Portage County Youth on Ice

Board of Directors July 2026 Minutes

DATE: Sunday, July 12, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Ice Hawks Rink

INVITEES: Paul Caufield, Melissa Clark, Alice Koback, Kyle Koback, Jennifer Melville, Kelli Pavelski, Kristin Weiss, Nick Akers, Heather McKnight, Dan Francis, Korryn Dean, Megan Nelson, Brandon Busse, Irandi Barnhart, Shaun Kruzitski, Ross Ingman, Caitlin Lutz, Jeremy Brown, Lionel Weaver, Todd Bialas, Bethany Dalsbo, and general membership

ATTENDEES: ~~Paul Caufield~~, Melissa Clark, Alice Koback, Kyle Koback, Jennifer Melville, Kelli Pavelski, Kristin Weiss, Nick Akers, Heather McKnight, Dan Francis, Korryn Dean, Megan Nelson, Brandon Busse, Irandi Barnhart, Shaun Kruzitski, Ross Ingman, Caitlin Lutz (online?), Jeremy Brown, Lionel Weaver, Todd Bialas, Bethany Dalsbo

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 pm

Special Presentation: Jim Arnold and Cooper Arnold - Central Wisconsin Winter Classic

- Game played at South Wood County Recreation Center
- Squirt teams play on the ice - development and growth teams play on Sunday
- Paying on the ice will be done with sponsorship
- Milk Jug/Agriculture themed trophy
- Working to get support from USA Hockey and WAHA
- UWSP Men and Women play on Saturday

Executive & Ethics Committee (Dan, Shaun, Jen)

- **WVU Situation:**
    - Dan provided a recap of the WVU history over the last 3-5 years
    - Came to SPAYHA to be housing association to help with retainment, specifically around travel concerns between associations

        - Discussions back and forth about where WVU teams would be held
        - WVU has a management board, not a governing board registered with WAHA
        - Member associations have to collaboratively agree upon what will happen with co-op teams
            - This year that includes Wisconsin Rapids, Stevens Point and Marshfield
                - 6 players from Rapids (some will only play at Rapids)
                - 4 players from Marshfield
                - 3 players from Point (only play at Point)
            - Affiliation Model proposed - Rapids and Point Affiliation
                - Complicated process as to who makes decisions for the teams
                - Each association plays a role in the affiliation
                - Lots of unknowns - concerns about rushing into it
        - Recap about current status of WVU functioning as an Ice Hawks team
            - Take time this next year to figure out what an affiliation would all entail and what is best for the girls' team
        - Three options:
            - SPAYHA houses WVU
            - WVU is housed at Rapids
            - True co-op
                - Discussed concerns related to all options
    - Motion made to Continue to House WVU Program for 2026-2027 Season
        - Motion made by Alice Koback, Seconded by Korryn Dean
        - Motion carries unanimously
- Irandi Barnhardt resigned from the board as she is moving

REVIEW OF MINUTES: by Board

Approved

- Alice Koback made a motion, Megan Nelson seconded
- Motion approved unanimously

FINANCIAL REPORTS by Melissa Clark

Sent to everyone via email

RINK MANAGER:

COMMITTEE REPORTS :

Executive & Ethics Committee (Dan, Shaun, Jen)

- Discussed above

Concession Committee (Kelli P/Bethany)

- N/A

Coaching Committee (Kyle K/Brandon)

- N/A

Equipment Committee (Korryn D.)

- N/A

Evaluations Committee (Nick A/Kyle)

- N/A

Facilities Maintenance Committee (Todd B.)

- Ice will be coming out in August

Fundraising/Special Events Committee (Kelli P./Paula L1)

- N/A

Intro and U-8 Committee (Korryn D./Brandon B)

- N/A

Information Technologies (/)

- N/A

Officiating (Alice K/Nick A)

- N/A

Publicity (Irandi B./Jeremy B.)

- N/A

Registration Committee (Heather M/Alice K/ Paul C)

- Registration Numbers:
    - 10U - 42 Skaters, 4 Goalies
    - 12U - 42 Skaters, 4 Goalies
    - 14U - 18 Skaters, 1 Goalie
        - Motion made to deny the request by Wisconsin Rapids Bantums to transfer to SPAYHA
            - Heather McKnight made motion, Alice Koback Seconded
            - Motion passed unanimously

Service Hours (Heather M./OPEN)

- N/A

Team Reps Committee (Kristin W./ OPEN)

- N/A

Tournaments Committee (Megan N/Ross)

- N/A

WAHA, Girls (Megan N/OPEN)

- Discussed committee work to determine next steps with WVU
    - Explore with a committee of representatives from all associations involved
    - Share pros and cons of all options

Player Development: (Brandon B/ Shaun K/ Paul C)

- Discussed committee work to determine communication between players heading to

high school and having a second year of Bantum eligibility

Risk Management:

- N/A

Other business:

- Send email out for seeking board applications

NEXT MEETING:

- Monday, August 31, 2026: 6:00pm

Motion to Adjourn:

- 8:28pm Motion made by Heather McKnight to adjourn, Seconded by Alice Koback