

# Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 14, 2025 – 6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Meeting was in person at Sun Prairie Ice Arena.

## Board Members Present:

President – Mark Gernetzke

Incoming President – Ryan Dunt

Past President – Eric Morehouse

Treasurer: Stephen Elmer

Secretary – Sara Pieper

Bantam Rep: Kelly Ruhland

Squirt Rep: Sarah Mahan

Mite Rep – Allison McKee

Mini Mite Rep – Betsey Leonard

Girls' Rep – Megan Davis

Coaches Rep – Larry Clemens

**Attendance:** Tara Muszynski, Samantha Sotelo, Ashley Scott, Jeff Franklin, Sarah Wyngaard, Bipensingh Dodia

- Public Comments – None
- Affirmation of Email Votes
  - Motion to approve the transfer of family's unused RaiseRight funds to the Tomlinson family.
    - *Kelly motioned to approve. Betsey second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - Motion to grant scholarships for full financial assistance and DIBS for SPYHA Family for the 2025–2026 season.
    - *Casey motioned to approve. Sara second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - Motion to grant the Grimmer Foundation Scholarship to cover dues for the 2025–2026 season for SPYHA family.
    - *Casey motioned to approve. Kelly second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - Motion to grant a \$500 travel dues scholarship for the 2025–2026 season for PeeWee SPYHA player.
    - *Casey motioned to approve. Sarah second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - Motion to grant a \$500 travel dues scholarship for the 2025–2026 season for Squirt SPYHA player.
    - *Casey motioned to approve. Sarah second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - Motion to grant a \$500 travel dues scholarship for the 2025–2026 season for PeeWee SPYHA player.
    - *Casey motioned to approve. Eric second, motion passed unanimously.*
- Appointments & Membership Changes – None
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Secretary – Sara Pieper
    - August Board Meeting Minutes
      - *Allison motioned to approve. Casey second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
    - Sent bank reports before the meeting for review.
  - President – Mark Gernetzke
    - August Try Hockey For Free: Brianna did an excellent job organizing the event. Morning session: 20 registered, 18 attended, Afternoon session: 33 registered, 25 attended. Larry will arrange for coaches to assist during the Transition sessions.
  - President Elect – Ryan Dunt
    - WAHA is currently focused on player releases and denials. Written documentation explaining the reasons is required to ensure the background is properly recorded in case of an appeal.
  - Past President – Eric Morehouse
    - SP Ice Meeting: The group discussed the annual golf outing. SP Ice expressed concern about the low turnout in recent years, with only a few groups participating. They're interested in co-hosting or partnering on the event and are currently reviewing financial results from the past few years.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Volunteer Committee
    - The Volunteer Committee waits to credit summer hours until each family sets up their DIBs for the 2025–2026 season. This ensures the hours are applied to the correct season's allocation.

- Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee
    - None
  - Communications Committee
    - Colleen sent the report before the session.
  - Registrar
    - None
  - Groundhog Games Tournament Committee
    - None
  - Concession Stand Committee
    - Summer training sessions were held; the committee is open to hosting additional sessions as needed.
    - The concession stand will stock a limited amount of winter hats, tumblers, mouthguards, wax, and laces.
  - USA Hockey Initiatives
    - None
  - ACE Director(s)
    - None
  - Equipment Managers
    - The equipment room is in need of more goalie gear (mites and squirts). Larry will order.
    - SPYHA accepts gear donations.
  - Jersey Coordinator
    - Great turnout for jersey try-ons; all Squirts, PeeWee and Bantam players who needed a jersey attended.
    - Reps to send email reminding them to order socks. Socks will be billed to player's season SPYHA invoice.
  - Spirit Wear / Bags
    - Spirit wear shop will open soon.
  - Region 4 Meeting
    - Meeting is on Wednesday, September 17
- LEVEL REP REPORTS
- Mini-Mite
    - SPYHA Mini Mite Night with the Capitals is November 9
    - Making progress on signing up for tournaments
    - Kids 3 and under are required to participate in Learn to Skate before participating in Mini Mites
  - Mite:
    - First night of evals is October 13
    - 52 registered. 9 are signed up for Dragons
    - Back to Hockey is October 5
    - Making progress on signing up for tournaments
    - Mites will be using new Groundhog game socks this season
    - Coordinating with UW to get Mite players on the ice during a Men's and/or Women's hockey game
  - Squirt
    - For the 2025-2026 season, Squirts will have 5 teams, including two C1 teams
    - Back to Hockey event held September 14; 24 attended
    - Sarah to coordinate GameSheet and clock training for Squirt families
  - PeeWee
    - Back to Hockey event held September 14; 25 attended
    - For the 2025-2026 season, PeeWees will have 4 teams, 56 registered
    - All tournaments are booked
  - Bantams
    - 39 registrants, 3 teams
    - Working on scheduling tournaments and games
  - Coaches' Rep
    - Held first coaches meeting; will arrange additional sessions for travel and non-travel coaches
    - We will have 3 non-parent coaches at the PeeWee level and two at Bantam level
    - Practice jerseys will be distributed on September 29 at registration
    - Travel players will wear practice jerseys during evals and throughout the season. Practice jerseys will be turned in at the end of the season.
    - All coaches are done with SafeSport and background checks
    - Coaches are required to sign up for DIBS so hours can be credited
  - Girls Rep
    - The Patriots president role has transitioned to the founder of the Dragons; the previous president remains on the board.
    - Work is underway to define the Girls Rep role for the 2026–2027 season.

- An exploratory group is being formed to support the development of the girls program. Four nominations were received, all from Mite-level parents. Megan will narrow the group to 2–3 members and is currently drafting committee responsibilities. The committee will be tasked with providing recommendations to the board.
  - It's recommended that the 2026-2027 Girl Rep board member shadow Megan, as most of the work occurs in summer and early fall before the girls take the ice.
- 8U girls sessions were held to discuss growth strategies for the SPYHA girls program.
  
- OLD Business
  - Travel Team Evaluators
    - *Casey motioned to approve the 2025-2026 travel team evaluators. Sara second, motion passed unanimously.*
  - The SPYHA 2026 Golf Outing is scheduled for August 13. The Fundraising Committee will lead planning and execution.
  
- NEW Business
  - Next Board Meeting – October 12, 2025
  
- Adjourn
  - *Casey motioned to adjourn. Betsey second, motion passed unanimously.*
  
- Closed Session
  - Donation of RaiseRight funds
  - Honoring SPYHA family