

**MISSION**

- Provide a safe, fun, and affordable youth hockey experience for all members.
- Instill and support family values guided by respect for oneself and others.
- Create an environment that emphasizes progressive skill development necessary for success.
- Educate, understand, and respect various levels of competition.
- Hold the game of hockey in high regard, along with its players, coaches and parents.
- Develop friendships that last a lifetime.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE					
Amy Andrys (P) <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Yes</span>	Wes Kurszewski <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Zoom</span>	Sarah Knuth <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Yes</span>	Matt Gillette <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Yes</span>	Traci Graf <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Yes</span>	Matthew Havlik <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Yes</span>
Scott Johnson <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Yes</span>	Steven Lewis <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Yes</span>	Eric Mellott <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Yes</span>	Jena Millard <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Yes</span>	Jamie Miller <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Zoom</span>	Tim Noethen <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Yes</span>
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE					
Justin Potter Past President <span style="background-color: #ffe0b2; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">No</span>	Mike Schindler Director of Hockey <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Yes</span>	Jeremy Froehle Guest <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Yes</span>	Guest <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">ROLL CALL</span>	Guest <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">ROLL CALL</span>	Guest <span style="background-color: #e8f5e9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">ROLL CALL</span>

- Call to Order @ 6:02
- Approve [March](#) Minutes M1-JM, M2-MH
- Moment of Gratitude
  - Learn to Play Hockey crew!
  - Flexibility for changing meeting to tonight
  - Thank everyone who has been on the board before, you don't realize how much goes into it until you join
- Officially welcome New Board Members
  - New Members
    - Steven Lewis, Eric Mellott, Traci Graf (hand outs for)
      - 2025-2026 board meeting schedule
      - Right file cabinet on the bottom, file folder for each board member
- Executive Committee Nominations ([President](#), [V. President](#), [Secretary](#), [Treasurer](#)) and Voting
  - Position descriptions (designed from by-laws, parent/player handbook, Robert's Rules of Order)
    - AA would love to continue as President, WK seconds, all in favor, AA remains President
    - WK nominates Eric Mellott as VP - strengths and characteristics that will suit the position well
      - EM accepts the nomination - good conversations around player development and some initiatives - would love to spearhead some efforts, SL seconds, all in favor
    - SK agrees to "roll over", EM seconds, all in favor
    - WK would like to move into treasurer role, as he has been "part" treasurer this past year
      - Potential significant transition if things go through with the Legacy Grant
      - MH motions for WK to be treasurer, all in favor
- [Membership Directory](#) - update info
  - Board email and drive updates
  - Email to swcyha your personal info
- Committee Assignments - [FLOWCHART](#) (look over - fill in individuals who are continuing in their positions)
  - Going through the flow chart and looking at and filling in positions
    - Raise right coordinator
    - Concessions Managers
    - Eric Mellott will do a transition year for Mite Jamboree Coordinator
    - Officials scheduler

- Officials Mentor
      - DoH - Schindler will transition - wants to get someone in to meet WAHA, etc.
        - DoH receives a \$3,000 stipend for year contract
        - PPD get a list of candidates going
        - Put a call out
          - Legacy Foundation Grant includes a position
        - Potential reach out to Paul
    - Committee goals (ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES)
      - [Last year's](#)
      - SK will make a copy of last year's document and clear it out so new committees can put in their goals
- Group UPDATES
  - Rec Center
    - Split the locker room (4) into 5-6
      - Accordion partition to block off zamboni
      - Get rid of metal threshold
    - Boiler being installed
    - Wear youth hockey jersey with paid adult \*\* from RK
    - Winter Classic 2027 - planning meeting April 30th @ 6:00
    - [Important dates](#)
  - Director of Hockey
    - Bantam open hockey
- Exec. & Standing Committee Reports
  - **Executive**
    - Checking/money market
      - [Tabling](#)
  - **Finance/Fundraising/Marketing**
    - Connect with Mariah Suzdah
  - **Membership**
  - **Program/Player Development**
    - 33 registered, 10 girls
    - Already paid for in 3 weeks, rest will be profit
    - Grant through WAHA - qualified for a chance to win another grant through USA Hockey
    - 3-10 years old
- Old Business
  - Thoughtful strategy for referees
    - Finding a mentor - compensation comparison
    - Clinics typically open in June
  - Cultural Survey Phase 2
    - In the drive - everyone should take a look
    - Kid survey
  - 25-26 Season Projection (update from Intent to Play Survey)
    - Forthcoming - spreadsheet will be updated in drive
  - Player Development Opportunities/Summer Ice Use Planning & Decisions
    - Get something scheduled

- Send it to SWCYHA first - possibly at a lesser cost within a deadline
  - Open it up to surrounding associations, cost increase, letting them know how many spots remain
  - Put out incentive for players
  - Skills, same age scrimmaging, hour/week in spring (Blaze up in DCE)
    - Mid April, May, June, OFF July, August, September
  - Red Raider League?
  - Middle ground to keep kids skating in the off season
  - Kreuser had mentioned wanting to do something
    - SWCYHA coaches involved, not looking to make any money
  - Goalie camp
    - Step in the right direction - ramp that up next year
    - Make it more intentional and have someone in practice helping them out a bit more
  - Maximize Internal resources - equipment, river kings, coaches, etc.
- New Business
  - Locker Rooms
    - Get in touch with rec center board to compare notes
  - Mini Mites
    - Not charge registration for mini mites
      - What do we take in for them? Would it be a big hit?
      - \$40 for equipment rental
  - Division 3
    - Would it be beneficial to move down to division 3?
      - Too late for this next year to go to WAHA
      - Don Bradford from region two WAHA reached out a few years ago about moving
        - Easy to go down, but hard to come back up
        - Comes down to game scheduling - making appropriate adjustments as the season goes (managers)
  - Conversation with JA - SK
    - Rec center updates in weekly updates, share each other's facebook events, open hockey thoughts, own version of "breakfast club", squirt tournament?, importance of concessions managers
  - "School nights" - as a community outreach event - as a pre learn to play hockey - get people in the doors
    - Jim conversation - SL
  - Host state? - put in a bid
  - Tritz - Kids Growing Flowers for Kids - \$100 donation for our program

- **CLOSED portion**

- Liaison feedback form
- Any voting matters
  - WM [appeal](#)
    - WK motions to uphold our rollover policy and have WM start next season on step 1, MG seconds, all in favor, no vote needed
  - Move forward with Legacy Foundation grant request pertaining to girls hockey
    - Welcome other associations, but keep it under SWCYHA to be local
    - Girls will still have the option to play co ed
    - Could be double rostered - choose primary team
    - Focus on 6-8 girls per birth year, focus young and be optimistic to grow

- The ask is for \$100,000 for the first year
  - If it doesn't work out beyond one more year, funds could go into a scholarship that could help sustain skaters for a longer term
- MH makes motion to move forward with Legacy Foundation Grant request, MG seconds, all in favor, motion carries
- SJ Motion to adjourn @ 9:10, TN-2
- Next Meeting: May 19th @ 6 PM @ SWCRC
- Top Three Takeaways
  - 1. Committees formed
  - 2. Learn to Play hockey is a great success
  - 3. Summer opportunities being looked at
- Adjourn

Agenda Item	Action	Responsible and Date
Cultural survey results	Invite Amanda	SK - ASAP
PPD Committee to make a recommendation	PPD meeting	PPD - ASAP
Camp Opportunities	Reach out to Colin	Amy
Put in to host state		

**“On the Bench”:**...

- Vote on camp opportunity in May