

**ACYHA Board Of Directors
Membership Meeting Minutes
April 2025**

Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting
Date: Monday April 14, 2025
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: NHIA Meeting Room 1

Attendees

Brian Thul - President -
Dustin Glad - Vice Chair -
Scott Allen - Treasurer -
Kevin Pote - D3 Rep. -
Kim Nau - Secretary -
Aaron Holscher - Boys Travel Director -
Norm Orstad - Girls Travel Director -
James Tousignant - ACE -
Derrick Raymond - Ice Scheduler -

Julie Wahl - Sales/Fundraising -
Susie Melynchuk - Tournament Dir - ex
Matt Inciti - Concession Manager -
Jim Lewandoski - Mite Director -
Sarah Guzman - Mite Program Director -
Drew Herron - Communications and Marketing -
Ryan Hegarty - Safe Sport -
Aaron Zimmerman - At Large -
Tina Schochow Greazel - Volunteer Program Dir -

Additional Representatives

Matt Rappaport - WEB Admin -
Tracee DeNeui - Gambling Mgr -
Paul Swanson - Asst. ACE -
Kris Murphy - Eval Coordinator -
Erin Dungan/John Knutson - Equipment -
Jess Riley/Kari Karsnick - Registrar -
Ryan King - HDC Chair -
Miranda Hortenbach - Skate -
Scott Tousignant - Asst. ACE -
Lida Knoll - Graphic Design -
Nikki Friederich - Fundraising Director
Lindsey Brekker - Fundraising Coordinator
Liz Tratnick - Ass't Treasurer
Michael Kautzman - Ass't Ice Sched

LEVEL COORDINATORS

Bantam - Anthony Pangarakis -
PeeWee - Peter Houghtaling -
Squirt - Michael Thompson -
Goalie - Andrew Cooper -

18 Current voting members; 10 required for quorum

Topics:	Presenter(s):
6:31 pm	Call to Order Brian Thul Roll Call Kim Nau

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion: Dustin Seconded: Aaron H

1. Gambling Director (Tracee)

Approval for expenses for May 2025 - \$47,900
Approval to make an ice time donation of \$40,000 for March 2025
Approval to make a payment to the city of Plymouth for the 1st quarter of 2025 for city taxes in the amount of \$6811.30
Approval to have Chris Lewis, an independent auditor, conduct our annual charitable gambling audit. His fee is \$5,000.
Profit for March 2025 - \$58,927

Approval of gambling report: Motion: Scott Seconded: Matt R

2. Chair (Brian)

It is hard to believe another season is in the books. Since our last meeting our bantam team earned 3rd place at the state tournament. It was an exciting tournament and as a board we are proud of our players and families for all their dedication and hard work they put in to achieve this award. I was able to travel through a blizzard to the state tournament for Saturday and Sunday's Games. I was filled with pride to see our players represent our association with class. Marshall Youth Hockey did a fantastic job hosting and we thank their organization for their service in hosting this event.

A huge thank you to the nomination committee for their time organizing and interviewing our future leaders. Their work is a perfect example of giving more of yourself than required. Our organization is blessed to have so many people willing to give their time and talents to make ACYHA a great place to play hockey.

On behalf of the board I would like to thank all our members for their commitment to community-based hockey, we couldn't do this without all you. I give special thanks to our graduating players and parents. It is hard to believe that many of us have been together for 11 years and we should be proud of how we are leaving ACYHA. This organization has continued to thrive and improve because of each of you. On a personal note you have supported me beyond my expectations and I know I'm a better human because all of you have been in my life. We extend our deepest gratitude to all of you!

Parent Survey

Minnesota Hockey will host the 2025 Association Leader Excellence Conference (ALEC) on May 2 - 3, 2025 at the Marriott Minneapolis West in St. Louis Park. May 3 is the day with the breakout sessions.

<https://www.minnesotahockey.org/leaders>

Board Elections

Brian nominates the following people for the following board openings:

Web administrator - Lance McKinnon

Boys Travel Director - Michael Thompson

Member at Large - Wendy Mathiason

Concessions manager - Michael Dockery

Fundraising Coordinator - Lindsay Breker

Placements Coordinator - John Dooley

ACE Director - Scott Tousignant

Tournament Committee - Kelly Vomhof & Jen Monogue

Recruitment Coordinator - Lance McKinnon

Volunteer Program Director - Tina is staying

Mite Program Director - Sarah is staying

Assistant ACE Coordinator - James Tousignant

2nd Concession Manager - open

Squirt Coordinator - open

Bantam Coordinator - Cam Opel

Assistant Girl's Travel Coordinator - Heather Arenson

Registrar - Kari Karsnick

Secretary - shadow for next year - candidate identified - nominate in May

Positions up for election (running uncontested)

Officer - Chairman - Brian staying Motion - Kim/Seconded - Scott

Officer - Vice Chairman - Dustin Motion - John/Seconded - Ryan

3. Treasurer (Scott)

Net Income as of March 31, 2025 is \$30,507.21

ACYHA would like to recognize the following donations:

American Online Giving Foundation: \$38.88

Mighty Cause Charitable Foundation: \$495

PayPal Giving Fund: \$24.31

Thank you to the Community for supporting ACYHA!

