

FLAGSTAFF YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

FYHA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Feb 18, 2026 6:00 PM Location: 214 E. Birch Ave

Teams Link: <https://tinyurl.com/FYHA-BOD-Meeting>



ROLL CALL

Board Members in attendance:

- Travis Joralmon, President
- Chris Whitney, Vice President & Coaching Coordinator
- Gina Nabours, Treasurer
- Tiffany Abbott, Secretary & Webmaster
- Brad Mihalik, Ice Scheduler
- Mike Darby, Fundraising Coordinator
- Jilleen Alessi, Equipment Manager

Coaches in attendance:

- 6U Club, Ben Davidson
- 8U Club, Dan Carrick
- Stars White - Kevin Callaway
- Stars Navy - Joe Weidinger
- 8U Navy, Kris Walsh
- 10U Navy, Andrew Graham
- 12U Navy, Chris Whitney
- 14U Navy, Kris Walsh

Managers in attendance:

- 8U Navy - Jilleen Alessi
- 10U Navy - Maegan Van Wyck
- 12U Navy - Brittany Darby
- 14U Navy - Ashley Householder
- Molly Joralmon, Manager Coordinator

Directors/Coordinators in attendance:

- Leigh Mathias, Club Director
- Mark Del Giorgio, Goalie Coordinator

Other/Members in attendance:

- Charlie Knotts
- Katie Kendall
- Eric Weidinger
- Bob Tusso

CALL TO ORDER + APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM by Travis Joralmon. Motion to approve January meeting minutes by Gina Nabours, seconded by Travis Joralmon. Motion to approve January agenda by Gina Nabours, seconded by Travis Joralmon.

REPORTS

President's Report (Travis Joralmon)

- What an awesome time to watch some great hockey. Be sure to tune into the Olympics and have your player watch the position he or she plays. Go USA!!!
- Congratulations to our travel teams for reaching the semifinals and finals in Vegas over President's Day weekend. 12U and 14U both finished in 2nd place. Let's get ready for State!

Vice President's Report (Chris Whitney)

- No report.

Treasurer's Report (Gina Nabours)

- We have paid the CPA to send out 1099's to anyone who was paid over \$600 (non reimbursable items) in 2025.
- Charlie, Jilleen and Gina are meeting Saturday 2/21 to do the first draft of the 2026-2027 budget.

Secretary's Report (Tiffany Abbott)

- Coaches/Volunteers, please remember to sign up in DIBS if you will be attending stick time so we can ensure coverage – fyha.org/dib_sessions/show/66452

AAHA Hockey Director's Report (Travis Joralmon)

- Hockey ops meet on 2/11 to discuss all of the upcoming state championships, and proposed policy changes.

Club Hockey Director's Report (Leigh Mathias)

- Scrimmages between Stars White/Stars Navy and 10U Navy. Working with Kevin Callaway on mini skills camp for spring. We have registered for Try Hockey for Free event on 3/7.

Coaching Coordinator's Report (Chris Whitney)

- No report

Equipment Manager's Report (Jilleen Alessi)

- EOY gifts for travel and club have been ordered.
- Foam pads have been ordered.

Fundraising's Report (Mike Darby)

- \$13,130 was raised in selling discount cards. There may be a little additional money coming in from Leigh from Club.

Ice Scheduler's Report (Brad Mihalik)

- Winter:
 - Open ice has been forfeited back to the city through March.
 - If you are trying to schedule something, the Master Ice Calendar (Ice Scheduler's Ice Calendar) that team managers have access to is up to date. If you are trying to schedule within the next couple of months, check with me so I can ensure we can re-acquire the ice from the city.
 - Stick Time every Sunday 9:45-10:45am with some exceptions. Check the FYHA calendar.

- 10,12,14U Navy & White Club practices are occasionally combined when a holiday interferes with a Monday or Thursday (Example: 2/19). Please pay attention to your SE calendars during these weeks.
- The schedule is made for the 10U Mesquite division state championships in Flagstaff on 3/14 & 3/15. This schedule requires an ice swap with Flagstaff Figure Skating on 3/15 and this has been arranged.
- 8U state championships on 3/7 & 3/8 require all ice on Sunday. Flag Figure Skating will be compensated with ice on another date.
- Key dates:
 - Club hockey and an altered stick time were added back to 2/28 & 3/1 as NAU playoffs did not require all ice that weekend.
 - March 7th & 8th - 8U Navy State Championships in Flagstaff
 - March 14th & 15th - 10U Navy State Championships in Flagstaff
 - Week of March 16th - Last travel practices are scheduled
 - Coaches game - March 23rd 5:30pm
 - March 28th - Last day of Club hockey
 - Stick Time coming on Sundays, Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning 3/29
 - April 8th - A new Ice Scheduler 😊
 - April 18th & 19th Robby Glantz Power Skating Clinic
 - Tryouts - TBD
 - Rink Closure - May TBD
 - June 15th-19th Rocky Mountain Hockey School
 - July 20th-24th Northwestern Hockey Camp
 - July 24th-26th Dark Sky 3v3 Tournament
 - August 22nd & 23rd Christian Grunnah (GPS) Skating Clinic

