



River Falls Youth Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 6:00pm to 7:30 pm
Wildcat Center



Attendance

- **Present** - Danny Schnacky, Jody Christensen, Heidi Van Nurden, John Robinson, Brigid Burhans, Pat Gundersen, Megan Ross, Ben Seiser, Caryn Weingartner, Megan Wieser, Vanessa Withers, Kyle Wright.
- **Absent** - None

Call to order - Danny Schnacky

Approve Consent Agenda - Last Meeting Minutes & Current Agenda

- John made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the following items to tonight's agenda: governance issue, coaching appeal outcome and mite/squirt move up discussion/vote. Caryn seconded. All in favor. MC.

Guest(s) Present & Comments

- None present at call to order. Melissa Richert arrived after president's report. Inquiry regarding a dibs assignment.

President's Report – Danny Schnacky

- Danny updated on several items; including the key building items and progress towards ice-in and season kickoff.
- Non-parent coaches have been placed. CPDC has set a date for the association wide coaches meeting.
- Board entered executive session to discuss an appeal regarding coach placement.
- Board exited executive session
- Governance discussion; Danny refreshed the directors regarding behavioral expectations and code of conduct, specifically the discretion required when discussing difficult topics and the confidentiality of said items.

Treasurer's Report – Heidi Van Nurden

- Heidi provided an overview of our current financial position and relevant updates regarding skater registration and tournament registration. Discussion regarding liquid cash position, Heidi and John gave updates on complexity relating to developing a formal investment policy and likelihood of that requiring a constitutional update and vote of the membership.

Old Business.

- Off-Ice Operations
 - Assemble committee - Business planning/revenue discussion - Keeping Ice longer.
 - Jody, Caryn, Heidi & Kyle volunteered to form a committee and assemble necessary stakeholders to investigate and forecast the viability of keeping ice longer, potentially year-round with the goal of benefiting and furthering hockey in River Falls.

New Business

- Off-Ice Operations
 - Board member credentialing. Jody provided the board with a reminder regarding credentialing requirements, process and deadline.

- Snow plow & lawn service contract - 1 yr remaining on 2 yr contract. Review next year.
 - Review Board Member Team Liaison Assignments. John reminded board members of their respective team liaison assignments for the upcoming season as well as the importance of being present for that team's parent meeting, maintaining dialogue with team.
- Fundraising & External Relations
 - Finalize kickoff event plans & budget
 - Megan shared her plan for menu and approximate costs from Sam's Club, raffle, games, member info and education; equipment etc. Apparel table to view samples and begin orders. Varsity Boys and Girls teams attendance requested.
 - Danny to send an email reminding members of the upcoming event, also targeting new members.
- Financial Operations
 - New Finance Committee member needed. With Brian Oestreich's departure from the finance committee, Heidi highlighted the key characteristics we are looking for in a new member as we tackle upcoming projects and requested suggestions from the board as to suitable candidates. Noted that we could comfortably add two new members to accommodate work load.
 - Removing old A/R from books. Heidi reviewed outstanding A/R; includes businesses and families/individuals that likelihood of collection is nil; many are no longer in business; most member items relate to unworked hours. A number of these will now be removed.
- On-Ice Operations
 - Mite/Squirt move up. Danny updated the board regarding current Squirt registration numbers, reminder of current WAHA and RFYHA policy regarding 8U to 10U move ups. Prior CPDC planned course of action was to offer to oldest mite the move up Per policy.
 - Jody made a motion that we update the language in the policy handbook 4.4.2.1 A 8U youth to 10U youth or girls to reflect WAHA's current language since our current policy handbook language is more restrictive. This involves striking a section relating to filling an 11-player roster to make first 2nd or 3rd team and replacing to match WAHA language since our policy is more restrictive. Pat seconded. All in favor. MC. Exact language to be shared electronically in the coming days and approved remotely.
 - Danny made a motion to also strike the 'oldest first' language in above policy segment. Pat seconded. All in favor. MC.

Board Comments; Q&A on submitted monthly Operations Committee Reports

- See reports below.

Comments, Announcements, Other Business

- Cleaning the rink ahead of tryouts and the upcoming season. Pat to reach out to DJ Dubois.

Adjourn

- John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danny seconded. MC. Meeting adjourned.

Confirm next meeting time

- By agreement of the board and owing to conflicts, next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 at 6pm at Wildcat Center.

Committee Reports

- See below

September 2025	Monthly Update	New Business Agenda for Discussion or Decision
On-Ice Operations		
Off-Ice Operations	<p>Tournaments are filling great, we currently have openings in the following tournaments:</p> <p>Channel the Flannel, Mite Extravaganza (both are normal for this time of year) 12UA-1 opening, 15UA 1 opening, Squirt A-3 openings, Bantam A-5 openings. All the rest are full.</p> <p>Junior gold is coming along, we currently have 3 registered and NR as 4. Practices will start in NR this Weds 9/3. Holding a bit on ordering socks and jerseys just to make sure we get enough. New Richmond has been notified and approved the increase in pay for the non parent coaches.</p> <p>Registration:</p> <p>Squirts-32-lost Mace Wedebrand, PeeWee-36, Bantams-27-lost Max Wilds to HS</p> <p>10U-13(Includes one move up). 12U-7. 14U-16(Included one potential move up)</p> <p>LTS: 52-28 boys and 24 girls</p> <p>Preseason: 52</p>	
Building Operations	<p>Many projects are being completed. Coaches locker room remodeled. Projector install. Banners hung! Hardware changes to locker rooms and restrooms. Plumber replacing water heater, valves, concession faucet, supply room faucet. Demo ice maker. Electrical is being upgraded. Skate protection at team bench. Glass has been cleaned along with underneath bleachers.</p>	
Member Recruitment & Retention		
Fundraising & External Relations	<p>Coordinating the Season Kick Off Party for Sunday, Sept. 21. Advertising team has met (Heather E. & Brigid B.) and is pursuing season sponsorships.</p>	<p>Finalize kickoff event plans and food budget.</p>
Financial Operations	<p>Meeting with Finance committee to discuss impacts of keeping ice longer, possibility of hiring rink manager, and potential expansion</p>	<p>Brian O has resigned from Finance Committee, need replacement Removing old A/R from books</p>