

McCall Youth Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes
6/17 @ 6:00 PM • Energy Seal

I. Call to order

- A) Amie Anderton

II. Roll call

- A) The following board members were present: Amie Anderton, Ricki Drabek, Jess Tankersley, Brian Keefe
- B) The following community members were present: Christine Butler, Sierra Swain, Brandi Egnatz, Dallas Palmer, Kaili Moss, Kristine Maxwell

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting (5/13/25)

- A) Motion: Brian K.
- B) Second: Amie A.

IV. Open Business

- A) Board of directors position updates
 - a. Amie is currently interim president. Dave Hall will be taking over as president soon, once he is back from travels. Amie will continue in this role as needed.
 - b. Jess is our new vice president.
 - c. Open positions: member-at-large
- B) Volunteer position updates
 - a. Seeking equipment manager
 - i. Gear ordering, loaner gear coordination, practice items (blue guys etc.)
 - b. Smokejumper liaison: Brian Keefe
 - c. At our 5/13 meeting, we downsized and consolidated some of the volunteer positions so that we are not using so many funds toward volunteer discounts.
 - i. Locker room monitor will be removed but we will need to brainstorm as a board as to how best to manage these tasks.
 - 1. It came to our attention that locker room monitors are required to be Safesport certified *and* background checked through USA hockey.
 - ii. This is also in attempt to become more transparent as an association with how we use our funds.
 - iii. Other associations largely require volunteer hours from families. Ours is fairly unique in how many incentives we offer for volunteering. We are trying to gradually correct this so that we can sustain as an association.

- iv. Dallas suggested the possibility of offering a “volunteer” registration rate and a “non-volunteer” registration rate, with a substantial difference between rates.

C) Team plans for the upcoming season

- a. Amie is working on registration and plans to open it up in mid-July.
- b. Team verbiage. USA Hockey has recently changed it from “Mites, Squirts” etc. to “8U, 10U...”
 - i. MYHA is going to attempt to mirror this verbiage to make things more consistent and less confusing for families since almost all tournaments use the numerical language.
 - ii. Keefe explained the difference between U15 (“under 15”) and 14U (“14 & under”). At some point the USA will likely start to mirror the former which is what Canada uses.
- c. Dallas gave an update. Dallas, Ryan D., Amie & Jess have been working hard to nail down coaching plans for next year.
 - i. 8U: Yuri Davydov
 - 1. Manager Mackenzie Kraemer
 - ii. 10U: Dallas Palmer
 - 1. Open
 - iii. 12U: Craig Perseo
 - 1. Manager Kristine Maxwell
 - iv. 14U: Undecided
 - 1. Manager Brandi Egnatz
 - 2. All 2nd year 14U players who are 9th graders will play for the 14U team, not the high school team. This was a coaching decision at the recent meeting.
 - v. High School: Mike Dyson
 - 1. Manager Nicki Dyson & Christine Butler
 - vi. Ice sheets
 - 1. 8U: 2 days/week
 - 2. 10U & 12U: 3 days/week
 - 3. Keefe has taken over ice scheduling. Ice time has been very difficult to book. Other programs are growing (figure skating, adult hockey etc.) which is making ice time scarcer. The Smokejumper junior team is not really affecting things as they will practice during school hours.
 - a. Legacy times are causing an issue.
 - b. Having the Smokejumper team will actually enhance ice time as they are booking ice during undesirable hours. The rink will make more money because of this and this should help to keep ice fees down.

4. Practices will start as early as early to mid-October. There may be some variation amongst teams. Traditionally 8U has started the first week of November. Everybody else has started the second week of October.

D) Junior team overview from Keeffe

- a. Seeking billet families. Help get the word out.
- b. Smokejumpers Summer Skates: Tuesday nights, Weds. Nights & Thursday mornings – Smokejumpers coaches will be on the ice all summer to meet players, coaches etc. Open to 2nd year 14U & older. Standard stick-n-puck fees.

E) Dual registration

- a. Jess gave an update.
- b. We met with all the coaches and presented the idea that dual association for each age group would be based on coach discretion.
 - i. The coaches did not want this, unanimously.
- c. Our bylaws already specify the policy. Therefore our board's decision is to simply follow that.
- d. We want to keep as many families as we can. We want to provide opportunities for as many kids as possible to use home ice.
- e. We need to consider our budget and the extra revenue dual association would bring in.
- f. We want to allow practice ice for those who want it, and tournament play for those who want it.
- g. We don't want to punish the kids who choose to play higher level hockey than what McCall can offer.
- h. Our association should be proud that we have grown these players to such a high level of hockey that they are pursuing other opportunities.
- i. Logistically, registration will need to include an indication of whether players will dual roster, for purposes of tournament planning.

F) Budget updates

- a. IAHA is planning to audit every association in Idaho this season; starting with us.
 - i. We will be required to close all bank accounts except one during this process. Therefore purchases will need to happen via Brian Recher (treasurer) for the time being.
- b. We are working toward more transparency as an association
 - i. Registration will include information on where exactly the registration fees are going
- c. We've been hearing some complaints as a board regarding how our budget is managed. We are taking notice and working hard to listen to these suggestions and implement changes.
 - i. All accounts are being consolidated to Idaho First (no more US Bank).
 - ii. The BOD will require approval for purchases \$500+
 1. This will not include tournament registration fees
- d. These added measures will help protect managers, coaches and other purchasers.
 - i. Managers should not filter anything through personal accounts.

- ii. No more Venmo for team payments.
- e. Lots of discussion about managers invoicing families for individual tournament fees. It's a headache for parents. Many other associations will charge all tournament fees upfront and you pay for all of them whether you attend all or not.
 - i. Registration will collect ice time fees (as has been the case previously).
 - ii. Managers will individually invoice each family for all tournament fees in one lump sum once tournaments have been scheduled. Teamsnap provides an option for families to break this up into separate payments for those families that wish to do so.
 - 1. Traveling players will pay for all tournaments regardless of inability to attend a specific tournament, illnesses, injuries etc.
- f. Add Amie Anderton to the Idaho First bank account

V. New Business

A) Chuck-a-Puck

- a. Kristine Maxwell will help coordinate disseminating weekends out to the various teams who want it.
 - i. Some teams may want to do more than one Chuck-a-Puck weekend, especially if teams do not have a home tournament.

B) City league

- a. Dan and Amber Murrer still want to lead the charge on this but do not wish to coordinate with MYHA. They want to wait until later to schedule ice. Dan plans to talk to the rink manager Pete in a few weeks about all of this. We are respecting the Murrers wishes to take this on as a separate entity.
- b. Kristine Maxwell asked about specific plans so that she can communicate info to her players' families who are deciding between city league or MYHA travel.
 - i. Ricki suggested she check with Dan directly since MYHA is no longer overseeing this program.

- C) Kaili posed a question about the board's role in driving vision for the association. Dallas explained that most associations have a hockey director who drives that vision whereas the board supports and deals more on the policy side of things.

VI. Adjourn

A) Meeting was adjourned at: 8:45 PM

B) Motion: Jess Tankersley

C) Second: Ricki Drabek

D) Next meeting: July 15th at 6:00 PM at Payette Lakes Medical Clinic (Jess' office).