

Stowe Youth Hockey
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2025, 5:30pm
Stowe Arena

Board Members Present: Holly, Kelvy, Dana, Jess, John, Kelly, Lindsay, Darren, John

Non-Board Members Present: Katie St. Pierre, Nick Donza

Holly makes a motion to open at 5:30pm

Dana 2nd – motion passed

Dana: Motion to approve minutes from the July meeting

John 2nd – motion passed

Public Comment:

Katie St. Pierre – 19 girls on the roster for 10U girls. Katie would like to suggest splitting into 2 teams by ability level – they learned a lot from last year based on having 18 girls on the team.

Top tier would play coed and lower would play girls

10 teams currently at the 10U girls level, need to set an evaluation date

Kelly made a motion that we do evaluations for 10U girls o split them by ability into 2 teams

Kelvy 2nd

All voted in favor

Holly will email all 10 girls – ask if there is anyone adamantly opposed to playing a co-ed team, letting parents know that this is what will be expected

Both teams will be in the girl's division – and both teams may play co-ed teams to fill the schedule – there a pros and cons to playing and not playing co-ed teams.

General discussion around the split: It will take a few weeks to sort the girls tiers both teams would be in the girls division – but families need to be open to playing coed teams to fill the schedule. Option B is to pull up an 8U very early Jan birthday player with a parent coach to split into 2 teams.

Holly to send email to parents

Nick Donza – just here for the coaches meeting no comment

President Report: VSAHA – Sunday meeting was anti climatic – game sheets again – VSAHA paying again this year then the cost will be passed to SYH.

16/16 focused on mental health for 12u 14u players and coaches. It is mandatory per VSAHA to register. VSAHA will be monitoring.

Any issues or complaints need to go through the SYH board, can't bypass to go directly through the VSAHA

Cross Rostering - If you're playing with a non-rostered player one game suspension for head coach – this comes directly from VSAHA. Coaches need to plan accordingly

There is a new coaching clinic for 6u/8u –

NED tryouts will be mini games and not a skill based tryouts

Jessica did a killer job w/ Hackers for Hockey fund raiser

Treasurer Report – made just under \$5K on the event helps with funds for scholarships
Bruins learn to play is coming up first weekend of October

Registrar Report – registration is closed 133 registered. Down 10-15 players vs last year but we may pick up those kids from BLTP

Other Discussion:

Concussions – player needs to be evaluated by physician with a note before player is back on the ice.
Parents who are physician cannot clear their child for play

Follow safe sport – for concussion

We will be using game sheets for the tournaments. We have to collect their rosters and submit to VSAHA to have game sheets for the tournaments.

Friday 10/3 – Dana and Jess to organize - figure out billing later for ice– 5-6pm ice time

Player request move up: Key is developmentally where he is – he would be appropriate to play up – 16 on the team at that age group he would make 17 – 10U. VSAHA has 2 main requirements – has the player played 2 years at their required level and is there a need on the team that they are moving up to

Vote to move player up – 3 for 6 against – player will stay at current level.

Molly Burke of the Shamrocks need to use ipads for game sheets – can they borrow ours during their games – too complicated with login etc – Kelly will get her one

Cross rosters can be hugely beneficial but there is a process – more to be used because we have the need – should be used as a needs-based system

John helped take Tourney's off of Hollys plate – he recruited Joe

Holly made a motion to close

Dana 2nd