



Menomonie Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 27th, 2023 6:00 pm at hockey rink
Call to order: 6:03 Meeting Adjourned:

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:

- Stacy Hintzman, President - Present
- Gary Messerschmidt, Treasurer - Present
- Zack Raff, Treasurer in learning - Present
- Mike Jax, Tournaments & Scheduling Director - Present
- Heidi Neverdahl, Concessions Director - Present- through call in
- Kate Kramschuster, Equipment Director - Present
- Heidi Dowd, Fundraising Director - Present
- Tucker Giertz, General Operations - Present
- Russell Bahr, Hockey Operations - Present- through call in
- Rhonda Messerschmidt, Growth and Development - Present
- Jennie Cimino, Secretary- (non-voting) - Present
- Troy Wilkens Concession Co-Director (non-voting) - Present
- Adam Wamboldt Equipment Co-Director (non-voting) -

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. February 6th Meeting Minutes - approved through email

Meeting Agenda:

1. President's Report

- a. Member of the Year
 - i. Read through nominations
 - ii. Board voted
 - iii. Discussed that a private email to the families/people who have been nominated could be sent out to notify them that they were nominated.
- b. Coach of the Year
 - i. Read through nominations
 - ii. Board voted
- c. **Motion to give Terry Walkins recognition at the end of the 2023-24 season- approved**
- d. By-laws & Board Structure Re-group
 - i. Policy number 1.81 needs to be updated in the off season
 - ii. Pause Board restructuring
 - 1. Board position job descriptions need to be updated
 - 2. Committee positions could be added to help with workload
 - 3. Volunteer hours could be increased
 - 4. Off season planning
 - a. Work on bi-laws during the summer
 - b. Members could vote on the bi-laws electronically - would need at least 80% of members to vote
 - 5. Girls committee should go under growth and retention
 - a. A meeting with all of the families with a girl skater should be held
 - iii. An exceptional skater policy will be revised during the off season
- e. Review Planning Document
- f. Review Board Applications
 - i. Three people applied for the board
 - 1. Kate Kramschuster
 - 2. Brian Zeranek
 - 3. Brian Gowling
 - ii. A vote is needed even with three positions and 3 candidates
 - 1. 80% of members present need to vote
 - 2. Each candidate needs at least one vote
- g. Annual Meeting Planning and Deck- Annual meeting is on March 21st at 6:00-8:00 pm
 - i. **The slides need to be done by March 14th**
 - 1. Showcase the UTV donor
 - 2. Financial information - Gary
 - 3. Volunteer Hours and prices going up
 - a. Open skate not being open is against our lease
 - b. 4,000 hours to run the rink
 - i. We are short at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of the hours
 - 4. Growth and Retention- (Rhonda)
 - 5. Information on girls hockey - numbers, trends, possibilities (Rhonda)
 - 6. Second sheet of ice
 - 7. Practice to game ratio
 - 8. Troy Ward - (Russ)
 - 9. Scheduling- (Mike)

- 10. Equipment- grants, jersey's, (Kate)
- 11. Coaching Needs (Russ and Rhonda)
 - ii. Player participation certificates for the annual meeting (Rhonda)
 - iii. Annual Meeting Policy needs to be revised
 - iv. Movies on the TV in the lobby
 - v. High school students supervise the kids
 - vi. Rob Smith award
 - 1. Stacey emailed the family and they want to have a role in selecting the award winner.
- h. Assessments
 - i. Assessment information will be sent out at the end of the year
 - ii. Next year the end of the season assessments should be done earlier
- i. NXTStep Hockey Training
 - i. Zach DeMarce, a past MYHA member, is offering off-ice technical skill hockey training mid May- August (via @NXTSTEPHOCKEYTRAINING), the flier will be posted on our FB page and Board page (off-season). This is his business, however, to encourage and allow him to keep his costs affordable for our MYHA skaters the motion was made to support giving him a discount (MYHA rate vs outside rate) when using the Fanetti Shooting Area for this training.
 - ii. **Motion to support Zach's program and go to the ice board to ask for MYHA rates- approved**
- j. Gary shared MYHA financials
- k. Fundraising- UTV tickets
 - i. Email will be sent to members with an update on turn-in date
- l. Motion to remove the Bantam skate for free policy- Approved**
- m. Stacey shared a past parent's concern about high school
 - i. There is a gap between bantams and JV high school. Some high school skaters get very limited playing time during the season because of the lack of a full JV team. This year for example 20 JV games were scheduled and only 8 were played. Of those 8 games most were only two periods. These skaters did not play a game after the first week of January for the rest of the season and they see very limited if any playing time during varsity games. With the lack of ice time during games these skaters do not have the opportunity to improve. This not only impacts kids' skating skills but their mental health well.
- n. Blood drive- hours can be used for next year

Next Meeting: March 19th at 6:00