

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 11, 2026 – 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
PeeWee Rep – Casey Moen
Squirt Rep – Sarah Mahan
Mini-Mite Rep – Betsey Leonard
Girls' Rep – Megan Davis
Coaches Rep – Larry Clemens

Board Members Absent: Bantam Rep – Kelly Ruhland, Mite Rep – Allison McKee, Secretary – Sara Pieper

Attendance: Daniel Peterson, Scott VandeBerg, Brett Hostetler, Melissa Baker, Josh Erickson, Erin Werner, Tim Clavette, Tim Hoel, Jacob Wagner

- Public Comments – None
- Affirmation of Email Votes – None
- Appointments & Membership Changes – None
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - Secretary – Sara Pieper
 - December meeting minutes – Betsey motioned, all approved
 - Treasurer – Stephen Elmer
 - All credits added to invoices
 - All final invoices sent out
 - Dragon's invoice is in the mail
 - Team rep invoices went out
 - Concessions down a bit, but we had a lot of expenses this year
 - Working on GameSheet invoice. Got billed for 12 teams, need it adjusted to 11 teams
 - Converting PayPal to Venmo, etc. to reduce fees
 - President – Mark Gernetzke
 - None
 - President Elect – Ryan Dunt
 - None
 - Past President – Eric Morehouse
 - SP Ice is main sponsor for Frozen Fest – they have 2 free passes to run the 5k.
 - SP Ice would like someone from the Fundraising Committee to come to the next board meeting to collaborate
 - SP Ice has been doing better financially and is looking to get a new Zamboni for next year
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - Volunteer Committee
 - Filling concessions DIBS shift has been a challenge; many families still need hours
 - Feedback is that families are waiting for rink shifts instead (cleaning, painting, etc.)
 - Would like the list of coaches to get hours loaded into DIBS
 - Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee
 - None
 - Communications Committee
 - None
 - Registrar
 - None
 - Groundhog Games Tournament Committee

- One left – Bantam tournament
 - Great C1 level tourney in early Jan – set the bar high for fundraising. Look to learn from them for next year.
- Concession Stand Committee
 - Heather Portner is now on the committee, too
 - Kwik Trip has been donating money.
 - Working to figure out how to get more people volunteering in collaboration with the paid employees.
 - Reminder to send eComm a message if a Varsity game or large event is not staffed
- USA Hockey Initiatives
 - None
- ACE Director(s)
 - None
- Equipment Managers
 - None
- Jersey Coordinator
 - All pink jerseys have been returned
 - New girl jerseys have been received and added to inventory
 - May need more mini mite jerseys next year – we had to use some Mite jerseys this year
- Spirit Wear / Bags
 - Still some orders in Larry’s office waiting to be picked up
 - Waiting on Bauer gloves still
 - Pink Hoodie orders – will get hoodie for free and money back
 - Still waiting on Sowilo individual orders (some) and breezer covers
- Region 4 Meeting
 - R4 got fewer wild cards this year
 - Not sure if both R4 PWC2 teams are going to Sate or not, looking to figure out
 - WAHA wants associations to report back on any rule changes that they’d like to suggest
- LEVEL REP REPORTS
 - Mini-Mite
 - Waupun (free) tourney went well
 - Second half Minis are playing now
 - Killer Bees and Caps players have been coming to practices – kids are loving it
 - Mite
 - Second half-season games are out
 - Tournament fees have been sent to parents
 - Working on list of interested goalies for next year (first year Squirts)
 - Squirt
 - Collecting tournament fees from families
 - Positive feedback on PAC off-ice sessions
 - Had some issues with parents not signing up for off-ice duties, especially at Groundhog Games
 - Player stick raffle at Groundhog Games went over well (\$600 raised)
 - PeeWee
 - Will play up High School Youth Night
 - No bonus tournaments – been hard to pick those up with weekends this year
 - Bantams
 - Year going well, Wausau tourney next weekend and Groundhog Games the following weekend
 - Coaches’ Rep
 - Would like to do some form of parent education on how to act in the stands and support your team
 - End of year banquet date TBD but looking at March 4
 - Girls Rep
 - Girls THFF went well. Did a bracelet-making session after and the girls really liked it
 - Dragons are going well – advisory committee meets on Jan 21 to talk about next year. Dragons 14A is hosting State
 - Will work with Registrar to get some ideas on which Mite girls are going all-girls next year
- OLD Business
 - Working on getting youth more involved in the High School Youth Night.

- Picture Night – February 11 and 18 for Retakes, Bantams and second session Mites.

- NEW Business
 - Next Board Meeting: Feb 22, 2026

- Adjourn
 - Casey motioned to adjourn. Betsey second, motion passed unanimously

- Closed Session
 - Concessions staffing challenges and potential solutions to be implemented 2026-2027 season
 - Foundation tournament successes and opportunities to grow
 - USA Hockey coaching requirements
 - Behavior concerns; identification of disciplinary committee members
 - Team Captain policy to be implemented for 2026-2027 season
 - Coaching alignment with program standards and expectations