Annual budget meeting - Saturday April 26th at 9 am

Motion to approve the 990 tax filing - Scott - seconded - Derrick

4. Secretary (Kim)

Nomination committee and positions that remain unfilled or unapplied for at this time - wait until May, still some conversations happening

Late in requesting return of iPads, etc from Team Managers. Will assess them for damage or issues. We had just enough iPads to go around this year (with 2 extras that work, but have cracked screens). If we have more teams than last year, may need to purchase a couple. Not sure how much longer these will last, given that we cannot install new ios updates or GameSheet updates. Kari idea - not each team needs an iPad. Maybe we update as we go, have one for each rink and some backups, store in a locked central location.

5. District 3 (Kevin)

Very quiet month at D3. We had our annual dinner and very little was discussed. Again, the big thing is we need a lot of new representation at the upper level of D3!!! Paul (Director), Mark (President), and Kendra (Treasurer) terms are all done in May!!! If you know of anyone who may be interested in these positions, send them to the D3 website:

<https://www.d3hockey.org/page/show/16422-home>

D3 would like our AC team declarations for the upcoming season as soon as possible!

Game sheet fee likely by teams, not association

6. Concessions (Matt)

AAA Tournament in May canceled their ice time at the rink so we will not have any other events until August.

7. Marketing/Communications (Drew)

10k puck challenge

Summer Puck Challenge will return in May. Requests and interest for AC Waggle Hats. Considering the cost (\$35), the threshold for a hat is 10,000 shots. 5K will still get T-shirts.

Considering stickhandling incentive program, still in development. Thinking about 700 minutes goal over 100 days. Players who reach the goal will earn an AC accessory bag.

Wings Front NamePlate • 20mm vinyl • ¾" tall x 2 ¾" wide is standard but can cut specifically • Cost is .52 per unit if order 250-400. • www.HealyAwards.com

Mural project moving forward Nothing firm on location, sizes, costs or bidding yet. Hope to have a more detailed report in May. Met with Mark Severson and he is enthusiastic about the idea, and willing to work with us. • Photo mural with lighted AC logo • Artwork for Meeting Room 1 • Updated DI wall and DIII mural or wall • 10K Pucks Plaques

8. Registrar (Jess/Kari)

Creating Sunday Night Mites registration

Will start to prep for next year soon

9. ACE director (James)

No big updates from ACE. We have had informal conversations with all of our new coaches after the season to "debrief" and get initial feedback on their experience. At this early point in time, coaching positions for the 25/26 season appear to be in good shape. Parent surveys just went out. Our next step is to schedule coach exit interviews- looking like early May. Goal is to provide family feedback (to coaches) and receive feedback on ways we can improve for next season

10. Boys Travel Coordinator- (Aaron H)

From PeeWee coordinator Peter H: I'm gathering information for '25-'26 Peewee tournament registrations. Some tournaments open registration on 5/1. 5/15 and 6/1 are the other big registration opening dates. Squirts and Bantams will need coordinators, or some board members, who are prepared to start registering for tournaments in May. I'm prepared to help the other levels, as needed. In many cases it would be beneficial to have more than one person registering for tournaments on the busy mornings because some tournaments fill up while you are working on a registration for another tournament

Shelly Johnson from D3 sent an email that registration is now open for the 13O & 14U Tier 1 & Tier 2 tryouts in June. This is available to 2012 and 2011 birth years. 15O tryouts are open for 2010 birth years.

Still looking into Bantam goalie issue

11. Girls Travel Director- (Norm)

Assistant Girl's Coordinator - new position - job description sent out

Motion - Norm Seconded - Aaron Z

12. Mite Coordinator (Jim/Sarah)

Mascot costume is here! Chirp

Latest fundraiser was successful

13. Tournaments (Susie)

Nothing to report

14. Sales and Fundraising director (Julie)

Dasher board contracts being renewed; few more possible

Zamboni issue finally figured out

15. HDC Update (Ryan K)

See document sent out

Proposed changes to pond hockey

Level numbers and proposed teams

HDC positions and candidates

Coaching and membership surveys

Tournament applications

Preliminary budget

Banner updates

16. Equipment (Erin/John)

Nothing to report - missing a couple of 'blank' extra jerseys

17. Ice Scheduler (Derrick)

Ice scheduling meeting to discuss next year

Placement timing - discussion around scrimmages during placements and teams not being rostered

18. Safe Sport Coordinator (Ryan)

No news is good news - nothing to report this month

19. Volunteer Program Director (Tina)

Families that didn't complete dibs were charged on April 1.

20. Skate Coordinator (Miranda)

SKATE event completed, 136 skaters participated, 108 attended the event. Working on making the form a bit more user friendly and streamlined for parents and managers next year.

Meeting adjourned 8:11 pm Aaron H - Motion: Matt R - Seconded: