

FLAGSTAFF YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

FYHA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Dec 17, 2025 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

CALL TO ORDER + APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM by Travis Joralmon. Motion to approve November meeting minutes by Brad Milhalik, seconded by Chris Whitney. Motion to approve December agenda by Gina Nabours, seconded by Travis Joralmon.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION

Time is set aside at every meeting for public participation so that members can bring any issues, concerns, and questions to the attention of the Board. Members are encouraged to attend the meetings, participate, and become involved.

REPORTS

President's Report (Travis Joralmon)

- As we close out 2025, we would like to recognize a historic moment in American hockey. Earlier this year, the Miracle on Ice squad—the legendary 1980 U.S. Olympic team—was awarded the President's Congressional Medal in honor of their extraordinary achievement and lasting impact on the sport. Their victory over the Soviet Union remains one of the most iconic triumphs in sports history, and this recognition serves as a reminder of the values of perseverance, teamwork, and national pride that continue to inspire young athletes today. For FYHA, it is a powerful example of what dedication to the game can achieve, both on and off the ice.
- Looking ahead, we want to remind all families that there will be no hockey activities from December 22 through January 2. This pause is intentional, giving our players, coaches, and families the opportunity to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful time together during the holiday season. Hockey is a sport built on community, and we encourage everyone to embrace this break as a chance to strengthen bonds at home before we return to the rink in the new year. We look forward to resuming practices and games in January with renewed energy and excitement for the season ahead. Happy Holidays!

Vice President's Report (Chris Whitney)

- No report

Treasurer's Report (Gina Nabours)

- I reached out to Can-Am this past week and they have initiated refunds of the \$500 deposit for 12U and 14U from Veterans Day weekend. I will work with the Board at our meeting to discuss the rosters and how much each family will get a check for. Those will then be distributed to the teams shortly.
- We will start working on a draft of next year's budget to have it ready for the March meeting.

Secretary's Report (Tiffany Abbott)

- No report

AAHA Hockey Director's Report (Travis Joralmon)

- No report

Club Hockey Director's Report (Leigh Mathias)

- No report

Coaching Coordinator's Report (Chris Whitney)

- No report

Equipment Manager's Report (Jilleen Alessi)

- No report

Fundraising's Report (Mike Darby)

- No report

Ice Scheduler's Report (Brad Mihalik)

- Fall/Winter:
 - Open ice has been forfeited back to the city through January.
 - 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. One stick time added on 12/21. Still working on adding 12/28. Check the FYHA calendar.
 - 10,12,14U Navy & White Club practices are occasionally combined when a holiday interferes with a Monday or Thursday (Example: 1/22 & 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. The request is with them to discuss at their board meeting.
- There are some dates that we will not have hockey in Flagstaff:
 - December 22nd - January 2nd Winter Break (Adding a stick time or two)
 - January 19th - MLK Day (Travel tournaments)
 - February 16th - President's Day (Association travel tournament)
 - February 28 & March 1st - NAU Playoffs
- Other key dates:
 - March 7th & 8th - 8U Navy State Championships in Flagstaff
 - March 14th & 15th - 10U Mesquite State Championships in Flagstaff
 - Week of March 16th - Last travel practices to be scheduled
 - March 28th - Last day of Club hockey
 - April 18th & 19th Robby Glantz Power Skating Clinic
 - June 15th-19th Rocky Mountain Hockey School
 - August 22nd & 23rd Christian Grunnah (GPS) Skating Clinic
- Brad will be out of the country 12/19-1/4/26, so if there are any issues regarding the ice schedule, contact Travis Joralmon.

Webmaster's Report (Tiffany Abbott)

- No report

Registrar's Report (Charlie Knotts)

- No report

Manager Coordinator's Report (Molly Joralmon)

- No report

Goalie Coordinator's Report (Mark Del Giorgio)

- No report

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Rocky Mountain Hockey School (RMHS) will return to Flagstaff June 15-19, 2026. Enrollment will open January 1st. This camp always sells out, so if you're interested, be sure to set a

calendar reminder to register. There is a discount code that we will share as it becomes available. For more info, visit:

<https://campvine.com/list/16/az/sports-programs/rmhs-flagstaff-az-summer-hockey-camp>

OLD BUSINESS

AAHA Grant Update/Disbursement

- Leigh Mathias raised a question about using grant funds to purchase additional club equipment (e.g., bumpers). Leigh reviewed the grant guidelines and confirmed this use is allowable. Total grant funds available are approximately \$6,000: \$1,000 designated for goalie support and \$5,000 for general club use.
- The group discussed a plan to use the goalie funds to purchase 1-2 sets of goalie gear for 6U/8U. These sets would be loaned to goalies with a deposit and must be returned at the end of the season. The general club funds would be used to purchase new bumpers and helmets to use for Try Hockey events. The current supply of helmets are not in good condition and were pieced together for the most recent event.
- Jilleen Alessi has contacted three companies (including Rink Systems and All American) for bumper quotes. An 8-pack is estimated at approximately \$2,000; shipping costs are still being evaluated, including whether pricing differs between ordering 8 versus 16 bumpers. She will bring that information to the next board meeting.
- Also discussed Rink Rat Rentals partnership; at least 2-3 players are currently using the service to rent gear. We want to continue promoting that for new players that need gear.

