



# Menomonie Youth Hockey Association

## Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

January 5th, 2026 6:00 Hockey Rink

Call to order: 5:59pm Meeting Adjourned: 8:54pm

## 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:

- Kate Kramschuster, President- present
- Mike Jax, Past President (non-voting)- present
- Zach Raff, Treasurer (non-voting)- present
- Jennie Cimino, Secretary (non-voting) - present
- Kari Ivy-Tournaments & Scheduling Director - present
- Stephanie Thompson , Concessions Director - present
- Matt Czechowicz, Equipment Director - present
- Lisa Schuler, Fundraising Director - present
- Heidi Neverdahl, General Operations - present
- Katie Johnson, Hockey Operations - present (virtual)
- Terry Watkins, Hockey Development- present
- Danielle Barnhart, Growth and Development - absent

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!

## Member Comments:

Sherry Gibbs - RiverHawks Program

1. Sherry was asked to share some families concerns with the Board
2. Equity of Ice Time - however pay the same amount for fees and fundraising
  - a. Girls only have two practices a week.
  - b. Eau Claire and Chippewa have skills night on Monday's that our girls are not invited to.
  - c. Girls are unsure if they are invited to goalie practices
  - d. Girls have to travel for most of their practices
  - e. Girl's have 30% less ice time than is posted on registration.
3. Suggestions
  - a. The girl's team and information on the River Hawks should be added to the website.

- b. The girl's accomplishments should be shared with Jessica Wayne to be posted. This is the first time we have a designated person to oversee Facebook. It is helpful when members share things that can be posted as we are always looking for content.
  - c. Sherry suggested that the RiverHawks have a representative from MYHA who is voted on. Currently Heidi Neverdahl and Mark Chambers are the reps. The Board decided that the representative be a Board member to help with communication. Heidi will be aging out of the program so new representatives will be needed.
    - i. It was discussed that the position should be posted for people to share interest.
  - d. Change Monday night practices into Skills night that all skaters from MYHA and RiverHawks can attend.
  - e. Before the start of the season an explanation of duel rostering and what it looks like should be given to families.
4. It was mentioned to keep as many girls in MYHA as possible. Some girls live in areas that could ask to be released to Chippewa or Eau Claire.

### Consent Agenda: Motion to approve Heidi, Seconded Matt, approved

1. [December Meeting Minutes](#)
2. Finance Report - Zach Raff
  - a. Receipts need to be turned into Zach
  - b. We made \$30,000 on the wreath sales. Wreaths have a lower profit margin than years in past because the cost has gone up.
  - c. Sherry Nero has given another \$10,000 for scholarships and goalies. She has now donated around \$40,000. We are very grateful for her generosity.
  - d. Suggested that we put the savings into a 6 month treasury bond so we can earn more interest. Currently interest rates are 3.65%
  - e. We are in good financial health and have money in the bank. We will be in the green again this year.
  - f. Discussion about sending the paid coaches 1099 because it is something that is recommended by our accountant. Going forward they will be given out to coaches.

### Meeting Agenda:

1. Survey Feedback - Speaker Volume
2. Ice Board - Question about Blue Line Club Decorating the hallway
  - a. The Board likes the idea
3. Follow up on action items from last meeting - items listed below in Round robin updates
4. Final rosters update
  - a. All rosters have been submitted
  - b. 1 non-traditional skater was moved to Squirt B. Katie contacted Waha to ask if he can be rostered as they were not notified in November. If they do not accept the move then he would not be able to play in the State tournament.
5. Succession planning for president position
  - a. According to the ByLaws the new president has to be a voting member of the Board.
6. Round robin updates
  - a. Matt
    - i. Going to buy more used skates for open skate as we have had to turn people away at open skate.
    - ii. We will use the grant from Rotary to make 23-25 benches in the locker rooms. A picture will be taken and shared on Facebook to thank the Rotary.
    - iii. Ace donated a background backpack to use for cleaning.
  - b. Stephaine
    - i. Made a box for people to donate skates. It is located next to the claw machine.

- c. Lisa
  - i. Bathroom advertising could be updated
  - ii. Kwik Trip gift cards deadline will be in February
  - iii. Lisa has a spreadsheet that shows who has purchased the cards and how many they purchased. This list will be shared with Heidi to reach out to families who have to either get the cards or do a buyout of \$160 per skater for up to two skaters.
- d. Katie
  - i. There are two new Stout skaters that will work with Squirt B and PeeWee B.
  - ii. There are goalie only practices that have been started. A sports engine team for goalies was established for communication. MYHA RiverHawks are invited to attend.
  - iii. There are three coaches who need an exemption for not making the deadline for US Hockey. They will be required to pay for the fee.
- e. Kari
  - i. Update about the mite outdoor games this weekend
- f. Terry
  - i. Troy Ward program - Bantams and PeeWees have been the focus. Bantam coaches are doing a great job implementing the program and all players are being developed. PeeWee As are also starting to share with skaters what they are doing in practice prior to getting on the ice. Players are learning the language and are understanding how the drills are helping the game.
- g. Heidi
  - i. Dibs cleaning hours - Sunday afternoon is a difficult time to clean the rink. However, it is a positive that families see that people are volunteering to clean.
  - ii. Discussion on making sure all of the requirements are correct on the website.
- h. Kate
  - i. Dibs hours clarification.

## Next Meeting

**February 1st, 2026**

**Action Items from last meetings (New items are in blue, completed items/no longer needed are crossed out, continuous items in purple)**

- Kate/Danielle- Conduct Policies
- Send pictures for website to Danielle - Terry, Heidi, Lisa, Katie, Zac, Kari
- Kate - Talk to Ice Board about Stout cleaning the rink
- Jennie - Email minutes to Board members after the meetings with the task list listed in the email.
- Jennie - Add to next communication that there will be many hours coming up for stout and and MHS games, State tournament, playdowns
- Jennie - add to the next association email that we are looking for donations for used skates. They can be placed in the red box located next to the claw machine machine
- Look at adding more directions for the scoreboard and what to do if it is not working. Labels could be put on the speaker system in reference to speaker volume. Sherry Gibbs made the directions that are currently in the box- these are great.
- Mike connect with Katie about a possible skills night.
- Katie follow up with family that shared a concern.
- All- Send a list of your committee members to Heidi so she can monitor DIBS Hours
- Kate- send email to Sara to do an audit on webpage so the correct information is updated under the family resources page in relationship to the amount of DIBS hours required for the various level. The Mite requirements are different in various locations.

- Katie - Bring to the hockey opps committee the option to wave the fee for Bantams who could play high school.