

# Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association

## Board Meeting

Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



Board members in attendance: **Kyle Dziubla, Troy Rost, Adam Sodersten, Bryan Lind, Aubrey Freeman, Eric Helsher, Amanda Ferwerda, Katie Baus, Renee Zook, Earl Tollefson, Cathy Woods, Megan Seefeldt, Kate Louther, Matt Baus, Julie Kuprianczyk, Kendra Noll**

1. **Call to order** – Kyle Dziubla called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **Approve Minutes from the January 2026 Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes by Aubrey Freeman, second by Earl Tollefson. Motion passed.
3. **Ice Inc. Report** (Justin Temple/Mike O’Brien) – No report.
4. **Treasurer’s Report** (Troy Rost) – Close to budget on income and expenses. Nice job to staying on budget.
5. **President’s Report/Region 4** (Justin Temple) – No report.
6. **Committee Reports and Updates**
  - a. **Registrar’s Report** (Adam Sodersten) – No report.
  - b. **Fundraising** (Cathy Woods) – Purchased pucks and sticks for fundraising winning teams. Cathy will drop off at Rink on Monday. Parents Night Out (PNO) registration is open. Start advertising soon. Board members please help encourage friends to sign up and make PNO a hit! We need help pulling together raffle baskets and/or reaching out to contacts that can donate items.
  - c. **Coaches Committee** (Joe Beyler) – No report.
  - d. **Ice Scheduler** (Earl Tollefson) – All set on scheduling (remaining games and practices out on SportsEngine). 2/28 need referees, otherwise all games filled for remainder of the year. Winding down. The board thanks Earl for his work again this season!
  - e. **Website Update** (Karin Shippar) – Parents Night Out registration is up and running on SportsEngine. People can purchase event tickets and raffle tickets online. Mite Tournament registration is closed. I want to give a shout out to Aubrey for working so hard to recruit teams. I have been working with Troy Rost and Renee Zook on the financial components of SportsEngine. We have been evaluating whether this role requires a permanent additional board position, given the significant workload associated with SportsEngine. It’s been another busy season with all of the home tournaments. Shout out to Kendra for keeping it all organized and passing along timely information for website updates.
  - f. **Jersey Coordinator** (Julie Kuprianczyk) – Getting ready to start collecting jerseys from team for end of season. Emails out to all Team Managers to start that process, with exception of U18, which will be coming soon.
  - g. **Equipment** (Megan Seefeldt) – Working to set up times for equipment return. Question to the board: how to handle a full year rental (including summer) vs. just within the main season. Current cost is \$60/gear bag. Ideas include: increase rental fee, or do a “summer add-on” fee. Something to think about when we budget for next season.
  - h. **Legal Counsel** (Brian Severson) – No report.

- i. **Concessions** (Brian Lindow/Lesley Steffin) – No report.
- j. **DIBS** (Desiree Bates/Matthew Baus) – Going great. No missed shifts all year. Losing NHL rink hurt amount of DIBs options available, but overall DIBs are filled. Will email ALDs to review some shifts that were covered by folks we aren't familiar with.
- k. **Recruitment** (Kate Louther) – Learn to Skate sent out flyers to help advertise for Try Hockey for Free event coming up on March 14 (10-noon). Also sent out to the area schools. Need volunteers for on-ice/off-ice help.
- l. **Girl's Hockey Committee** (Angela Hunt) – Thank you so much for the flowers and gift card! I really appreciate it. We are continuing to work on planning for next season. And we met with Middleton earlier this month.
- m. **Culture Liaison/CATS Subcommittee** (Eric Helsher) – Nominations flowing in, so look good for remainder of seasons announcements. MOB "For the Kids" award is ready to hand out at Parents Night Out.
- n. **Communications** (Kaiti Bohacek) – No report.
- o. **Apparel** (Amanda Lindow) – We have an always open store now available for quick orders; it is live on the website and waiting for Kaiti to send an email. Quick turnaround with print on demand. Once email is live, every order will get a free tee shirt if purchased within 14 days. 5% of sales go back to the association
- p. **Photography Coordinator** (April Rabedeaux) – No report.
- q. **Tournament Director** (Kendra Noll) – PeeWee C finished their tournament. PeeWee A this weekend. Squirt State Tournament coming up soon. Team manager doing a great job coordinating. Shout out to Aubrey for organizing details of the mite Tournament.
- r. **Update from ALD's**
  - LTP (Bryan Lind) – Season coming to an end. Family skate next weekend. Averaged about 33-35 skaters each week of 40 registrants. Great turnout.
  - U6 (TBD) – Season went well. Sunday last games. End of Season party is scheduled.
  - RWB (Aubrey Freeman) – Mite Tournament scheduled for March 7-8. 42 teams scheduled. Borrowing rink dividers from Cap Ice to have dividers on both rinks. Working on volunteers. Last league game this Sunday.
  - Squirt (Wayne Pfahler) – No report.
  - Peewee (Amanda Ferwerda) – A couple teams have tournaments remaining and games left. Hard season for the PeeWee division overall.
  - Bantam (Eric Helsher) – All three teams going to the State Tournament. Let's Go CATS!
  - Mavericks (Katie Baus) – Made it through the NIHL Blackhawks Tournament playoffs and will play in the Championship game on March 1, 2026. Congrats girls! Similar to other divisions, season is winding down overall.
  - U18 (Renee Zook) – Several weeks left this season. Starting reach outs for next season to provide information for exiting Bantam players across the region.

## 7. Old Business

- a) **Charitable Donation Program** - Aubrey created three documents for the board to consider from charitable donation program that was brought up last month. Aubrey will send to Brian Severson to look it over.

## 8. New Business

- a) **Intention to return to the board next year** - Justin Temple (need confirmation, but anecdotal), Adam Sodersten, Cathy Woods, Earl Tollefson, Karin Shipar (needs confirmation from Karin, but anecdotal. Likely not in current role as it stands today), Julie Kuprianczyk, Brian Severson, Matt Baus, Kate Louther, Eric Helsher (Bantam ALD not CATS), Kaiti Bohacek (Needs confirmation),

Amanda Lindow, April Rabedeaux (Needs confirmation), Bryan Lind, Aubrey, Wayne Pfahler (needs confirmation), Renee Zook

- i. Will we need concessions coordinators next season?
- ii. Mavs ALD could be larger role across more levels next season with current outlook of numbers.
- iii. Unsure: Angela Hunt, Amanda Ferwerda (unlikely peewee), Lauren Koehler
- iv. Not Returning: Kendra Noll, Megan Seefeldt, Katie Baus, Desiree Bates
- v. We might have interest in: U6, CATS.

**9. Motion to Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Aubrey Freeman, seconded by Adam Sodersten, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.