



# Menomonie Youth Hockey Association

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 10th, 2023 6:00 pm at hockey rink

Call to order: 6:03 Meeting Adjourned: 8:45

## MYHA Mission, Vision, and Ground Rules

**Mission:** To provide youth in the greater Menomonie area with the opportunity to learn, play and compete in the game of hockey with an emphasis on growth in the areas of skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

**Vision:** Pursuit of the model USA hockey organization following the American development model.

**Ground Rules:** Mutual respect, be timely – start on time and end no later than 9:30 p.m. Come prepared. Allow enough time to make decisions and stand by your decisions. Communicate, conduct yourself and make decisions based on what's best for the entire association versus just your child.

## Roll Call/Quorum:

- Mike Jax, President- Present
- Stacy Hintzman, Past President (non-voting) - Call in
- Gary Messerschmidt, Treasurer (non-voting) - Absent
- Zack Raff, Treasurer in learning (non-voting)- Absent
- Jake Farrah Tournaments & Scheduling Director - Present
- Heidi Neverdahl, Concessions Director - Present
- Kate Kramschuster, Equipment Director - Present
- Stephaine Thortsen, Fundraising Director - Present
- Tucker Giertz, General Operations - Present
- Russell Bahr, Hockey Operations - Absent
- Brian Gowling, Growth and Development - Present
- Jennie Cimino, Secretary (non-voting) - absent

## Member Comments:

The first part of each board meeting is reserved for member comments and questions. The board welcomes feedback and participation from all of our members!

## Consent Agenda: Motion to approve- passed

1. Approval of August Meeting Minutes

## Meeting Agenda:

### President's Agenda

1. Mike's Items

- a. Welcome Stephanie Thortsen- Fundraising - Mike and/or Stacey will connect with Stephanie in the next 7 days to discuss fundraising needs.
- b. Safe Sport Completion - some board members still haven't gotten the prompt. Check at next meeting.
- c. Hockey Operations Update
  - i. Current State - with 30 days to the season starting, Russ will get us through the next 30 days. Will likely not be on the board for the remainder of the season. Stacy and Mike will pitch in when needed to pick up what is needed until we can evaluate what is needed.
  - ii. Pre-Season Camp w/Stout \$4k cost. Week of October 2 Squirts/PW/Btm - Board uncomfortable moving forward with this due to the cost and other questions. Mike will meet with Mike to understand details. Questions about if current MYHA coaches and other volunteers could do a similar training for less money?
  - iii. Tryouts - October 9-12- Led by Chambers and the Hockey Ops committee.
    - 1. This schedule would not leave room for assessments to happen before tryouts.
    - 2. There will need to be an extra level of flexibility in the team formation process to account for the possibility of skaters moving to girls and skaters moving up from LTS/Try Hockey Free. Recommendation to have Hockey Ops review scenarios and come up with a recommendation for the board.
  - iv. Registration Updates - 55
    - 1. September 15th deadline due to needing to order jerseys. Mid-week reminder needs to be sent out.
  - v. Team(s) 2-3-2 potential goalie issue at PWs and Sqts. 3 at Squirts may be a possibility depending on numbers.
  - vi. Coaching Updates - 18
  - vii. TW Update with T. Watkins 9/17 - coaches discussion with Terry Watkins about what worked well and what didn't with the Troy Ward Program. 7pm on 9/17.
- d. Locker Room Policy Updated - Mike will send the final draft. Updates include - Skaters cannot enter the locker room without a safesport parent or coach. \$500 fine for the association - disciplinary action goes to the head coach. The time right after practice when coaches are still cleaning up is a vital time for supervision to happen in the locker room. 1 Dibs hour is awarded per practice. Siblings and young children should not be allowed to run around the rink and into locker rooms without supervision.
- e. Team MGR Lead - Chelse Cockram will do this, as well as the culture role. Need to confirm by Friday.
- f. Year Budget shortfall potential - Need to be intentional with our spending since the fundraising position was vacant through the summer.

## 2. Finance - Zach

## 3. General Operations

- a. Scholarship Reviews- Tucker

- b. Need a volunteer to enter DIBS. Last year Chelse Cockeram did this and has resigned. - Tucker. Mandy Mayer has volunteered to work with Heidi and Tucker for entering the DIBS.
4. 8U/GR
- a. Girls COOP Update - The Coop will be Eau Claire, Menomonie, Chippewa, Altoona. 2. pre-skate dates, and tryouts before the MYHA tryout. Girls will be able to try out for both MYHA and the Coop and then can choose which team to be on. Next meeting is this Tuesday.
  - b. Reminder than any dual rostering would occur within WAHA policy and is not an MYHA decision.
  - c. Ice time and fees will be split among the organizations depending on how many from each organization are on the teams.
  - d. Girls would be eligible to attend skills practices at their home organization.
5. Concessions - reviewing pricing. There will likely be increases.
6. Scheduling - first weekend of games is beginning of November. Anything before that would be a scrimmage and need coach approval.
7. Fundraising - Stephanie (handoff) Stacy and myself will meet next week
- a. Jennie - send email to organizations welcoming her to the role and ask for volunteers for the fundraising committee.
  - b. Clarification regarding how much is needed for the 2nd fundraiser.
8. Equipment
- a. First aid boxes behind the benches are here, tourniquets added to coaches' med bags.
  - b. Fan store will close Sept 15th. Possible hockey bag option? Can check with Fleet Feet. Possible sponsorship option?
  - c. Applied for 2 grants. One more is due on the 15th. Hard shooter tutor?
  - d. Skate sharpener position and awards position

## **Next Meeting**

Next meeting 9/24 4:00-5:00pm Only focused on start of season information

Regular meeting 10/2

**Closed session: Motion to move into closed session at 8:00pm**

---

**MYHA Special Board Meeting: (Closed Meeting)**

**9/24/2023. Call to order at 4:02 pm - Meeting Adjourned: 8:45**