



Whitehall Area Youth Association

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WAYA Meeting

January 18, 2026

6:00 PM

Whitehall Schools

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm at Whitehall Memorial School. Roll call was taken. Board members present were Tim Radatz, Tim Matejka, Tim Brueggen, Haley Wiedenhoef, Derek Bell, Tess Cieminski, Megan Peterson, John Buckwater, Jason Price, Jake Paulson, Brandon Jahr, and Andrew Granlund. Program coordinator Becky Nordahl was present.

Approve November 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Paulson. Seconded by Matejka. Voice vote taken. All approved. Motion carried.

Approve Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve report by Brueggen. Seconded by Buckwalter. Voice vote taken. All approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No public comment

Basketball Updates

Basketball is still in full swing. There's a few northwest tournaments coming up on January 31, February 7, and February 21. Still in need of some refs. Pay is \$35/game. There's been some concerns within the Dairyland League that will get addressed in the future. There is a Dairyland League meeting in February.

Baseball/Softball Updates

a. Driftless Youth Sport League Meeting Review

There was a meeting before tonight's WAYA meeting. Tim Radatz is the president of this league. Becky Nordahl is also the Program Coordinator. It was developed to create rules, host a website with information, and have end-of-year tournaments. In order to get a sports engine website running, WAYA needs to donate money to contribute. There are 9 communities a part of this league (Whitehall, Osseo, ES, Mondovi, Arcadia, Independence, Blair-Taylor, Alma Center, CFC). Whitehall will host a 10U baseball tournament. Motion to approve allocating \$500 for this website by Matejka. Seconded by Paulson. Voice vote taken. All approved. Motion carried.

b. WAYA registration dates

Registration will hopefully open by January 20th and close at the end of February. Scheduling day is April 11th in Whitehall.

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Budget Planning

a. Coordinator pay review

Reviewed current pay for the coordinators - \$700/month for Program Coordinator and \$300/month for Assistant Program Coordinator. Motion to increase Program Coordinator pay an additional \$200/month, totalling \$900/month by Price. Seconded by Granlund. Voice vote taken. All approved. Motion carried.

b. Translator position - Susanna Zambrano

20% of families in the community are Spanish speaking. Susanna would be helping translate for \$130/month. Motion to approve Susanna Zambrano as translator for \$130/month by Wiedenhoeft. Seconded by Matejka. Voice vote taken. All approved. Motion carried.

c. Pleasantville fence project

Pleasantville Lions president contacted WAYA. They are replacing the baseline fences. Motion to donate \$2500 to the Pleasantville Lions for their fence project by Jahr. Seconded by Paulson. Voice vote taken. All approved. Motion carried.

d. 14u softball/baseball coaches

At this point, it is a struggle to obtain coaches for this age group and to compete financially with the pay of middle school coaches for other sports. There may be few individuals interested in coaching the age group. Continuing discussion in the future.

e. Donation from Shelby and Steven Mach-10u softball

A \$250 Thrivent card to be spent on equipment for 10U softball.

f. Removable fence for softball at Pigeon Falls

WAYA will not be paying for a removable fence at this time.

Spring Soccer Clinic

There has been more interest in having a soccer clinic over the years. Discussion was had over what time of year would be best to do it, to offer it for 3rd-6th grade, and have four separate times over four weeks, preferably some time at the end of May-June. More discussion will happen next month.

Next monthly meeting will be Sunday, February 15th, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Whitehall Schools

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Meeting minutes recorded by Secretary Tess Cieminski.

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