Budget or Donation for New Helmets and Neck Guards

- Discussed above

Jackson Haughey Memorial Scholarship

- Tiffany Abbott was waiting on one more photo of the award recipient; however, has not received it. She plans to share the scholarship announcement when we return in the new year.

Club Hockey Photos

- Tiffany confirmed Club photos with Sean Openshaw have been scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2026 during regular game slots. Team photos will take place on the ice and individual photos will take place in the green locker room. Tiffany has reserved the green locker room with Dan Carrick at the rink.

Equipment - Foam Pads

- Discussed above

NEW BUSINESS

Team Store at Mountain Ts

- Tiffany reported that some families experienced issues with the Team Store in October, including out-of-stock items being substituted and incorrect customization.
- She contacted Mountain Ts about hosting a local team store option to provide families with an

alternative between the two annual Monkey Sports orders. The Flagstaff Avalanche currently use Mountain Ts for their team store, and several coaches have reported positive experiences.

- Travis Joralmon suggested Flag Ts as another potential option, noting FYHA's longstanding relationship with them and the fact that all logos and designs are already on file. Tiffany will follow up.
- Monkey Sports will continue to be used for core team items such as bags, gloves, jerseys, and hockey-brand apparel (e.g., CCM, Bauer).
- A local team store option would focus on fan and spirit apparel.

Glove Purchase

- Jilleen reported that a family inquired about ordering Northstars-branded gloves. She noted that the board previously decided not to purchase and hold gloves in inventory. The minimum order for branded gloves is 12 pairs. Tiffany sent an email to assess family interest.
- If the minimum order is met, Jilleen will proceed with placing the order. If the minimum is not met, families will need to purchase gloves through the team store.
- The board discussed the option of working with Jackie at Monkey Sports to open the team store for gloves only at limited times during the season to provide additional purchasing opportunities for families.

Club Skills Mini Camp

- Leigh reported that Stars White Coach Kevin Callaway is developing a proposal for a mini skills camp focused on continued development for Club players.
- The concept includes an extended weekend format with approximately four hours of ice time (two hours on Saturday and two hours on Sunday). The goal is to expand development opportunities for Club players.
- Use of grant funds to support this initiative may be possible.

Midseason Club Survey

- Leigh reported plans to distribute a midseason Club satisfaction survey to assess family feedback on the Club program. The survey is targeted for distribution in January upon return from the break.

New Mexico Ice Wolves Request for House Teams

- Leigh reported receiving another request from the New Mexico Ice Wolves to host house teams in Albuquerque during the February/March timeframe. The request is currently focused on the 8U age group.
- Leigh is working with Tiffany to distribute a survey to gauge family interest, with attention to avoiding any pressure on families to travel.

OSI Bill

- Gina Nabours reported that OSI has paid the invoice for water bottles. Gina reviewed whether Shott's Tots had been billed; all prior OSI settlements were from the previous season.
- Outstanding items to be billed to OSI include: water bottles, \$9,000 sponsorship stipend, and \$6,000 for the Shott's Tots program.
 - Gina asked Charlie Knotts to send an invoice to OSI for: \$6,000 Shott's Tots program sponsorship, \$9,000 sponsorship stipend, and \$850 annual banquet contribution. End-of-season gifts will be billed separately. Matt (OSI) requested that invoices not be bundled all at once.

- Gina confirmed she has not received any invoice related to Shott's Tots. The OSI sponsorship provides a \$150 discount off the \$299 registration fee. The last payment Gina made for Shott's Tots was in November 2024.
- Consensus was to send a bill for all outstanding amounts owed and provide documentation if requested.
- Beginning next month, team managers should begin ordering and organizing end-of-season items so payments can be completed on time. The association gift still needs to be determined.
- Reminder noted for the 2026–27 season, the \$9,000 sponsorship stipend should be billed at the start of the season (August 2026).
- OSI contributes \$25 per travel player and \$7 per club player toward end-of-season gifts. Club gifts should be generic items (e.g., shorts or shirts). Additional funds are built into registration; exceeding the \$25 per player reduces funds available for team end-of-season parties.
- Jilleen ordered 42 personalized water bottles (with names and numbers) and 20 non-personalized water bottles through Tag Sports for the 2025–26 season.
 - Travis noted that, going forward, the club should order the maximum number of water bottles allowable within the available funding (\$1,000).
 - Navy was unavailable at the time of ordering; black was selected as the alternative color.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:41 PM by Travis Joralmon, seconded by Gina Nabours.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 @ 6 PM