

**McCall Youth Hockey Association**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
*11/4 @ 6:00 PM • Keeffe's Home*

**I. Call to order:** Dave

**II. Approval of minutes from last meeting (10/8) and September meeting (9/3)**

A) September:

- a. Motion to approve: Dave
- b. Second: Keeffe

B) October:

- a. Motion to approve: Dave
- b. Second: Jess

**III. In attendance**

- A) Board members: Brian Keeffe, Dave Hall, Jess Tankerseley, Amie Anderton, Brian Recher, Ricki Drabek, Vanessa Polvi

**IV. Open Business**

A) Background check reimbursements

- a. Amie has a running list and is keeping in contact with Recher to ensure things get paid

B) Welcome Vanessa Polvi, newest member-at-large. Introduction. Stepped up to help based on perceived need.

C) Monthly ledgers

- a. We've received two.
- b. Vanessa mentioned it's a bit complicated to complete.
  - i. Should we create a simplified form?
  - ii. Could it be a live Google doc that our accountant can monitor as it goes?
    - 1. Vanessa will look into this.
    - 2. Should be a form that could be easily copied and pasted with the bank website's interface.
  - iii. Recher will check with our accountant to see if Google drive is a viable option.
    - 1. Vanessa has a great template already that she will share with accountant.

D) Registration update

- a. Coaches and managers are largely appreciative of our “Play Down” informational email that was sent on 10/30.
  - i. Cannot competitively play down. Players can practice with a lower team upon coach approval, but not play in tournaments games (sanctioned or friendly).
  - ii. Does the BOD need to define “practice player?”
    1. What constitutes a practice player?
      - a. i.e. New to hockey; need to develop.
      - b. Or... simply a statement: “To be a practice player, it must be approved by the board.”
- b. Playing down will provide great options for those kids who we had initially hoped city league would be a fit for (want to play but not skilled enough to play competitively with their peers).
- c. Play up situations are typically coach-driven.
  - i. This can help reduce conflict (i.e. other parents, “Why this kid and not my kid?”)
- d. Final registration number: 88

## V. New Business

### A) Grant manager transition

- a. BOD is taking on grants in-house. Discussion TBC.
- b. Invite new grant coordinator to next month’s meeting

### B) “Scaling back” email

- a. On 10/16/25 the BOD sent the following email to managers and head coaches:

*Dear Coaches and Team Managers,*

*Thank you all for your continued dedication to our teams and athletes. Over the past several months, including through the summer off-season, the board has worked diligently to implement processes and procedures aimed at improving our organization’s alignment with state requirements and our bylaws.*

*The resistance to these changes has made it clear that there’s a desire for greater autonomy at the team level.*

*After careful consideration, the board has decided to scale back our involvement in areas that fall outside of our core responsibilities as outlined in our bylaws. Going forward, team-level operations - including logistics, communication, locker room compliance, ice time beyond regular weekly practices, and day-to-day management - will be fully entrusted to coaches and team managers.*

#### ***What This Means:***

- *The board will only oversee areas explicitly assigned to us by the bylaws (ensuring USA Hockey/IAHA compliance, overseeing coach selections, overseeing escalated discipline/grievance issues, and handling financials).*
- *Coaches and team managers are responsible for organizing and managing their teams in a way that works best for them - within the broader rules of MYHA and governing bodies (USA Hockey and IAHA). Please continue to send monthly ledgers for our financial accountability.*

- *As of now we've chosen not to move forward with the previously discussed shared procedures and policies document, as we'd like to give you more flexibility and independence in your decision-making.*

***Moving Forward:***

*We will always remain available to provide support where appropriate, but we will no longer be involved in micromanaging team activities or enforcing processes that are not legally required or outlined in our governing documents.*

*Our intent is to give you the space and flexibility to operate your teams in the way you see fit, while the board focuses on governance, compliance, and organizational sustainability.*

*We trust you will take this responsibility seriously and continue to lead your teams with integrity, accountability, and the best interests of the athletes in mind.*

*If you have questions or need clarification about where certain responsibilities now lie, please don't hesitate to reach out.*

*Sincerely,*

*MYHA Board of Directors*

- C) Email rotation; Ricki handled the email account for October. Amie offered to take it back on for now since she is currently furloughed.
- Vanessa is offering to help.
- D) Locker Room Policy
- On 11/3 a final locker room policy was emailed to team managers in accordance with USA hockey guidelines.
    - Ricki to post this to website.
- E) Future structure of MYHA
- We don't have an option for beginner hockey players within MYHA ("Learn to Skate" is run by the rink).
  - Keeffe would like to see a hockey-based learn-to-skate type option that MYHA is running.
  - Keeffe has a friend in Seattle who may be interested in starting a program... Keeffe will schedule a call/meeting.
- F) Frame at the rink. Keeffe spoke with rink manager Pete about having some framed pictures up to represent MYHA teams.
- Jess may ask her son to take pics.
  - What about putting tournament banners up at the rink?
    - Keeffe will speak with Pete.
- G) Stipend for coaches without current MYHA kids
- Tayze will be receiving a gift card from the 12U team account.

- b. Craig will get \$700.
  - i. He wants to donate it to Riley.
- c. Riley should get hotels paid for.
  - i. Recher will reach out to 12U manager about billing families an extra portion to split her hotel fees.
  - ii. BOD will offer to reimburse her gas and incidentals expenses.

#### H) Non-BOD members attending meetings

- a. The policy, according to Sarah Benson at IAHA, is that people are there only to listen (not engage).
  - i. People are welcome to attend.
  - ii. If they have something to contribute, it needs to be communicated to the board ahead of time and added to an agenda for a future meeting (not necessarily the next meeting).
  - iii. Each person gets 3 minutes to speak.
- b. Put it on the website
  - i. Vanessa will type something up and get in touch with Ricki.

#### I) End of season balance

- a. Each team account needs to start and end with \$5,000.
- b. What do we do with extra funds in team accounts at the end of season? Options...
  - i. Split between current team and next age level up, based on projected ratio of how many players will stay/age-up. By January 1, determine returning vs. aging-up players and end-of-season funds are split accordingly between current and next team's fund.
  - ii. Give extra money back to parents; split between families.
    - 1. Need to check with our accountant as to whether this is allowed?

## VI. Adjourn

A) Next meeting: Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM location TBD

B) Motion to adjourn: Dave, Second: Recher