Webmaster's Report (Tiffany Abbott)

- We are preparing for the President's Banquet on 4/2/26. Managers, please distribute links to your teams to allow families to upload photos for the season slideshow. You can also email webmaster@fyha.org and I will share the album links.
- Try Hockey for Free info is on the website: https://tryhockeyforfree.com/event_detail/4681
- Travel Hockey 2026-2027 Program Flyer: https://www.fyha.org/news_article/show/1354478 - see if travel hockey is a good fit for your player/family. Reach out to any board member with questions.

Registrar's Report (Charlie Knotts)

- The last couple of months have been pretty much the normal stuff, not a lot happening with Registration, but have started working on preparing registrations for the 2026/27 season. There was opening the Robby Glantz registration portal and we have at this time eleven (11) registrations. Robby Glantz, through discussions with the President, has decided to leave the registration at the same cost as last year, \$175.
- There was one significant thing from USA Hockey and there is supposed to be a newsletter coming from USA Hockey/AAHA on it soon, but basically it impacts those who need SafeSport and Background Checked, they are expanding the requirement. It will now be required that anyone involved in a USA Hockey sanctioned event, tournament, exhibition or League game, clinic (funded by USA Hockey directly or through the state Affiliate) will have to be SafeSport certified and Background Checked. This will include, locker room monitors, penalty box attendants, scorekeepers, individuals working events on ice, check-in desk, concessions, like

Dark Sky, Shott's Tots etc. will have to be rostered which means they will have to be members of USA Hockey, SafeSport Certified and Background screened. This is a pretty significant change and more to come on the specifics, but we need to be prepared and anticipate how it will impact us.

- If there is a SafeSport incident and there is not a SafeSport certified person in the room, the organization can be fined.
- Mike Darby raised a question on how background checks for an increased number of adults will impact the budget? More information to come from USA Hockey and we will continue to discuss.
- On the Bookkeeping side things are pretty much as normal, verifying revenue & expenditures, working with the Treasurer to ensure the bills are paid correctly and timely; preparing the month end reports; advising the Treasurer on the investment status; and assisting with the preparation for presentation of the annual budget.
- Working with the CPA for the Association with the preparation and documentation of the taxes. We are filled and up to date with those and no issues.

Manager Coordinator's Report (Molly Joralmon)

- No report.

Goalie Coordinator's Report (Mark Del Giorgio)

- We had a great clinic for travel goalies and a session for club goalies in January and will have another travel clinic on 2/21 from 6:30-7:45 pm. We will also have another session for club players to put on goalie gear and take some shots and learn technique as a goaltender on 2/22 at stick time from 09:45-10:45.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Travel Goalie Clinic, 2/21
- Club Goalie Clinic at Stick Time, 2/22
- Try Hockey for Free, 3/7 ([Register here](#))
- FYHA President's Banquet, Thursday, 4/2
- Robby Glantz Power Skating, 4/18-19 ([Register here](#))
- Rocky Mountain Hockey School Summer Camp, 6/15-19 ([Register here](#))
- Snowman Goaltending Summer Camp, 7/9-12 ([Register here](#))
- Northwestern Hockey Camp, 7/20-24

OLD BUSINESS

AAHA Grant Update/Disbursement

- Leigh Mathis reported that he is collecting receipts from Gina and Jilleen and will submit them to AAHA for reimbursement. Charlie asked whether there are any USA Hockey or AAHA documents that specify which items are eligible for reimbursement. The consensus was that the grant is an umbrella fund intended to cover items such as goalie equipment, club equipment, and related expenses, and that reimbursement eligibility will be confirmed upon submission.

