



# PATRIOTS

Youth Hockey Association



## NEWSLETTER: April 2025

The Annual Meeting happened this past March and though there were conflicts with Spring Breaks, games, and the Kohlman Cup, we appreciate everyone who was able to attend! If you missed the meeting, you can find a copy of the [Annual Meeting Program on the website](#). We went over the season's Fiscal Year Budget and voted on the open board seats. Please welcome our three *new board members* who are eager to get to work on for the upcoming season!

Last Monday, April 14, the new board met for the first time to kick off the season. Please congratulate our newly elected President Any Roe and Vice President Scott McConnell. Liz Payne will continue in her role as Treasurer and Lindsay Schleis remains our Secretary. The board is already working hard on compiling the End of Season Survey information and will be releasing an update in the coming days. Planning has begun for Registration dates, updating league documents, and working with EMIC and MII on the Hartmeyer transition plan. There will be a lot of information coming out over the course of the next couple of months so keep an eye on your inboxes.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Andy Roe – President  
Scott McConnell – Vice President  
Liz Payne – Treasurer  
Lindsay Schleis – Secretary

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Mike Taylor  
Chad Normington  
Blythe Robbins  
Kelly Vetter  
Greg Fawver  
Aaron Palmer  
David Gauder  
Brent Ruhland

## OIC

The OIC is looking to fill a few recently vacated seats. We are looking for dedicated individuals who are passionate about youth hockey and are committed to enhancing the experience for our players. Your involvement in this committee will contribute to the development and improvement of our program. If you are interested in joining the On-Ice Committee, please email [Hockeydirector@patriotshockey.org](mailto:Hockeydirector@patriotshockey.org) with a brief statement addressing the points mentioned above. New OIC members are approved by the PYHA Board of Directors, which will take place during the board meeting on May 12.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The organization has several committees that will be looking for new volunteers this season. Committee membership and time spent will count toward volunteer credits.

### Microsoft 365 Account Coordinator

Are you experienced with Microsoft Active Directory? Do you know the ins-and-outs of managing an organization? The Board of Directors is seeking a **Microsoft 365 Account Coordinator** to help us maintain and support our infrastructure. We use a free Microsoft 365 nonprofit account and need a tech-savvy volunteer to help manage users, security settings, and access.

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Administer Microsoft 365 Accounts, Licensing, and Entra ID for user management, and access control.
- Help set up and manage security groups, roles, and permissions.
- Ensure smooth onboarding/offboarding processes for volunteers and team members.
- Support basic technical troubleshooting and policy updates.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please email your qualifications to [dbgauder@gmail.com](mailto:dbgauder@gmail.com).

## Age Group Liaisons (AGLs)

We're currently seeking four dedicated volunteers to serve as **Age Group Liaisons (AGLs)** for the upcoming season—one for each age level: **Mite, Squirt, Pee wee, and Bantam**. AGL's CANNOT have a child who is a skater at that age level (ie. Bantam parent is the Bantam AGL).

### What's an AGL?

AGLs are the vital link between our families and team leadership. You'll work closely with team managers, coaches, and the Age Level Director (ALD) to ensure smooth and efficient communication between parents, team representatives, coaches, and the Board of Directors.

### Your Role Includes:

- Acting as a **communication bridge** between families and coaches/managers
- Assisting in **conflict management** and fostering resolution
- Collaborating with the **ALD** to share feedback and insights
- Maintaining a **neutral, supportive presence**

### Who Should Apply?

Parents/guardians with great communication skills, a level-headed approach, and a desire to create a supportive, inclusive team culture. This role requires a high level of integrity and confidentiality when dealing with issues that are brought up. If you are interested in becoming an AGL, please email a short summary of your interest and relevant experience to [ald@patriotshockey.org](mailto:ald@patriotshockey.org). AGLs will receive volunteer credit for the season based on time and commitment to the role.

## Memorial Day Coordinator

Help us kick off the season with our first parade appearance of the summer! The Board is looking for someone to lead the coordination of our participation in the Monona Memorial Day Parade. This position requires someone with solid communication and organization skills. The ideal candidate will assist the Treasurer with organization of parade materials, verifying participation of PYHA volunteers, distribution of fliers and candy, and motivating our skaters in an exciting parade experience! If interested, please email your interest to Liz at [pyhatreasurer@patriotshockey.org](mailto:pyhatreasurer@patriotshockey.org).



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**2025 PATRIOTS GOLF OUTING**

**SATURDAY, JULY 26TH**  
**REGISTRATION STARTS @ 8AM**  
**SHOTGUN START @ 9AM**

[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTREGISTERPRO.COM/EVENT/PATRIOTSYOUTHHOCKEYASSOCIATION](https://www.eventregisterpro.com/event/patriotsyouthhockeyassociation)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Annual Patriots Golf Outing** – [Registration for the golf outing is open!](#) Join us Saturday July 26, 2025, at [The Oaks Golf Course](#). Cost is \$115 per golfer or \$460 per foursome with all proceeds going towards ice time fees and player sponsorships.



**The Vetter Golf Classic** is being held on Friday, August 8th, 2025, at The Oaks Golf Course. The Vetter Classic is proudly presented by The Vetter Agency (American Family Insurance) and hosted by the Vetter family. This year, proceeds will support the East Madison Ice Collective to fund critical upgrades at Hartmeyer Ice Arena.

For more information or to support The Vetter Golf Classic, visit: <https://www.eventregisterpro.com/event/vettergolfclassic>. If you have any questions, please contact: [VetterGolfClassic@gmail.com](mailto:VetterGolfClassic@gmail.com)

**The Region 4 Showdown** will be held August 16-17, 2025 at Verona Ice Arena. Registration will be opening soon for all four divisions: U8, U10, U12, & U14

**Monona Memorial Day Parade** – All Patriots and Dragons skaters are invited to participate in the Monona Memorial Day Parade. The organization will provide banners, flyers, and candy. Skaters can wear rollerblades (helmets required), but sticks are not allowed. The parade runs from Monona-Grove High School to Sennett Middle School, 5/26 10 a.m. – Noon. Watch for future communication about signing up for volunteer credit, applicable to the 2025-2026 Season.

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## END-OF-THE-YEAR SURVEY

Communication and Transparency is important to our organization. Thank you to all who took the time to fill out the PYHA Annual Survey. The board is finalizing a summary and will send out communications next week with the results. We hope everyone understands that this feedback is important to the board to help us grow successfully as an organization.

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[Minutes](#) from the previous month's board meetings will be available online following approval during the most recent meeting. The next board meeting will be held **Monday, May 12 at 6 p.m.** at [Oakstone Recreational](#) in Cottage Grove and is open to all members of PYHA.

We always want to hear back from our families. If you have any questions or concerns, you can email them to [PYHABoard@patriotshockey.org](mailto:PYHABoard@patriotshockey.org).

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