

# FLAGSTAFF YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## FYHA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Nov 19, 2025 6:45 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 6:45 PM by Tiffany Abbott. Motion to approve September meeting minutes by Gina Nabours, seconded by Jilleen Alessi. Motion to approve November agenda by Gina Nabours, seconded by Brad Mihalik.

### 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)

- What a great start to the season. The club program is running extremely smoothly with the leadership of our Club Director Leigh Mathias and our head coaches Ben Davidson, Dan Carrick, Kevin Callaway, and Joe Weidinger. Congratulations to our 12U Navy and 14U Navy teams for winning the gold medal at the Can/Am Challenge Cup in Salt Lake City, Nov. 7-9. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels during the holiday.

### Vice President's Report (Chris Whitney)

- No report

### Treasurer's Report (Gina Nabours)

- OSI has been billed for 25-26 season water bottles.
- 12U and 14U teams had issues with their Can-Am tournament payments and families were billed instead of the association card being charged. Still working to figure out the details, but families who were charged will recoup some of their total expenditures by taking the budgeted tournament cost and splitting it amongst families who were billed.
- Chris Talley has completed our previous year's taxes.

### Secretary's Report (Tiffany Abbott)

- Reminder: coaches/volunteers that plan to attend Stick Times, please be sure to sign up in DIBS to ensure we have coverage. If we do not have a minimum of 2 coaches/volunteers to monitor the ice, we will be forced to cancel.

### AAHA Hockey Director's Report (Travis Joralmon)

- I have a tournament committee meeting 11/18 where we will be discussing the location of the upcoming state tourney per division. I will be requesting to host the 10U Mesquite division in Flagstaff. We are also hosting the 8U State Championship in Flagstaff on March 7th & 8th.
- Brad will work on getting ice secured for four teams, the max we can host with our current ice slots. AAHA takes care of everything else, nothing is needed from FYHA unless we want to do concessions or other at the rink.

### Club Hockey Director's Report (Leigh Mathias)

- 91 registrations

### Coaching Coordinator's Report (Chris Whitney)

- No report

### Equipment Manager's Report (Jilleen Alessi)

- No report

### Fundraising's Report (Mike Darby)

- Currently collecting discount card money.
- Findlay sponsorship check still not received.
  - Update: Findlay Toyota has cut another check mailed it out. Previous check lost. Waiting on ordering dasher boards until payment is received.

### **Ice Scheduler's Report (Brad Mihalik)**

- Fall/Winter:
  - Open ice has been forfeited back to the city through the end of the year (January 2nd). 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: 11/24). Please pay attention to your SE calendars during these weeks.
  - There are some dates that we will not have hockey:
    - November 27th-30th Thanksgiving Break
    - December 20th - January 2nd Winter Break
    - 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 Travel 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

### **Webmaster's Report (Tiffany Abbott)**

- Continuing to grow FYHA's social presence. Thank you to those that send photos and videos at away games and tournaments to help keep coverage going!
- New content formats we are exploring are player profiles and mic'd up sessions at practice or friendlies. If your player would like to participate in player profiles, please [fill out this form](#).
- Team photo albums have been created for the 2025-2026 season. Team managers will distribute the links. Please drop your photos in the folder throughout the year. Photos may also be used for social media posts and the EOY banquets.

### **Registrar's Report (Charlie Knotts)**

- No report

### **Manager Coordinator's Report (Molly Joralmon)**

- The executive manager is working with the treasurer to resolve Can/Am payments.

### **Goalie Coordinator's Report (Mark Del Giorgio)**

- No report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **AAHA Grant Update/Disbursement**

- Leigh Mathias is working on the proposal for grant disbursement. He will distribute it for review to the board and plan to vote at December's meeting.

### **Budget or Donation for New Helmets and Neck Guards**

- Leigh reported that he contacted Zack Savage and confirmed that FYHA can use the same bulk discount program as AZ Hockey Legacy for ordering new helmets and other gear. He will follow up with Dan Carrick regarding the potential sale of neck guards at the rink.

### **Jackson Haughey Memorial Scholarship**

- Awards have been mailed to the recipients. Tiffany designed commemorative pucks for the awards and is still gathering photos for the announcement, with two of three photos received so far. Tiffany also discussed the possibility of creating a jersey shadowbox with Maria Saurer; Maria will speak with Jackson's family and Mackenzie to determine how they would like to proceed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Webmaster Budget**

- Tiffany Abbott requested that the association cover the cost of the Canva Teams membership (\$30/mo, \$360/year) noting that she uses it extensively to produce graphics for the website and social media.
- Motion: Travis Joralmon motions to cover the monthly Canva subscription fee for the Webmaster, seconded by Brad Mihalik. Vote: All in favor; Chris Whitney and Mike Darby not present. Motion passed.

### **Grunnah Power Skating Clinic 2026**

- Brad Mihalik reported that Grunnah Power Skating (GPS Hockey) will return to Flagstaff in August 2026 to run a preseason prep skating clinic. Tentative dates are 8/22–23 or 8/29–30, ahead of the Labor Day seeding tournament. The clinic will be offered as an individual sign-up. Brad will provide confirmed dates once finalized.

### **Equipment - Foam Pads**

- Jilleen Alessi reported coach concerns regarding bumpers that are ripped or in poor condition and proposed a rotating replacement schedule. Travis Joralmon noted a similar effort was attempted last season but stalled due to high shipping costs. Travis asked Jilleen to obtain an updated quote and present it to the board for further review.

### **Sean Openshaw Club Photos**

- Tiffany has tentatively scheduled Saturday, January 10, 2026, for Club hockey photos with Sean Openshaw. Because of the number of players and Sean's preference to complete all photos in one day, team photos will be taken on the ice, with individual photos taken in a locker room or the party room. Tiffany will follow up with Sean to confirm the details.

### **6U/8U Club or Travel Invite from Santa Fe**

- Leigh reported receiving an invitation from a house team in Santa Fe to participate in a jamboree on 12/5; however, the short timeline makes it unfeasible for this season. He will explore similar opportunities in the spring.
- Chris Whitney noted that if the association chooses to pursue travel opportunities for house teams, a broader discussion is needed. He expressed concern about blurring the distinction

between travel and house hockey and emphasized the importance of not pressuring families—financially or otherwise—into travel commitments they intentionally opted out of.

- The group discussed possibly distributing an interest form to gauge parent and player interest.
- Travis shared that AAHA President Tim Reckell will be sending out information regarding the jamboree scheduled for December 23, 2025, which is intended for house and travel players. Participation will be through individual sign-up for those interested.

#### **Discount Cards update**

- Leigh provided an update on discount card fundraiser for Club. He is expecting to make collections in three waves. The first wave has been collected and given to Gina Nabours to deposit to the bank (~\$2k). Leigh will send documentation to Gina and Charlie Knotts for this deposit.
- Jilleen also gave 8U Navy's card money to Gina for deposit (~\$1,800) and will provide documentation to Mike Darby.
- Mike Darby asked whether families who did not sell any cards are responsible for the \$50 buyout. The group clarified that selling cards is encouraged but not required. Several families sold more than the minimum five cards, balancing overall participation. The decision was that families who did not opt for the buyout and did not sell cards will not be charged the \$50.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:32 PM by Gina Nabours, seconded by Jilleen Alessi.

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**Next meeting:** Wednesday, December 17, 2025 @ 6 PM