

# Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, December 14, 2025 – 6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Meeting was in person at Sun Prairie Ice Arena.

## **Board Members Present:**

President – Mark Gernetzke  
Incoming President – Ryan Dunt  
Treasurer – Stephen Elmer  
Secretary – Sara Pieper  
Bantam Rep – Kelly Ruhland  
Mite Rep – Allison McKee  
Mini-Mite Rep – Betsey Leonard  
Girls' Rep – Megan Davis  
Coaches Rep – Larry Clemens

**Board Members Absent:** Past President – Eric Morehouse, Squirt Rep – Sarah Mahan, PeeWee Rep – Casey Moen

**Attendance:** Megan Jordan, Brianna Behselich, Criag Haydock, Sarah Wyngaard, Rachael Erickson, Andrea Sorenson

- Public Comments – None
- Affirmation of Email Votes – None
- Appointments & Membership Changes – None
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Secretary – Sara Pieper
    - November Board Meeting Minutes
      - Megan motioned to approve. Allison second, motion passed unanimously
  - Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
    - 80% of dues have been collected; two players haven't made a payment
    - 3 DIBs buy-outs so far
    - Replaced the concession stand cooler
    - Fundraising (raffles, merch sale, Tier one) is going well
  - President – Mark Gernetzke
    - None
  - President Elect – Ryan Dunt
    - None
  - Past President – Eric Morehouse
    - None
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Volunteer Committee
    - Filling concessions DIBS shift has been a challenge; many families still need hours
  - Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee
    - None
  - Communications Committee
    - None
  - Registrar
    - None
  - Groundhog Games Tournament Committee
    - Two tournaments to go; looking for one more team for Bantam A tournament
    - We've received a lot of great feedback on pink and scholarship fundraising
  - Concession Stand Committee
    - Sold out of pink laces; will order more for C1 and Bantam tournaments
    - Brainstormed on how to recruit additional volunteers for the concession stand:
      - Do we have a certain number of hours that are required in the concession stand
      - Opportunity to provide raffle entries for each concession stand shift worked

- Share message with families notifying them that concessions fundraising plays a critical role in keeping our dues stable. When concession shifts are fully staffed, the funds raised help offset program costs and allow us to maintain dues. If concession shifts are not filled, we may need to increase dues next season, as concessions are our largest fundraising source
- USA Hockey Initiatives
  - A few coaches still have required training
- ACE Director(s)
  - None
- Equipment Managers
  - None
- Jersey Coordinator
  - None
- Spirit Wear / Bags
  - Holiday orders will be in week of December 14
- Region 4 Meeting
  - Increase in match penalties across the state
- LEVEL REP REPORTS
  - Mini-Mite
    - Gobbler Games went great
    - Little Vites taking place Dec. 20/21 in Stoughton. Going to Waupun to play in their first tournament
    - Try Hockey for Free on the 28th. Will close Mini Mite half-season registration on the 29th
  - Mite
    - Gobbler Games went well, and the raffle basket process went over great
  - Squirt
    - None
  - PeeWee
    - None
  - Bantams
    - Tournaments are going well
    - A few teams have canceled games; trying to schedule additional games
  - Coaches' Rep
    - Season is going well
  - Girls Rep
    - The 8U team is having a lot of fun experiences. Team rep is collecting additional ideas.
    - Cougars' Youth Night was well attended
    - Hosted family fun night to try to recruit at a Sun Prairie elementary school; the booth was very busy
    - Megan has a great group of people to pass the torch to when she leaves
- OLD Business
  - Try Hockey for Free, December 28th
    - Need to advertise on Facebook, but has been posted to Peach Jar
  - United Youth Hockey Night is January 27th. Level reps to share in communications.
- NEW Business
  - Next Board Meeting: Jan 11, 2026
- Adjourn
  - Sara motioned to adjourn. Megan second, motion passed unanimously
- Closed Session
  - Teams are accountable for paying for non-parent coach hotel rooms. Team reps will cover the cost and bill the team.
  - Injured player dues discussion. Policy to be followed; dues will not be prorated.
  - Mite teams are allowed to register for only 3 tournaments. Policy document to be updated before the 2026-2027 season.