

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association

Board Meeting

Thursday, January 22nd, 2026
7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



Board members in attendance: **Justin Temple, Kyle Dziubla, Lauren Koehler, Troy Rost, Adam Sodersten, Bryan Lind, Aubrey Freeman, Wayne Pfahler, Amanda Ferwerda, Desire Canto, Renee Zook, Earl Tollefson, Karin Shippar, Angela Hunt, Joe Beyler, Cathy Woods, Megan Seefeldt, Kate Louther, April Rabedeaux, Lesley Steffin, Kaiti Bohacek, Julie Kuprianczyk**

1. **Call to order** – Justin Temple called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. **Approve Minutes from the December 2025 Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes by Karin, second by Lesley. Motion passed.
3. **Ice Inc. Report** (Justin Temple/Mike O'Brien) –
4. **Treasurer's Report** (Troy Rost) – We will need to get a tax return filed this year to keep our nonprofit status. Budget is looking good so far for the year.
5. **President's Report/Region 4** (Justin Temple) – For U6 and U8, we need a reminder to go out to parents to wait to go and get their kids water bottles until the cones are moved as a safety precaution for the rink workers who are trying to clean the ice.
6. **Committee Reports and Updates**
 - a. **Registrar's Report** (Adam Sodersten) – Sent email out to team managers to get patch numbers, except for PeeWee A. All rosters are 100% verified.
 - b. **Fundraising** (Cathy Woods) – Culver's is set for November 4 but would like to discuss if we could give DIBS credit for these shifts in the future. Pucks will be ordered for teams that earned them as part of the hockey sweepstakes. Parent's Night Out will be March 14. They would like to create a SportsEngine sign-up to collect money ahead of time, it would be cheaper to pay ahead of time. There are lots of new ideas, will look to bring back raffle prizes too.
 - c. **Coaches Committee** (Joe Beyler) – No report.
 - d. **Ice Scheduler** (Earl Tollefson) – Getting officials here on out will be tough. Practices schedules aren't set yet for the end of February because of the high school schedules.
 - e. **Website Update** (Karin Shippar) – Still have registrations open for U6, LTP, and Junior Lynx. Mite tournament is filling up, only 7 spots left.
 - f. **Jersey Coordinator** (Julie Kuprianczyk) – No report.
 - g. **Equipment** (Megan Seefeldt) – Outfitted 2 more LTP kids this week.
 - h. **Legal Counsel** (Brian Severson) – No report.
 - i. **Concessions** (Brian Lindow/Lesley Steffin) – No report.
 - j. **DIBS** (Desiree Bates/Matthew Baus) – No report.
 - k. **Recruitment** (Kate Louther) – Signup for Try Hockey for free event, which will be on March 14.
 - l. **Girl's Hockey Committee** (Angela Hunt) – Looking at what we will be able to offer for teams next year, and also working with Middleton on how we can work together. We are projecting 32 girls at the U8 level! We are planning to host a U14 Mavericks team next year.

- m. **Culture Liaison/CATS Subcommittee** (Eric Helsher) – We need more awards, specifically for kids. The remaining teams without an award winner are Bantam C, Squirt A, Squirt B, Squirt C1 Black. Looking your way, Pfahler! Craig set up a coaches rink drinks for next Thursday. We need to start thinking about MOB Person of the Year Award nominees.
- n. **Communications** (Kaiti Bohacek) – No report.
- o. **Apparel** (Amada Lindow) – No report.
- p. **Photography Coordinator** (April Rabedeaux) – Have team pictures for coaches that she will hand out.
- q. **Tournament Director** (Kendra Noll) – Bantam C tournament is this weekend & in February we have PeeWee C, PeeWee A & Squirt C2 over 3 different weekends. Bantam C & PeeWee A are full with 8 teams and PeeWee C has 6 teams, so hopefully a good end to the tournament season. Filling game jobs has gone much better by asking visiting teams to fill their own penalty box. Families are doing 2-3 jobs over the weekend which, for the most part, has been going well. We are filling clock, Game Sheets, raffle table and our own penalty box. We were previously filling all game jobs & all penalty boxes and it was not going over well, so this is definitely a better set up.
- r. **Update from ALD's**
 - LTP (Bryan Lind) – End of year party is booked. Please send Bryan any summer hockey camps/information. Karin will send Bryan the link.
 - U6 (Desiree Canto) – Do not have their end of year party booked yet, waiting for the practice schedule. Wednesdays are your best bet.
 - RWB (Aubrey Freeman) – All white teams are playing at the new rink in De Forest. Aubrey put together a website for the tournament. Earl will help to get games scheduled. Cutoff for tournament registration should be 1 month prior.
 - Squirt (Wayne Pfahler) – Things are good, they've kept up the skills sessions and they've gone well.
 - Peewee (Amanda Ferwerda) – Season is going well, they've also been doing the skills sessions and using the learning lab.
 - Bantam (Eric Helsher) – Yet another reminder for us all that rosters of 15 skaters are much better at Bantam. Between injuries, outages, and disciplinary measures, we have needed them at every team.
 - Mavericks (Katie Baus) – 8 Mavericks were nominated for the NIHL American Division All-star game (the most of any team). Feedback was it was a great event for the players and their families. Also, thanks to Renee for helping to coordinate moving our practice that evening with U18, so the Mavs players could attend the all-star game without missing practice. NIHL League Season games are completed. We look to be the #1 seed heading into playoffs and will with the NIHL Presidents Cup as part of our #1 league ranking. Congrats to the team! Only Polar Caps and Stoughton are listed on the Region 4 Playdowns bracket, so it appears Mavericks were denied state eligibility. Sent Patch needs to Adam. We ended up booking 9/10 dryland sessions in the LEAD Lab.
 - U18 (Renee Zook) – Looking to end their season the weekend of March 14-15. Renee is planning to send out an email to other associations and Bantam team managers to make sure that they are aware of us having a team. Justin will see if WAHA has any information for the original Southwest Eagles team.

7. Old Business

- a) None.

8. New Business

- a) **Intro to Hockey program** – McFarland launched an intro to Hockey program that had 160 registrants this year. Justin is going to reach out to the president to try and get more information.
- b) **Treasurer/SportsEngine position** – Would like support from the board to create another position to help with some of the detailed work that is currently owned by the Treasurer. We could also consider increasing the responsibilities of the SportsEngine position to account for all of that work. Troy will put together a list of his specific thoughts for the next meeting.
- c) **Extra Ice Time** – Aubrey would like some extra ice to do a goalie jamboree as well as some full sheets of ice for the U8 kids moving up to Squirts. Aubrey will work with Earl to get them scheduled.
- d) **Fundraising Idea** – Aubrey will meet with Cathy about partnering with Papa Johns to get a fundraising code.
- e) **Gala Event** – Idea for the association to donate free ice skater fees to the upcoming Blood Cancer United fundraiser. Aubrey will write up some overall donation rules to bring to the next meeting.

9. **Motion to Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Justin, seconded by Aubrey, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.