

# Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 9, 2025 – 6:00 pm

## Board Members Present:

President – Mark Gernetzke  
Incoming President – Ryan Dunt  
Past President – Eric Morehouse  
Treasurer – Stephen Elmer  
Secretary – Sara Pieper  
Bantam Rep – Kelly Ruhland  
PeeWee Rep – Casey Moen  
Mite Rep – Allison McKee  
Girls' Rep – Megan Davis  
Coaches Rep – Larry Clemens

**Board Members Absent:** Squirt Rep: Sarah Mahan, Mini Mite Rep: Betsey Leonard

**Attendance:** Scott Vandenberg, Tracey Miller, Val Blaska, Rachael Erickson, Brian Knepper, Beth McBride-Haydock, Brandon Schmidt, Brad Haines

- Public Comments
  - Attendee raised a question about carrying over volunteer hours
- Affirmation of Email Votes
  - Motion to reduce the number of Fundraising Committee roles from three to two, approve the Fundraising Committee description, and allocate 30 DIBS credits annually to each Fundraising Committee position.
    - *Sara motioned to approve. Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - Motion that individual teams be responsible for funding and preparing their respective raffle baskets, while the tournament coordinator will oversee the coordination of basket donations and be responsible for presenting the baskets at their tournament.
    - *Sara motioned to approve. Eric second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - Motion to approve the Squirt team reps.
    - *Sara motioned to approve. Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - Motion to approve Mite team reps.
    - *Sara motioned to approve. Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - Motion to approve Bantam reps.
    - *Sara motioned to approve. Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - Motion to approve the release of SPYHA player for the 2025-2026 season.
    - *Sara motioned to approve. Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
- Appointments & Membership Changes
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Secretary – Sara Pieper
    - October Board Meeting Minutes
      - *Casey motioned to approve. Kelly second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
    - All players invoiced, 70% of dues collected
    - Raise Right and wreaths will be credited at the end of the year
    - Limited family DIBs buyouts so far; families have until the end of the year to buy out DIBs credits
    - Cooler in concessions is dead; will purchase a new one
    - Taste of Madison raised ~\$2,800
  - President – Mark Gernetzke
    - None
  - President Elect – Ryan Dunt
    - None
  - Past President – Eric Morehouse
    - None
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Volunteer Committee
    - None

- Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee
  - Groundhog Golf Outing will take place on Aug. 27. Oaks is working on web page for sign up.
  - Received \$8,000 tourism grant to support Groundhog Games ice time
- Communications Committee
  - None
- Registrar
  - None
- Groundhog Games Tournament Committee
  - First Groundhog Games this weekend. Pushing pink!
  - Two open spots in Mite Red and Squirt A, and a few openings for Bantams
- Concession Stand Committee
  - Hosted a few more trainings for Mini Mite and Mites families
  - Concession stand is light on coverage for Groundhog Games; level reps to send communications regarding concessions and DIBS requirements
  - Will have pink laces and pink tape during the Groundhog Games; increase price by and dollar to act as a fundraiser
  - SP Ice is really happy with the concession stand
- USA Hockey Initiatives
  - None
- ACE Director(s)
  - None
- Equipment Managers
  - None
- Jersey Coordinator
  - Game jerseys are held up in customs so they were reordered
  - Pink jerseys should be in this week
  - Families can purchase extra game socks in the concessions stand, limited amount
- Spirit Wear / Bags
  - Almost all orders picked up
  - Will open a holiday store mid-November
- Region 4 Meeting
  - Need to send GameSheet invoice to WAHA after it is paid; they reimburse SPYHA a % of total. We have not received invoice yet from GameSheet. \$155 per team.
- LEVEL REP REPORTS
  - Mini-Mite
    - Mini-Mites are playing during both intermissions at the 3PM Madison Capitols Game. We have 20 kids who signed up with the help of a couple of Mites who are filling in so we could keep playing during both intermissions.
    - Evals on 10/29 went great. We have 42 kids for full season, making up 6 teams.
    - Mini-Mite games should be starting the weekend of December 7. The schedule has not come out yet.
    - In addition to Little Vikes in December and Scramble in the Dells in January, Waukesha is holding a 6U Jamboree on March 7 & 8 that Mite will be signing up for.
  - Mite
    - Last Saturday kids skated before Badger game; filled up fast
    - First half season games are all set
    - Need 8-10 baskets total between Mites and Mini Mites; 1 basket per team is ask of Mites
  - Squirt
    - Teams have been wearing practice jerseys while we wait for our game jerseys since each team has a good portion of first-year players.
    - Squirt B Groundhog Game rep is Amy Wagner
    - Squirt A - Groundhog Game rep is Ashley Tjgum.
    - Squirt C2 - Groundhog Game rep is Brooke Hoel
    - Squirt C1 - Still need to identify a rep but we have a little bit more time as this one is in January.
  - PeeWee
    - Two tourneys next week
    - Groundhog Games reps are all assigned
  - Bantams
    - Expressed concern that Bantams least amount of ice compared to other region 4 Bantam teams.

- Looking at other tournaments, but need to understand the guidelines for additional tournaments. Bantams can play up to 5 tournaments.
- Coaches' Rep
  - PAC is going well
  - If people have questions or concerns, they should raise questions to the coaches' rep and the board
- Girls Rep
  - Dragons off to a good start; UW Fan Tunnel and Cougars youth night scheduled
  - Discussion around ice for a girls' jamboree in Sun Prairie in March. Dragons to put together ideas and note how much ice they require.
  - 8U community connections; older SPYHA girls helping at Dragons' practices
  - Hosting family fun night to promote girls' hockey and girls try hockey for free and share open skate times during the holidays
  - Girls Try Hockey for Free flyers made; bracelet-making craft session between skating sessions. Would like to have parents on site for bracelet-making sessions and during Try Hockey for Free. These roles will be added to Sign Up Genius.
  - Planning glow stick skating and movie night, showing Inside Out 2.
- OLD Business
- NEW Business
  - Youth Hockey Night – Jan 27, 2026
  - Next Board Meeting
    - December 14, 2025
- Adjourn
  - *Sara motioned to adjourn. Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
- Closed Session
  - Process for players who miss evaluations
  - Directive by SP Ice for child/ player supervision at the rink
  - Dibs waiver/adjustment conversation
  - Process for Letters of Commitment for those in open territory
  - Voted on Fundraising and Communications Committee roles
  - Solidified details for upcoming Groundhog Games/Grimmer Foundation