



**AYHA
Meeting Minutes
April 7th, 2025
8:00PM**

I. Attendees:

Board of Directors (Voting Members):

President: Royce Lawrence- present

Vice President: Nathan Brimmer- present

Treasurer: Ed Bryant - present

Secretary: Kathleen Gebo - present

Boys Travel Director: Brian Seeley- present

Girls Travel Director: Renee Lochner- absent

Ways & Means Officer: Justin St. John- present

House League Director/ADM: Tim McNeil - present

Committee Members:

Building Operations: Will Venner - present

Registrar: Abbey Temple - present via Google Meet

ACE Coordinator: Tim McNeil - present

Safe Sport Coordinator: Nathan Brimmer- present

Marketing & Social Media: Bekah Ripley- present via Google Meet

Scheduler: Katie Authier - absent

Boys Tournament Coordinator: TBD

Girls Tournament Coordinator: TBD

Concessions Coordinator: Laura Bryant present and Katie Oakman - absent

Also in attendance: Jeff Willis

II. Opening:

A regular meeting of the Adirondack Youth Hockey Association (AYHA) was called to order by Royce Lawrence at 8:00 PM on Monday, April 7, 2025.

-Discussions are taking place regarding the leak of the coolant at the GF Rec

- School districts will get letters. EPA will be notified. City is responsible for this and needs to be held accountable. This needs to be done soon or it could mean no rec for next season.

Testing alone - \$30,000-\$40,000

-from AYHA perspective we were told that no one was exposed to any harm, the leak is where it connects to the compressor. Our main concern is the city taking too long to get this done.

- Motion to approve March Nate motions, Nate seconds. Meeting minutes pass

III. Treasurer's Report- Ed Bryant - present

- Net income for year to date \$9,548 - we are up over 100% due to loss last year in income
- Registration is down about 10% YTD should go up in the next couple of months
- Expenses down 14.5% from last year- revenue down but expenses were down too
- Utilities expected to keep going down
- One more deposit left from concessions and skate sharpening
- Internet can be shut down along with trash (once a month for trash)
- Year over year tournament income - this year \$10,863 up 20% from last year
- Rentals are consistent with last year

IV. Visitors

- Jeff Willis - Here to discuss ice allocation for games
 - Other teams had already done a lot of scheduling before Jeff could make his schedule
 - Very limited number of teams that girls 16 and 19U can play
 - 16 and 18u boys can also be difficult to schedule
 - Ice had already been released to other teams - our 19U team ended up with 23 games played this year; 13 home games 16U games 32 games; 12 home ice slots; both teams very negatively impacted
 - He is asking the board to create a process for ice allocation - which teams have precedence/priority reflected of needs of entire membership
 - They can start scheduling in July a little, but more so in August
 - Board members commented that this has been a discussion for quite some time. One concern is fall sports conflicting with scheduling up until about November

- It was suggested to allocate ice for these teams, but if they cannot use it, let AYHA know at least 10 days in advance - block off dates and have early coaches meeting for upcoming season - overallocate and take back what won't be used
- We need to put together a package and have coaches take a look to see what works and what doesn't
- Our new scheduling system should be able to help us with this.

V. Committee Reports:

Northstars - Renee Lochner - Absent Abbey reported

- Ready for tryouts this week and will be finished at the end of the month

Boys Travel Director- Brian Seeley - present

- Tryouts for 16, 18 and 14s after break - two days for all possible three for 14 A and AA at 16U
- 10s and 12s A and AA are committed
- 12u A looking for head coach, couple of parents who will get certified but are not on-ice full coaches 100% committed to making that team succeed. We need an on-ice practice coach
- For next year, there are too many roster spots hanging on families waiting for other tryouts/rosters.

Registrar- Abbey Temple - present via Google Meet

- Abbey mentioned the concern that we have families registering who have not been rostered
- On our side we can delete them or change their program if needed

Marketing- Bekah present via Google Meet

- Things have slowed down, but people love the posts
- Royce mentioned to keep pushing registration and post early bird ending May 15th - 20% off and deposit only
- Tryouts will also get pushed
- House programming was recommended to be pushed - focus on a different group every day (learn to skate, termites, house, etc)

Facilities- Will Venner - present

- Skate sharpening room window has been replaced
- Our new nets came in - old ones will be used for practices. New nets games only. They are on pallets and we should be using dollies for the nets -
- We had talked about purchasing skate savers for the posts - run around \$50 each. They can stay on the practice nets - don't want them on the

- game nets
- Nate mentioned there are spots on our boards behind the net that need repair

Scheduling- Katie Authier- absent Royce reported

- Next season is ready to go with tournaments blocked out and Queensbury's games

Ways and Means- Justin St. John - Present

- Last month we passed motion for the JVH stickers, now it will be half priced
- Stickers are being handed out to coaches
- Justin spoke with Tyler H about date in the fall. It will be a Friday night in November
- Having a hard time to get dasher boards from Baird

House Program Director & ADM Director - Tim McNeil - present

- Gazillo cup went well
- No food truck, but went well
- The Plattsburgh tournament really was a conflict for the Gazillo cup
- Will - very little participation from parents during Gazillo
- We need to have a mite house coordinator

Concessions- Laura - present

- Spring clean up is needed
- Laura will send a check list

VI. Old Business

VII New Business:

Action Items:

- Spend \$400 on skate savers - motion made by Ed, seconded by Nate
- Royce made a motion to complete discussion on ice rink - Nate seconds
- Motion to create a tournament committee - Nate seconds

Discussion Items:

- 1 - Ice rink - Royce and Renee are working on initial communications

- We are looking for members to become a committee member on new rink with bullet list of experiences ; land acquisition, etc.
- Phased approach - fundraising plan, design plan, cost analysis, do we partner with public or stay private,

2 - Tournament Coordinator Position - yearly appointed position. finding teams, coordinating hotels, raffles, team welcome baskets, gazillo cup - food truck and ice cream, all volunteer (sign-up genius). Volunteer hours are completed and they appoint directors for each level.

VIII. Executive Session:

IX. Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Royce at 9:33
Justin seconded
- Minutes respectfully submitted by AYHA secretary , *Kathleen A. Gebo*,
April 15th, 2025