

# WAYHA Board Meeting Minutes

1/14/26 - Bud King Ice Arena

Those indicated in **bold** were present at the meeting.

Board members: **Marty Moran, Laura Slavey, Alex Tipton, Cassie Stratton**, Drew Krings, **Erika Vail, Lindsey Posey, Marcus Burnham, Amy Engel, Cassie Boddy, Susan Koo**

Others Present: Annie Casselman; PeeWee A Level concerns; looking for understanding on level selection. More communication from program committee and coaches throughout season (especially when it's been a challenging season). Suggestion to add more competitive games outside of our district (where we are playing the top PWA teams in the state, and just so happen to be in our district).

Ryan Wadewitz- see notes in Executive Committee Comments

Meeting called to order at: 7:02pm

Public Comments:

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## Executive Committee Comments

- Ryan Wadewitz, WAYHA Scheduler, invited to speak on his position. The intent is for our Board to gain a unified understanding of the schedule and role of Scheduler when we are presented with schedule questions. Ryan has been asked to discuss the range of his responsibilities including communication with the City of Winona and third parties. He will also speak on challenges of projecting schedules. Please bring your schedule questions.
  - Ryan Wadewitz- Presented to the board a general understanding of the scheduling process. Starts looking at the schedule in August; Tournaments and Pre-season programming takes place in September. Game schedules get built in October. Practice Schedules: Tries to give even distribution across most age levels (bantam later). Strives to give everyone the appropriate ice touches. Scheduling comes out on Sunday nights to avoid having to make changes. If it was to be done earlier there is the potential for changes. How can we work through that to get the most out of ice and be able to get schedules out sooner. Also considers parking, locker room availability, ODR availability/weather when creating the schedule (practice). Protocol is rink staff to notify Ryan if ODR ice is not usable. He will push down to exec and coaches/manager.
- Request to approve funds to send the 8u team to the Menomonie jamboree; up to \$1200
  - Motion: Erica Vail
  - Second: Cassie Boddy
  - Motion **carried**/denied:
    - Abstain

- Sent flowers to the Scott Schultz family for the funeral. Beckett is one of our Mite Skaters.
- Bought extra apparel to meet MOQ for the Titalwave apparel order. Going to gift the 3 main rink staff a WAYHA jacket along with a thank you note

### **Gambling report:**

- 5 star rating from MN Gambling Control Board - great work Billy!
- 2025 Organization Annual Report was presented to the board by Billy.
- GCB review - additional notes to minutes under gambling report
- Billy presented the LG1004 Monthly Gambling Report to Board/Members
- Billy presented the monthly bank statement to Board/Members
  
- Motion to approve December 2025 Gambling Report
  - Motion:Laura Slavey
  - 2nd: Marty Moran
  - Motion **carried**/denied:
    - Abstain:
  
- Motion to approve allowable expenses:
  - Accounting up to \$200
  - Cost of games up to \$12,000
  - Payroll taxes up to \$1,000
  - Rent up to \$40,000
  - Manager/payroll audit up to \$6,000
  - Combined receipts up to \$50,000
  
  - Motion: Marty Moran
  - 2nd: Susan Koo
  - Motion **carried**/denied
    - Abstain:
  
- Motion to accept donation of \$100,000 from gambling
  - Motion: Marty Moran
  - 2nd: Lindsey Posey
  - Motion **carried**/denied:
    - Abstain:

### **Treasurer report:**

- Account set up at Edward Jones for CD - 3 month CD between 5 accounts with 200,000 in each account and a money market account for 10,534.00.
  
- Motion to approve December finance Reports
  - Motion: Cassie Body
  - 2nd: Erika Vail
  - Motion **carried**/denied
    - Abstain

