

**ACYHA Board Of Directors
Membership Meeting Minutes
October 14,2024**

**Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting
Date: October 14, 2024
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 Melynychuk - Tournament Dir -
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):

pm

**Call to Order
Roll Call**

**Brian Thul
Kim Nau**

**Approval of September Meeting minutes: Dustin - motion, Matt I -
seconded**

1. Gambling Director (Tracee)

- Approval for expenses for November 2024 - \$44,200
- Approval to make an ice time donation in the amount of \$40,000 for September 2024
- Approval to make our 3rd quarter tax payment to the City of Plymouth in the amount of \$8188.50
- Approval to make a payment to Old Republic in the amount of \$3223 for our Workmen's Comp insurance
- Profit for September 2024 \$51,168
- Started back at New Hope Bowl; looking to get ETabs started at NH Bowl

Motion to approve - Kim; seconded - Derrick

2. Chair (Brian)

I was listening to my son's coach explain what We over Me meant and I immediately thought about our board, families and coaches. Thank you for putting ACYHA over yourself as much as you do.

A huge thanks to our placement team for the countless hours, Jess and Kari for making sure our rosters are approved, Kim and Scott for supporting the managers, James, Paul and Scott for securing our coaches, Derrick for the outstanding work on scheduling, Erin and Jon getting the equipment ready, Matt and his team running the concessions, Tracee for all you do, Susie and her tournament team, Julie, Nikki and the fundraiser team, the mite recruitment team and Try Hockey for Free staff for welcoming our future, our team managers for their selfless service and our coaches for doing the work that matters most. I know what We Over Me means to me and that is Community-Based Hockey! Let's go play some hockey!

Social Media Reminder
Future Rink Support
Policy and Procedures Updating

3. Treasurer (Scott)

As of 10/10/2024, the Association is showing a financial gain of \$164,700.32. This reflects solid charitable gambling donations along with upfront registration payments and tourney payments being received; expenses will start to offset this over the next few months.

4. Secretary (Kim)

Had team manager meeting for Bantam, Peewee and U12. A few hiccups but seems teams are getting up and running! Up next - Squirts/U10

The Guidelines & Policies manual needs some updating per Brian, especially with the new coaches guide. There's also some sections without information - Role and Responsibility of HDC. It's my goal throughout the season to go through this and all the other documents on our website to update them. Some of the information is out-dated and some of the references in the

documents to D3 or MN Hockey policies are cited incorrectly. Anyone have the Word or Google doc originals of these? I only have an original of the Bylaws, otherwise they are all PDFs.

5. District 3 (Kevin)

Please see the D3 meeting minutes that was sent out previously

6. Concessions (Matt)

All concession manager positions filled

Elite League running well, but need to address some things - food trucks - we lose approx \$500 each time they do that - need to go through us and rink for approval (in the new contract just signed).

7. Marketing/Communications (Drew)

October 2024 Marketing and Communications update ACYHA

Summer Puck Challenge concluded on 9/21. We had 22 players earn a hat, and 10 earn a T-shirt.

Nearly as strong as last year (25 hats given out) and total shots at 276K (320K in 2024).

Ordered from All-Star Sports:

Ballcap - 17 (13 with stitching)

Knit - 10 (7 with 10K stitching)

T-Shirts - 12

Ordered and received helmet stickers for 10K/7K/5K/3K

Spent \$105 for 120. Should last us three years total.

Not yet ordered bag tags for 10K/7K/5K/3K. Cost is about \$3 a tag if bought in 30+ units.

Projected to be under \$1400 budget by \$200 and match last year's total and budget.

\$900-\$1000 to All-Star Sports

\$105 for Helmet Stickers

\$90 for bag tags

Try Hockey for Free marketing is underway.

Spent \$60 on Meta to promote events.

Unique social media graphics drawing attention to the event run Monday to Saturday of each week of THFF event. Open to other ideas, especially leading up to National THFF Day 11/2.

Elite League promotions on Social Media

8. Registrar (Jess/Kari)

Registration numbers:

337 players compared to 388 last season

currently have 143 registered for Mites-last season we had 192 Mites. We did get 34 mini mite registrations after October 15th last year--so numbers can still increase.

9. ACE director (James)

Coaches Guide -

Paul Swanson - motion to approve the new coaches guide which will be incorporated into our ACYHA Guidelines and Policies document, replacing the existing language contained in the ACYHA Guidelines and Policies document, pages 18 and 19, that relate to coaching guidance.

Seconded - Aaron Z motion passes

(refer to document sent out via email previously)

10. Boys Travel Coordinator- (Aaron H)

Placements done at Bantam and Peewee levels, Squirt evals start up after MEA

Discussion of Jr Gold team with Totino Grace? Wasn't aware. Working on figuring out what's happening and will update

11. Girls Travel Director- (Norm)

This past month has been highly productive for our U12 and U10 hockey teams. U12 team placements took place on September 28th, 30th, and October 1st and 2nd, with a specific session for goalies on September 27th. Teams have been formed, and coaches have been assigned accordingly. The U10 camp is progressing well, incorporating drills that will be used for upcoming team placements. The U12 teams will soon engage in coach-controlled scrimmages to gauge their current standing. A heartfelt thank you to our evaluations team, whose diligent efforts have ensured a smooth and successful start to our hockey season.

12. Mite Coordinator (Jim/Sarah)

Try Hockey For Free - 79 registered at the first one, very busy, good coach support

Hopefully will get more players registered from this; Mite pictures will be 12/14 (travel make up day)

13. Tournaments (Susie)

All tournaments are full

14. Sales and Fundraising director (Julie)

Gertens final sales due 10/21 at 10 pm, sales numbers are updated every Monday at the bottom of the fundraising page if you want to see where you're at

15. HDC Update (Ryan K)

Please see the HDC agenda doc dated 10-9-24.

16. Equipment (Erin/John)

Jerseys done - less people ordered than they thought would

17. Ice Scheduler (Derrick)

Ice is cold, schedules coming soon

18. Safe Sport Coordinator (Ryan)

All is well so far

19. Volunteer Program Director (Tina)

- Elite Tournament DIBS shifts are filled. I tried something new this season, by asking experienced travel parents to wait on claiming Penalty Box shifts for 1 week to all Mite/new Squirt families to claim them. It seemed to work for some mite families and got them to start claiming shifts earlier than last season.

- We have 14 Returning Family BUYOUTs up front. I budgeted for 8 BUYOUTS based on the past several years. This means we may have to rely on Student workers at the concession stand more than expected. Once I have coaches/managers DIBS figured out, I can propose a change to the budget for this.

Question: can we shave down some of the Tournament Helper Tournament shifts for NH Classic/Districts/Region?

20. Skate Coordinator (Miranda)

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned - 7:51 pm motion - Dustin seconded - Scott