
- Gary Messerschmidt, Treasurer (non-voting) - Present
- Zack Raff, Treasurer in learning (non-voting)- present
- Jake Farrah Tournaments & Scheduling Director - present
- Heidi Neverdahl, Concessions Director - present
- Kate Kramschuster, Equipment Director -present
- _____, Fundraising Director -
- Tucker Giertz, General Operations - present
- Russell Bahr, Hockey Operations - present
- Brian Gowling, Growth and Development -
- Jennie Cimino, Secretary (non-voting) - present

Member Comments:

The first part of each board meeting is reserved for member comments and questions. The board welcomes feedback and participation from all of our members!

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve- passed

1. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Meeting Agenda:

President's Agenda

ASK: All Board Members review [MYHA Planning Calendar](#)

ACTIONS:

1. Pick Date for MYHA LTS Open House 9/25/23 530pm
2. Action: Open Registration- Mike, Sara, Tucker
 - a. Registration would ideally be open by July 15th. We are behind by a month.
 - b. Registration details finalized
 - i. Cost per level completed
 - ii. LTS- is a Skate for Free program. We have lost equipment. The board discussed if the association should charge a rental cost or if families turn in a deposit. Currently the board is not going to collect a deposit or rental cost. Kate will look at the equipment return process.
 - iii. Pre and Post buyout will be the same at \$37 an hour.
 - iv. Tournament Fees for the girls team is TBD per the co-op agreement.
3. Open Coaching/TM Application Process
 - a. Still going to use the same process for application
 - b. Application will go out with registration
 - c. Action: Job description for team managers should include helping with jerseys - Mike and Jake
4. Ad for Fall Activity Book – Brian has this completed
5. **Open House for LTS- September 25 at 5:30 pm- 8:00 pm**
6. Action: Register, advertise and plan Try Hockey For Free (November 4th, 2023 from 9:00-11:00)(Brian)
 - a. Do you want to do a February 24th event as well? Good recruitment for next season.
 - b. <https://www.usahockey.com/page/show/4966147-try-hockey-for-free> Fill out Try Hockey for Free Grant (after registering) - Brian
 - c. [Try Hockey for Free Grant.pdf - Google Drive](#)
 - d. Email Andy Bradford registration details
 - e. Contact Kristi to reserve the rink.
7. WAHA Meeting Review
 - a. No one from our association attended
 - b. Review Post Conference Document (attached)
 - c. Action: NEED Safety Officer (must register them on WAHA website) – Russ will ask a member and it will fall under his area.
 - d. Action: NEED Culture Education Liaison/Leader (must register them on WAHA website) Team managers can take on this responsibility- Mike will ask a member to take on this role.
 - e. Review/Edit/Post New Locker Room Policy
 - i. If MYHA does not follow the policy there will be a \$500 fee
 - ii. Need to communicate to members that siblings/children can not be in locker rooms.
 - iii. Action: Customize the Policy- Mike
 - iv. Action: Print out a copy for every attendant
 - f. Action: Complete Safe Sport (all board members) **Need to Complete ASAP, by Mid Sept. Send a copy of the record to Jennie.**

- g. Use of Game Sheet - online program to keep game stats. MYHA will make the transition sometime this year.
 - h. Action: Grass Root Grant due September 1 - Kate
 - i. [Grass Roots Grant Application Guidelines.pdf \(wahahockey.com\)](#)
8. Girls Hockey - Brian
- a. Brian will attend virtual meeting on the 22nd
 - b. Coop Agreement
 - c. Pre-tryout at the end of September- This will be before the co-ed team.
 - d. Name for the team is still being decided
 - e. Dual Rostering- The girls will have to pick their primary team.
 - f. Ice Time- will be determined by the percent of girls from each association.
 - g. Meeting with parents - Possible date August 29th
 - h. Action: Girls' 8U Jamboree Grant/Host Sign Up - Jake and Mike pick a date
 - i. [8U Girls Jamboree Host Sign up - State 2023-24 - Google Sheets](#)
9. Marketing MYHA Opportunities/Planning - Brian will find a chair who will lead this.
- a. Truck or Treat -
 - b. Homecoming Parade and Christmas Parade
 - c. Try Hockey for Free
 - d. Flyers in school- Stacey will take on this
10. Season Kick Off Dates, **Ice in 10/2**
- a. First week will be the Stout camps
 - b. 10/9 will be the start of Co-Ed Tryouts
 - c. First games will start the first weekend in November
11. Fan Gear Site - Kate
- a. Change the style of hats
 - b. Add the CCM jackets
 - c. Car sticker decals - maybe sell in concession stand
 - d. Water bottles- maybe sell in concession stand
12. Fundraising
- a. **Motion to Approve Stephanie Thortsen as Fundraising Director**
 - b. Wreath Sales
 - i. Prices did go up for the wreaths
 - ii. Required amount for members to sell went up to \$500
 - iii. The 25 inch is the largest seller for MYHA
 - iv. Possible gift card from the concession stand for largest seller per team/level
 - v. Possible community involvement - Wreaths on Every Door in Menomonie
 - 1. Community members and businesses could donate a wreath. (Small wreath or table top)
 - 2. Wreaths would be donated between three non-profits
 - 3. All wreaths will have a tag that has something written like "Merry Christmas from MYHA"
 - c. 2nd Fundraiser- This will be Stephaine's first job.

13. Concession and Open Skate
 - a. Start in December
 - b. If the weekends are not filled then the board will be moved to mandatory team
 - c. **Motion to allow 15+ year olds to work in the concession stand and the hours count towards families DIBS hours. Passed**
14. Action: Update website to reflect new board members/positions- Jennie
15. Finalize Team Numbers/Teams so tournament registrations can begin
 - a. 2 BTM, 3PW, 2 SQT??
16. Policies needed to be updated and ready for registration/season to start
 - a. See policy ownership document (needs updating/discussion)
17. Equipment/Jersey updates
 - a. Practice jersey pricing - Practice jersey with 1 color print = \$14.99 each.
 - i. This is something that could be looked into for next year
 - b. Awards position - asking for WAP hours
18. MN said they are not interested in adding more Wisconsin teams to the league.
19. Heidi needs help with concessions on Sep 1st at 12:00 pm

Next Meeting

September 11th at 6:30 pm at the hockey rink-

Rink is closed from August 22- September 8