



# Menomonie Youth Hockey Association

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 9th, 2024 6:00 Hockey Rink

Call to order: 6:02 Meeting Adjourned: 8:41

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

### 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. [August Board Meeting Minutes](#)
2. [September Committee Updates](#)
3. P&L Summary

### Meeting Agenda:

Time		Agenda Item
6:00-6:05	10 min	1. Approval of consent agenda 2. Member comments

		Motion to approve - Heidi, Chad - Passed
	5 min	<b>Old Business</b> 1.
	15 min	<b>Past Action Items</b> 1. <b>Mike</b> - Collect key fobs a. Chad, Tony, Jordan need key fobs b. Need Tuckers fob returned 2. <b>Tony/Chad</b> - Position descriptions. a. These will be refined in the coming months and reviewed at the December annual board planning meeting. 3. <b>All Board members</b> - Safe Sport training and background checks - send to Jennie when completed. 4. <b>All Board Members</b> : review <a href="#">Bylaws</a> and <a href="#">Policies</a> . If your policies in your area need to be updated, please submit recommendations. a. Jennie to review policies and determine which may be “stale” 5. <b>All Board Members</b> : Update <a href="#">Planning Calendar and Jobs</a> and <a href="#">MYHA Org Chart</a> Jennie - please send these documents as an attachment instead of sharing from Google. This will be a main agenda item at our December annual meeting.
	30 min	<b>President</b> 1. Equipment - Game Sheets - Matt will get us signed up by the 15th 2. Grants - Chad applying for Coach Sauer Grant (due the 15th), Tony applied for other grant. Jordan encourages us to continue to look for grant opportunities. 3. WAHA Updates - Reminder about player releases/transfers. Note that Tier 1 skaters do not need to be released by the home organization. WAHA has monthly meetings about topics that Kate will share with the board. 4. Growth and Retention Position - Vacant. We will recruit for this again once the season starts. a. Homecoming Parade - Chad will drive, Kate will send emails and ask Stacy to add Facebook posts. i. Heidi and Matt will purchase some candy and ask for donations. ii. Crystal will keep track of candy donations for DIBS hours iii. Skaters can wear Menomonie gear and rollerblade if they want. b. LTS Equipment Night - Matt, Tony, Heidi, Jordan plan to attend. Can recruit more volunteers and provide DIBS hours. October 16th 5-6:30 c. Try Hockey Free- Tony signs us up. Event will be November 2nd.
-	10 min	<b>Past President</b> 1. Try Hockey for Free End time Discussion... Need to end 15 min early At 10:45, will this be ok? Yes
	20 min	<b>General Opp</b> 1. Skate sharpener - Will need to move to a different location than concessions. Need to figure out a new location and money handling. a. Zach will look into setting up a venmo

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Skate sharpening will be tracked in DIBS if scheduled moving forward.</li> <li>c. Look into offering coaches a skate sharpening punch card to ensure skater success.</li> <li>d. Could we use the old referee room for skate sharpening?</li> <li>e. Could we train the coaches instead of using a bunch of DIBS hours?</li> <li>f. Bring ideas to vote on for next year meeting.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. First Year Free/DIBS hours for first year skaters (Non traditional) - Unless skaters register for Learn to Skate (which they can do regardless of age), they will be responsible for registration fees and DIBS hours requirements.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Update on Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Typical LTS registration is 60% return rate.</li> <li>b. Last year we had 160 skaters that could return this year. We currently have 54 registered.</li> <li>c. Request in for WAHA to alert home associations when skaters go to Tier 1 programs.</li> <li>d. 12 skaters we know are not returning to MYHA</li> <li>e. Dave Schwedler will help with sending emails to membership to remind to register, and phone calls closer to the end.</li> <li>f. If a board member knows someone is not coming back then let Dave know so we don't keep bothering them.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. CO-Op youth girls looking for an evaluator for try-outs Chad may be able to help.</li> <li>5. <b>Motion to go into closed session: 7:39pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Review Scholarship Applications</b></li> <li>b. <b>Kate will schedule Zoom meeting on the 16th to vote on scholarship applications, as the 15th is the application deadline.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Hockey Opps</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Team sizes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bantams 16-18 skaters, One team</li> <li>b. Pee wee 22 skaters, 2 teams</li> <li>c. Squirts 26 skaters, 2 teams</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Tryout Procedures: Motion to approve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Changes involve adding an extra night so evaluators can collect more data if needed.</li> <li>b. Evaluators will be 5 independent individuals without skaters participating in the tryout</li> <li>c. Scoring process changed from letters to numbers</li> <li>d. Small changes to on-ice plan to simplify the schedule.</li> <li>e. 3rd night will be a scrimmage</li> <li>f. Motion to Approve - Beseler, Second - Farrah. Motion Passed</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Coaching Status - Coaching application is still available. Biggest need is at LTS, Pee wee B</li> <li>4. Team Genius - Going to table purchasing this so we can get more feedback from the Operations and Development Committee (this would be used for evaluations and assessments).</li> <li>5. IHS renewal - Program for helping write practice plans. Chad will get a quote and request renewal.</li> </ul>

		<p>6. Coaching Apparel - Kate will send Chad a list of who has jackets already so we can determine if there is a need to purchase more.</p> <p>Fundraising incentive: Jordan is going to purchase gift cards to incentivize increased fundraising. Details will be shared with the fundraising email.</p>
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**Next Meeting**

**Date: October 7th, 6pm. Location TBD**

**Parking Lot Items**

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**Action Items**

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