



**AYHA
Meeting Minutes
October 6th, 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- present

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

ACE Coordinator: Tim McNeil - present

Safe Sport Coordinator: Nathan Brimmer - present

Bekah Ripley: present

Scheduler: Katie Authier - present

Boys Tournament Coordinator: TBD

Girls Tournament Coordinator: TBD

Concessions Coordinators: Laura Bryant present

Katie Oakman present

Also in attendance: Nicole Maney, Matt Authier

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, October 6th, 2025.

There is a lot going on behind the scenes to take care of what is happening with the Rec Center. There is a lot of false information going around on social media. We have been working with the city and DEC. We are careful what is put out to the public to keep information completely factual. We are hopeful to have ice soon and we make accommodations to keep our season moving forward - no games have been canceled. We have a lot of ice in Saratoga. We have ice in Rutland to be able to have "home" games. Our goal is always to keep hockey going for our kids.

Nate makes a motion to approve September meeting minutes. Renee seconds. All in favor . September meeting minutes are approved.

III. Treasurer's Report- Ed Bryant - present

- 1st quarter total income is up about 23%, tournament fee income is up
- Expenses up - ice rental up almost double what we were last year, but we expected that.
- Equipment and uniforms pretty much paid
- Ed will be looking at electric and gas supply contracts to try to get the best rate that we can

IV. Visitors

- Nicole Maney 12UA
 - Nicole thanked the board for their time, all are volunteering their time, as well as to Nate to help keep the team afloat
 - She presented questions regarding ice time being short between the A team and the AA team - Brian verified that they were a bit short due to no certified coach, that was up until recently when it has leveled out. Royce explained that we have software to keep ice allocation leveled out among all of our teams. He explained that Katie does a good job keeping up with ice time.
 - Our wrap teams are getting more ice time now due to finishing in November due to high school hockey starting.
 - Nicole said that a lot of the team is stepping up to help out on this team. She is concerned that their team does not have the consistency of having a head coach that knows the team because they are there each time. Nate explained that between him, Adam Cross, and Matt Graham, they do know the kids from coaching them prior years, they watch video to learn what the team needs. Nicole is asking for everyone to be mindful that some of the coaches (girls teams coaches for example) don't know the kids. Nate mentioned that it doesn't always make sense from a

development standpoint to have the 12UA team practice with the 12UAA team.

- Nate also pointed out that it is a positive experience that so many parents are now involved on their child's team that they wouldn't have been otherwise.
- Brian indicated that he would notify the 12UA coaches that they should all be involved in the practice planning. As the season progresses, they will become more comfortable and there are many other coaches that would be happy to help them learn.
- Royce reiterated that it is positive to have so many new coaches to our organization. All volunteers have great potential for this team
- Nicole said that someone from the team will be present at our board meetings to keep everyone apprised of what is happening with the team.
- Point of contact for 12UA team - on ice - Nate Brimmer, Zac Harvey - off ice contact

V. Committee Reports:

Northstars - Renee Lochner - present

- Everyone but 14/16 has skated
- Jersey order is almost complete
- All Northstars 12 and up to date with birth certificates except one

Boys Travel Director- Brian Seeley - present

- One month away from boys AA tournament
- 10U is missing one
- 12U is missing one
- 14U is full
- It's been a struggle to get teams
- Some interest in A tournament
- A discussion was had regarding "B" teams in the area being comparable to our A team due to how the levels are named
- 8U tournament is now moved back a week to the end of February. 8U needs to have the USA Hockey Rules that there no cross-rostering
- During a game, if there is a game misconduct Brian and Royce need to be notified / Renee and Royce for girls games
 - Match penalties coaches need to notify Brian / Renee and Royce immediately - not after the game
 - Brian will send an email to coaches to reiterate this to them

Registrar- Abbey Temple - present

- We are good with all 12u and up with one exception
- She needs jersey numbers
- Younger players (Tim) Everyone who has been registered has been updated - she needs 120 birth certificates to get them completely rostered
- Mini-Mites have some numbers that need to be jumped up to mites - there are

also some girls in learn to skate

- 845 kids already registered for this season - this is without termite registrations
- Coaching - Abbey is trying to figure out which coaches are rostered correctly and which are not - she needs to sync with Tim's lists. Abbey needs to do coach credentialing.
- Renee suggested communication be sent out about termite qualifications to be on the ice - Nate will send this out
- Abbey also reminded Royce about the reimbursement check from the state meeting

Marketing- Bekah - present

- Over the last 28 days, there are more conversations and more likes on our posts - up 73%

Facilities- Will Venner - present

- Quotes will be discussed at the end
- He has stainless steel shelving and other items donated from Stewart's

Scheduling- Katie Authier- present-

- Mid-October there have been a lot of adjustments
- Every game this month has been moved to the HM Arena
- We have also been given ice for the young players
- Royce rented a lot of ice up front just in case, which has been helpful
- We are hopeful that the rec will be opened by the 25th
- Refereeing scheduling has been working well - since the change

Ways and Means- Justin St. John - present

- Dasher boards - October 9th phase I. Adk sign company will be assigning about 21 dasherboards. Justin is waiting for some logos - a vector image for several. The ones he has now are blurry. Two weeks from then, there will be a USA and a NYSAHA North Section dasherboard. Floor will be cleaned under the ice and some cracks filled. Q'bury school district will help with putting in ice. We will have consulting from Matt Meillo.
- ADK sign company is cleaning up all the sides
- Bekah helped posted for dasher boards - we have Northern Builders, Adirondack Orthodontics,
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House Program Director & ADM Director - Tim McNeil - present

- Tim will send out an email with expectations to help House program start

- strong
- Evaluations - thinking to do them in November because there is not enough ice time prior to November
- Jerseys are ordered - 3 tone, they look very nice, Royce mentioned to double check that termite jerseys are also in that order

Concessions- Laura Bryant and Katie Oakman present

- Waiting for demo then we will put in the new shelves
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VI. Old Business

- Update on game sheets - we have four ipads. They were used over the weekend. They are at the rec for now, but we are hoping to have a spot at the Harding Mazotti Arena. They all have instructions on the back - codes, instructions, pins, etc
- Economic study for the rec center - Royce has had communication about having an economic impact study done - this will be approx \$5,000 to be done. Couple month turn-around time. The city is now trying to get a grant for the building - this study will help

VII New Business:

- Bekah called about 4 sign companies, West Signs had the best rate. It is recommended to purchase 100 signs with QR codes with a landing page (click here for USA Hockey, Click here to register), one week turn around time, if we hit a threshold we will pull the signs (120 termite) (mini-mites - need the rec to open) to help people get registered. Possibly doing three different sessions - 3 weeks, 6 weeks, etc Want to get termite on ice during Thunder games early on in the season - to help draw attention to AYHA
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- Chronicle - Bekah 1/8 of a page, \$180 a week, black and white, - It is recommended to run this for two weeks, Maybe put a positive ad once Rec Center opens, then run the ad for two weeks. We will have a 50th anniversary article in Chronicle as well.
- Will has quotes for sealcoating - needs to be done asap, waiting for one more quote. We will wait for all quotes prior to approving this purchase.

Action Items:

- Nate made a motion for the economic impact study by Robert Camoin Associates, Brian seconded. All in favor - motion passes
- Royce makes a motion to approve lawn purchase (\$1300 for 100 signs),

Kathleen seconds. All in favor - motion passes

Discussion Items:

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VIII. Executive Session:

IX. Adjournment:

- Renee makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 Justin seconded
- Minutes respectfully submitted by AYHA secretary , *Kathleen A. Gebo*, October 16th , 2025