

WYBA Board of Directors: Open Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2026

I. Attendees & Roll Call

- **Voting Directors Present:** Kristin (President), Shana (Vice President), Alina (Treasurer), Candice (Travel Director), Bill and Karen (Recreational), and Kara (Instructional).
- **Other Attendees:** Jon Ash, Tyler Dunn, Bill Pekarski, Therm Selvani, Mark Minnucci, Mike Dubuque, Patrick Munroy, Jason Upham, Jonathan Jesuraj, Bill Templeton, Cat Wu, Karen Hakenson, Denise Butler, Kara Fordyce, Eric McBride, Matt Cotter, and Jamie Holmes.

II. Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the April 1, 2026, meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made and seconded; the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Alina presented the budget update, noting a current balance of just over \$50,000. Key financial highlights include:
 - \$5,000 was disbursed for scholarships. Registration fee increases resulted in revenue growth of several thousand dollars.
 - Fundraising efforts were successful, totaling \$11,200. This included \$1,300 from the Veterans clinic and a \$1,500 donation from Milltown. A check from Frontline is pending. Additionally, Julie Doherty donated \$100 toward the scoreboard.
 - Members were encouraged to explore and seek corporate volunteer matching programs.

IV. Accomplishments & Current Business

- The Board reviewed annual achievements, including \$5,000 in scholarships, \$1,500 in financial aid, the hosting of over a dozen championship games, the adoption of new bylaws, the distribution of 1,000+ swag shirts, scoreboard installation, 232 medals awarded, and a total of 740 participants.

V. New Proposal: Girls' Thanksgiving Tournament

- Jon Ash proposed hosting a Thanksgiving tournament. Use of the Westford Academy (WA) gym is available at no cost, though a donation to WA will be made. A committee comprising the new Travel Director and Karen has been formed to oversee this. Discussion included the potential use of a scheduling app and a financial analysis to determine profit allocation between the Recreational and Travel divisions.

VI. Board Elections

- **Election: President** – Denise Spellman Butler. A motion was made to elect, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- **Existing Terms:** Shana (Vice President), Mel (Treasurer), and Alina (Secretary).
- **Election: Girls Travel Director** – Jamie Holmes. A motion was made to elect, seconded, and passed unanimously.

VII. Seasonal Feedback

Instructional Division (Score: 9.8/10)

- Feedback was excellent. The Board discussed the potential for a first-grade girls session.

Rec Division (Score: 8.6/10)

- Overall feedback was positive, though issues regarding inconsistent communication, team balancing, and coaching quality were noted. Improvements are required for the officiating feedback process.

Travel Division (Mixed Ratings)

- Concerns were raised regarding coaching quality, perceived favoritism, and unequal playing time. Proposed solutions include capping team sizes at 10, formalizing a playing time policy, and engaging third-party evaluators for the selection process.
- Parents Mike Dubuque and Mark Minnucci addressed the Board regarding the 5th-grade girls B team, specifically concerns over division placement, team size, and the tryout process.

VIII. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was approved. The next meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday in June at 7:00 PM.