Team Store Options (Flag Ts)

- Tiffany Abbott reported that she is working with Flag Ts to set up the FYHA webstore and has selected the items that will be offered. There will be a variety of t-shirts, hoodies, hats, and beanies. She asked whether the organization would like to pay a \$55 per logo setup fee to add two new logos to the store.
- Mike Darby supported adding additional logos, noting that offering a greater variety of items is beneficial and that the setup fee is minimal. Once the logos are set up, they can be reused for the webstore at any time. Travis Joralmon asked whether the logo setup costs could be passed on to Flag Ts by increasing item prices by \$1–\$2 to recoup the setup fees, noting that FYHA does not receive direct revenue from sales.
- Motion: Chris Whitney moved to approve payment of \$110 to set up two new logos for the Flag Ts webstore. Tiffany will first ask Flag Ts whether the cost can be passed on through item pricing. Second: Mike Darby. All in favor. Motion passed.

2026-2027 Season Travel Tryouts

- Travis Joralmon reported that he has not yet received confirmation on the ice rink closure dates. He will follow up again with Dan Carrick. Travis shared that he and Dan have discussed the possibility of adjusting future rink closure timing—either earlier in April or later in June—to avoid the recurring conflict experienced each year; however, other scheduled events would need to be considered. Travis will provide an update once additional information is available.

EOY Gifts

- Jilleen Alessi reported that the end-of-year (EOY) travel gifts have been ordered and will be Howie's accessory bags. She explored beach towel options within budget but did not find any that met her quality and style standards. Hockey Monkey has received the bags and will begin heat pressing the Northstars logo and the OSI logo on the back. The bags are expected to ship within approximately two weeks. Jilleen also noted that the invoice amount came in lower than originally quoted, which may allow additional budget flexibility for team EOY parties.
- Gina Nabours requested that any additional team-based end-of-year (EOY) gifts be purchased by March. She noted that food and other related expenses will be incurred later, but asked that plans be communicated in advance so they can be properly accounted for. Charlie Knotts stated that he plans to accrue any expenses that have not been spent prior to the fiscal year end.

Budget Committee

- Charlie Knotts, Jilleen Alessi, and Gina Nabours will meet on 2/21 to prepare a first draft of the budget. Most participants indicated that budgets are expected to remain largely the same.
- Gina will schedule a meeting of the Budget Committee, which will include Board members and interested association members. Tiffany noted that Alise Eckel and Bob Tusso have expressed interest in participating.
- The proposed budget will be presented at the March Board meeting. As a reminder, last year the Board voted to delay final budget approval until May in order to confirm the expected number of teams before approving the budget.
- Mike Darby asked whether a profit and loss (P&L) statement would be available for Board review to help determine if any budget adjustments are needed. Charlie Knotts confirmed that he can provide P&L statements for any requested date.

BOD Election Committee

- Chris Whitney thanked the members who volunteered to serve on the Board of Directors Election Committee: Tabitha Lundberg, Nolan Gee, Lawrence Lenhart, Tiffany Abbott, and Chris Whitney. The association received six (6) applications for four (4) open Board member positions. As a result, there is no need for the Election Committee to conduct an application review.
- The group discussed options for distributing Board candidate statements and agreed to use a combination of email, the website, and social media. Voting will take place through Simply Voting. Tiffany will set up the ballot and distribute voting links via email. Gina will facilitate payment verification as needed. Each household will receive one (1) vote per open Board position (four total votes). The voting ballot will be sent to the primary guardian listed for each player.

Program Committee

- Leigh Mathis will chair the Program Committee. The committee's purpose is to review our current programs and discuss how we can advance and grow different programs at the club, travel, and goalie levels.
- Tiffany raised a question to the Board regarding when the organization should begin planning to fill the Club Hockey Director role in the event that Leigh is elected to the Board. The group agreed to table until the April meeting following the election.

Dark Sky Committee

- Travis Joralmon reported that Kevin Callaway confirmed he will serve as Chair of the Dark Sky Tournament Committee and as Tournament Director. Kevin has contacted Charlie with proposed changes to the tournament registration, including adjusting the guarantee from five games to four games.
- Mike Darby noted that ice time was tight during last year's Dark Sky tournament. He suggested the option of starting games on Friday night if the skills competition is removed. Travis also noted that the middle sheet could be used if needed, though keeping it available allows players to gather between games, which has been convenient in past years.

NEW BUSINESS

8U State Tournament

- Jilleen Alessi confirmed she has a \$300 budget to purchase items for coaches and referees for the green room. Purchases will be made on her personal card and submitted for reimbursement. Ice and referees are booked. One scorekeeper will be assigned for both sides. Coaches are responsible for confirming that scores are accurate.
- Volunteers will cover the concession stand, ice cuts/boards, and music. Locker room assignments still need to be finalized.
- Travis Joralmon secured a donation from Pepsi on 2/27. Pepsi is donating beverages and can provide additional items for the President's Banquet. They can also include 10U if a concession stand is offered. As a result, Jilleen does not need to purchase drinks, including water.
- Kenny from the Coyotes/AAHA will oversee distribution of banners, medals, and trophies at the conclusion of the tournament.
Scoring will be managed in the SportsEngine Tourney mobile app by Jilleen/Tiffany.