### **Committees Chaired by Non-Board Members Reports:**

#### **Equipment Manager (Ben Gordon)**

- No report

#### **Tournament Committee (Susan Koo)**

- Report: END OF YEAR Tournaments: Pee Wee C Feb 20-22, Squirt B Feb 27-March 1. Two tournaments, two weekends in a row.
- PWC Interim Director - Ryan Wadewitz. 12 teams; Pool play to pool play. Winner out of gold pool is champion, winner from silver pool is 2nd, winner from bronze pool is 3rd.
- Squirt B Interim Director - Amber Scott. 12 teams. Random games. Point system. Championship brackets.
- Only Owatonna has signed up for PWC. (Update: Mankato White and Gray as of 1/14). Austin (Squirt B) and Rochester teams want to sign up. Update 1/14 - La Crescent communicated wanting to sign up for both. Help getting word out?
- Planned to use seeding, but should we switch directions? Pee Wee standings finalize Feb 8. E-mailed with Troy and Squirt doesn't have a hard date but games go up to weekend before tournament.
- Rochester's discount code request - requested from both Pee Wee and Squirt levels.
- Is WAYHA willing to take checks vs online payment? (Rochester & Austin request)
- 3 extra trophies ordered - used old D9 decals so might not have some associations, but these aren't present at PWC and SB.
- Kristen with Winona Health - 4 pregnancies and cannot cover full tournaments either weekend. Brainstorm options? Any medical parents (ie - Danielle O?)
- E-mail out to have a PDF updated for tournaments rules to post on PeeWee C section of end of year tournament page.
- Swag bags for Squirts? For Pee Wees?
- Need vote to approve budget for: 3 trophies, \$300 for Squirt B tournament, Fastenal D9 poster prints, pucks for names of each player? Total of \$1000 (will for sure be less...just buffered with unknown swag bag needs).
- Use D9 dropcloth?

- Motion to approve up to \$2000 for EOY tournaments (\$1k each)
  - Motion: Marty Moran
  - 2nd: Lindsey Posey
  - Motion **carried**/denied
    - Abstain

#### **Hockey Operations Committee (J Rezska)**

- Report: Send him any questions or concerns; Alex will share Annie's concerns with J; talk about getting more admn support for the hockey operations committee to help with communication and other tasks.

#### **Board Member Chaired Committee Updates:**

##### **Long Term Planning / Facilities Committee (Drew)**

- **Report:**
  - Period 3 grant has been submitted. The winner will be notified February 27, 2026.
  - Dryland Tile maintenance supplies delivered - will be testing in January.
  - New whiteboards are on CoW list for install (Mark Meisel)
  - LTPC meeting was held with CoW Leadership Team on 1/9/26 at City Hall (Chad Ubl - City Mgr, Lucy McMartin - Director of Community Development, and Patrick Menton - Director of Parks & Facilities)
    - The meeting was productive and we left with commitments from CoW Leaders for more follow up engagements to offer support & guidance for our capital campaign pursuit.
      - Attendees from WAYHA were Alex Tipton, Marty Moran, Jen Gibson, Danielle O'Laughlin, Drew Krings

##### **Marketing Committee (J.J. Pettit)**

- Report:

##### **Fundraising Committee (Amy/Lindsey)**

- Report: Golf Tournament Date (normally early May), requested to look at maybe a September date with Cedar Valley. Need to follow up with that before she starts slotting tournaments...confirm keep in May or move to September (if an option)
- Waiting on a few more sponsorship checks. Got the list from Dawn. Amy and Lindsey to follow up with those still outstanding

##### **Volunteer Committee (Cassie Stratton)**

- Report: Working with Trisha and Erin to get updated hours out to families. Working with a group to get better feedback and what is needed to keep volunteers going.

### **New Family Mentor Committee (Erika Vail)**

- Report: Cassie B is working with Ryan to get time slot for THF for March 7th.

### **Safe Sport / Grievance Committee (Cassie B/Drew)**

- Report:
  - There were a couple incidents last month that were addressed. Both were resolved and one involved player + parent code of conduct review, and the other involved a coaches code of conduct review. No other active grievances or SafeSport concerns at this time.

### **Actionable Items:**

#### **Old Business**

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#### **New Business**

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### **Other Items:**

### **Virtual Votes:**

Virtual vote: Non-BKIA Ice Rental

- Motion to approve spending up to \$5000 during the '25/'26 season on ice rental in the surrounding area (Lacrosse, Onalaska, LaCrescent, etc.)
  - Motion: Marty Moran
  - 2nd: Drew Krings
  - Motion **carried**/denied:
    - Abstain:

### **Meeting adjourned at:**

- Motion to Adjourn at 9:51pm
  - Motion: Erika Vail
  - 2nd: Susan Koo
  - Motion **carried**/denied:
    - Abstain: