



Menomonie Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 29th, 2024 5:30 Hockey Rink

Call to order: 5:38 pm Meeting Adjourned: 7:23 pm

MYHA Mission, Vision, and Ground Rules

Mission: To provide youth in the greater Menomonie area with the opportunity to learn, play and compete in the game of hockey with an emphasis on growth in the areas of skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Vision: Pursuit of the model USA hockey organization following the American development model.

Ground Rules: Mutual respect, be timely – start on time and end no later than 9:30 p.m. Come prepared. Allow enough time to make decisions and stand by your decisions. Communicate, conduct yourself and make decisions based on what's best for the entire association versus just your child.

Roll Call/Quorum:

- Mike Jax, President- Present
- Stacy Hintzman, Past President -
- Zach Raff, Treasurer (non-voting)- Present
- Jake Farrah Tournaments & Scheduling Director - Present
- Heidi Neverdahl, Concessions Director - Present
- Matt Czechowicz, Equipment Director - Present
- Stephanie Thortsen, Fundraising Director - Present
- Tucker Giertz, General Operations - Present
- Brian Gowling, Hockey Operations - Present
- Kate Kramschuster, Growth and Development - Present (Call in)
- Jennie Cimino, Secretary (non-voting) - Present

Member Comments:

The first part of each board meeting is reserved for member comments and questions. The board welcomes feedback and participation from all of our members!

Consent Agenda:

1. [January Meeting Minutes](#) - Motion to Approve - Passed

Meeting Agenda:

President

- Current Dibs Posting
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- Playdown Dibs
 - People are signing up and then canceling their spots. This creates a problem because we think spots are filled and on a short notice they are not.
 - Bantam B, PeeWee C, PeeWee A- These teams are not playing this weekend and we need volunteers to help at Playdowns. Jennie will send a message out to the teams to ask for help.

- Jennie will also send an email to the entire association that we will need help with the press box and concession.
- Gamesheet is up and running to use during the games.
- State Dibs x2
 - We will have two weekends that we will need to fill for DIBS.
- Annual Meeting
 - **The meeting will be after the State tournament. March 21th at 6:00 pm**
 - Mike has the slides from last year to use as a template. Mike will send an email with the slides that need to be completed for each area.
 - Brian suggested that we do not give out patches at the annual meeting. The patches can be celebrated with the team during the team party.
 - Each team will need to have their own party.
 - This year we will give out patches and relook at this procedure next year.
 - People who are running for the board will be provided one 1 minute to introduce themselves.
 - Annual meeting was too long last year and it is difficult for Mite families to sit through.
 - The meeting could be shortened if we do not announce all of the skaters individually. This is the longest part of the meeting.
 - The coaches will have five minutes to introduce the team and give a short presentation.
 - Scholarships, member of the year, and coach of the year will still be announced.
 - Mike will ask Tracie for the scoresheets and order the patches.
- Official Board Structure for Annual Meeting(wording)
 - Brian will have the roles for the Hockey Ops and Hockey Development created to share with the board.
- Rewrite By-Laws, membership vote
 - Mike will work on re-writing the wording of the By-Laws.
 - The Board will vote on the wording to be presented to the membership.
- Terms
 - Returning/Board Terms
 - Heidi- spring of 2024 (will run again spring 2024)
 - Tucker- spring of 2025 (will be resigning spring 2024)
 - Matt- spring of 2025
 - Jake- spring of 2026
 - Steph- spring of 2026
 - Kate- spring of 2026
 - Brian- spring of 2026
 - Mike- President (will be resigning spring 2024)
 - Positions that will be open
 - General Opps
 - Growth and Development and Girl's Program (Member is also on the Co-Op board)
 - Concessions- Heidi will re-apply
 - Hockey Development - (Brian will come up with a new name)
 - Mike will compose an email that will be sent out to the members informing them of open positions, coach of the year, and member of the year.
- Coach of the Year and Member of the Year
 - Brian suggested reviewing the process to the awards given out. This will be something that the board will decide on next year. This year, we will use the same process.
 - Member of the year could be based on the number of DIBS hours
 - Coach of the year could be voted on by the coaches not the association
- Mite Jamboree Awards

- Kate and Matt will look into ordering awards. A possibility would be buttons or a pin.
- Rostering
 - Mike looked into the rules about moving skaters up to a different level. We need to have a policy in place and look at the reasoning it is happening.
- President Vote
 - **Motion to appoint Kate Kramschuster as the new President- Approved**

General Opps

- Tucker will put together the Dibs and then email it to Jennie.

Fundraising

- Jennie send an email out to members if they did not sell the Kwik Trip Cards
 - Billed \$360 per family \$180 per skater
 - Families will not be able to register until the fee is paid.
- Margin is 43% for the Kwik Trip Cards

Hockey Ops

- Brent Pember donated a shooter.
- Brian will schedule ice time for February at VSA. It will be less than \$1,000.
- LTS is consistently running late and there is not even time for zamboni inbetween. This past weekend the LTS started 30 minutes late.
- Scheduling of Bantam games needs to be relooked at so games do not run into practice time.

Equipment

- Gamesheet is up and running.

Other:

- Locker rooms
 - Girl's - At what age do we require the girl's to get dressed in their own locker room?
 - Possible solution would require skaters to wear a base layer. Kate shared the policy that is used for the girls co-op.
- Girls Co-op
 - Girls have a primary and a secondary team.
 - The girls have to play/practice with their primary team if there is a conflict.
 - Parents need to communicate with coaches when there will be a conflict.
 - There have been a few incidents that have caused last minute problems for the team.
- Ice Board
 - Is ordering a scrubber for cleaning.
 - Jack Tritt and Bob Schultz are writing a grant that would provide ½ of the funding for a second sheet of ice.
 - Many questions are still unanswered about the grant. The main objective is to secure the money and then finalize the details.

Next Meeting

February 28th at 5:30- Hockey Rink