- Mike Darby spoke with Twilight (janitorial services), who agreed to provide cleaning services for both weekends of the 8U and 10U State Championships. Mike will coordinate with Dan Carrick to determine coverage times.
- Discussion on whether to sell champion shirts as a fundraiser. Jilleen and Tiffany will connect offline.

10U State Tournament

- Teams need to provide penalty box attendants for games. Refs and scorekeepers are done by the state. Teams will need to provide iPads and locker room monitors. The home team will handle music. Scorekeepers occasionally will do music and announce.
- Tiffany and Maegan Van Wyck are coordinating shirt sales for the tournament. They plan to distribute a preorder survey to get an estimate on shirt sizes to order.
- Travis will represent AAHA and hand out banner, medals, and trophies at the conclusion of the tournament.
- Scorekeeping will be done through Game Sheets/Charlie.

Outstanding accounting questions

- Gina Nabours asked for help asking families from the 12U and 14U teams to cash reimbursement checks from the November CAN/AM tournament so that we can close our books.
- Gina provided an update on the OSI sponsorship. Water bottles have been paid for and the check was deposited into our CD, not checking or savings account. OSI has not been invoiced for anything else in the sponsorship agreement. Charlie requested an invoice be sent to OSI for the following: Shott's Tots ice reimbursement (\$6k), sponsorship stipend (\$9k), EOY travel gift (\$1,350, \$25/player, 54 players total), EOY club travel gift (\$665, \$7/player, 95 players), President's Banquet donation (\$850). Total is \$17,865. We have invoices/receipts we can provide to show all items will have OSI logo.
- Gina reported that FYHA has not received a bill from Shott's Tots (AZ Hockey Legacy) to pay for the \$150 per registrant fee. Travis will reach out to Zach/AZ Hockey Legacy to request an invoice so we can pay and close out the books.
- Gina presented a 1/31/26 P&L statement. Highlights: we will be over the fundraising goal; Dark Sky skills registrations was under, but concessions brought in \$5k+; SportsEngine registration fees were over due to a late decision that FYHA would absorb the fees this season. Next season, SE registration fees will be passed to families.

Coaching Selection Committee

- Chris Whitney proposed forming a Coaching Selection Committee, an idea originating from Eric Weidinger. The proposed model would include one parent representative from each age group (first-year and second-year) and club level. The committee would review coaching applications and provide recommendations to the Board for final approval and voting. Discussion focused on how parent representatives should be selected.
- The Board proposed that current teams select parent representatives via survey. The survey would be distributed via team managers. Each age group would identify one parent from a player moving up and one parent from a player staying at the same level. The form will be designed to collect the age level the player will compete at for the 2026-2027 season and the preferred parent representative for the committee.
 - Eric shared that the goal is to provide parents a voice in the process and additional perspective beyond surveys alone. Concerns were raised that parents may hesitate to

provide honest feedback during the season due to fear of repercussions (e.g., ice time). The committee could help validate that coach selection is multifactorial and transparent. Jilleen noted the value of collecting references for newer coaches who may not yet be well known to families.

- While a coaching selection committee outside the Board is not typical, the group agreed that as a local nonprofit organization, incorporating parent input aligns with the club's values. The consensus was that this is worthwhile to pilot for one year and evaluate how it works.
- Charlie will work on setting up head coach application registration in SportsEngine.
 - The Travel EOY survey will be sent following the State Championships on 3/16. The Club EOY survey will be sent 3/28.
 - Eric suggested adding survey questions such as:
 - Do you recommend this coach for next year (yes/no and why)?
 - If not, who would you recommend?
- Chris Whitney will lead the pilot of the Coaching Selection Committee for this year. He will also review survey results and provide performance reviews for coaching staff. Tiffany will create the surveys.

EOY Program/Coaching Survey

- Discussion on the EOY Program/Coaching survey was discussed in the previous agenda item.

City Meeting New Rink (Additional Discussion)

- Eric Weidinger shared an update that he met with the City of Flagstaff regarding the possibility of a new ice rink. The City indicated they could potentially partner with FYHA by donating land they currently do not have plans to develop. The City is not able to provide financial support for construction at this time as the City's 5-year and 10-year capital plans do not currently include construction of a new ice rink. Eric shared there are multiple grant opportunities that could be pursued to support the project.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:56 PM by Chris Whitney, seconded by Mike Darby.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 @ 6 PM