



Menomonie Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 6 2024 6:00 Hockey Rink

Call to order: 6:01 Meeting Adjourned: 7:51

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 - Present
- Zach Raff, Treasurer (non-voting)- Absent
- Jennie Cimino, Secretary (non-voting) - Present
- Jake Farrah Tournaments & Scheduling Director - Absent
- Stephanie Thortsen, Concessions Director - Present
- Matt Czechowicz, Equipment Director - Present
- Jordan Beseler, Fundraising Director - Absent
- Heidi Neverdahl, General Operations - Present
- Chad Bahr, Hockey Operations - Present
- Brian Gowling, Hockey Development- Absent
- Tony Iverson, Growth and Development - Absent

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. [Last Month’s Minutes](#)
2. [Board and Committee Updates](#)
 - a. Board Members need to read the committee updates before the Board meeting. These items do not need to be voted on.
3. P&L Summary

Meeting Agenda:

Time		Agenda Item
6:00-6:05	5 min	Welcome
6:05-6:35	30 min	Matt Ellis and Terry Watkins- High School Hockey

1. The High School coaches would like to be more involved with MYHA. This will help the development of both programs.
 - a. The High School has a play book that is based on the Troy Ward Outline. Coach Matt would like the Bantams to use the playbook this coming season. The following season it will be modified to fit the PeeWee and Squirt levels.
 - b. MYHA Skill Development Goals - The high school coaches created a document for MYHA coaches to reference and use at practice. The document contains practice guidelines, skating levels, shooting levels, passing, stickhandling, goalies, and system gradelines.
2. The High School Hockey team will have to make cuts if there are 40 players.
 - a. High School tryouts would be the first and second day of practice.
 - b. All Bantam players who could play either HS or Bantams need to register for USA Hockey and MYHA.
 - c. If the skater ends up playing for the High School team they will be reimbursed MYHA's registration fee.
 - d. All Bantam players have been notified and a meeting was held for parents to ask questions.
3. MYHA Tryout Discussion
 - a. It would be valuable for high school coaches to be part of the Bantam tryouts.
 - b. Coach Matt and Coach Terry are willing to help with tryouts.
 - c. The ideal team numbers are 13-14 skaters.
4. Troy Ward
 - a. Troy Ward is a coach with a lot of success and experience at various levels.
 - b. A few MYHA members met with Troy two years ago to learn more about his philosophy. He created a playbook for MYHA coaches.
 - i. During that season Troy met with coaches to explain his philosophy and the playbook. Coaches received training throughout the season on the playbook.
 - c. The High School team has been using the Troy Ward philosophy for a couple of years now and has seen success. The skaters are learning how to play the game.
 - d. MYHA and MHS Hockey are going to focus on the Troy Ward philosophy during the 2024-2025 season. If every level uses the program the skaters will develop a deeper understanding of the game. Coaches will not need to start over from the beginning every season because skaters will understand the terminology/language being used.
5. Next steps
 - a. Coach Matt and Coach Terry will meet with Chad and Brian over the summer to create plans over the summer so everything is ready to go for the start of the season.

6:35-6:45	10 min	<p>Old Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matt: Patches are in. 2. Mike: Bylaws update for added board member. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. We did not have a quorum so this will need to be voted on at the June meeting. 3. Mike: Collect key fobs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Completed by next meeting 4. Mike/Heidi: Invoices for missing volunteer hours/fundraising. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Heidi will work with Tucker to send the invoices out. 5. Jordan: Toys and gifts in engine room - see update in committee reports 6. Zach: Bank account updates/credit cards for new members 7. Kate/Brian/Chad: Position descriptions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This is a work in progress
6:45-7:00	15 min	<p>President</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and complete culture survey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Board answered the survey together. 2. Review and update Board Policies and Meeting Guidelines <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Suggested edits to policies and guidelines are in red on the document. b. We did not have a quorum so this will need to be voted on at the June meeting. Board members are supposed to read through the document and come prepared with any questions and comments.
7:00-7:10	15 min	<p>Hockey Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Budget approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chad will share the proposed budget through email and the Board will vote on it at the June meeting. ● Dev/OPs progress update to the Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MYHA is hosting a camp on June 6. There are enough coaches so all interested kids will be able to participate. Zack Demars is charging a minimal fee to run the camp. Invites will be sent out to members. ● Dev/Ops equipment maintenance/needs request for upcoming year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chad will share items that are needed next year through email.
7:10-7:25	15 min	<p>Hockey Opps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coach Projections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently MYHA has a Stout student who is interested in coaching for each team. ● Team projections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion on moving Mites up to play on the lower level Squirt team. This hurts the Mite red team and they are not able to compete at the level they should. Kate shared a study that showed moving up the Mites does not improve their development. ● Equipment for coaching staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chad and Brian created a list of items that they will need. They will send the list to Matt.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hockey Ops Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They have a meeting on May 9th and will be assigning specific roles to the members.
7:25-7:35	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MYHA State Tournament for 2024-25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will not host a State Tournament for the 2024-2025 season. ○ We will still hold playdowns. ○ We would like to host a tournament in upcoming years.

Next Meeting

Date - June

Parking Lot

- Budget approval - The budget will be shared through email before the next meeting. Zach will let the board know what each of the area's budget is. The budget will be added to the June consent agenda.
- The goal is for registration to open in July. The Board will need to have everything approved in June for it to open.
- Ice will be ready September 30th. The first camp would be the first week of October.
- The HS coaches will come to the August Board meeting to provide updates.

Action Items

- Kate and Jennie draft an email for Bantam/HS hockey parents and share it with Coach Matt to get his approval.
- Read and take notes on the Troy Ward document Coach Terry shared. We will discuss it at the August meeting.
- Mike: Collect key fobs
- Jennie: Send out Bylaws to Board members.
- Mike/Heidi: Invoices for missing volunteer hours/fundraising.
- Kate/Brian/Chad: Position descriptions - Will have a draft of this for the next meeting.
- New Board members will need Safe Sport training and background checks completed.
- Chad will send the MYHA Camp details to Jennie. Jennie will share with members.
- Chad will share with Board members the equipment needs for the coaching staff. This will be added to the consent agenda
- Mike will follow up with Jake to register to host State Hockey tournament for the next few years