

**ACYHA Board
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
April 2024**

Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting
Date: April 8, 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 -
Aaron Zimmerman - Girls Travel Director -
James Tousignant - ACE -
Derrick Raymond - Ice Scheduler -
Libby Hankey - Sales/Fundraising -

Julie Wahl - Sales/Fundraising -
Susie Melynchuk - Tournament Dir -
Matt Inciti - Concession Manager -
Jim Lewandoski - Mite Director -
Katie Mattox - Mite Program Director -
Drew Herron - Communications and Marketing -
Ryan Hegarty - Safe Sport -
Libby Johnson - At Large -
Tina Schochow Greazel - Volunteer Program Dir -
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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 - Registrar -
Ryan King - HDC Chair -
Jessica Ledoux - Skate -
Michael Thompson - Asst. ACE -
Lida Knoll - Graphic Design -
Lindsey Brekker - Fundraising Coordinator
Liz Tratnick - Ass't Treasurer
Michael Kautzman - Ass't Ice Sched

LEVEL COORDINATORS

Bantam - Anthony Pangarakis -
PeeWee - John Knutson
Squirt - Peter Houghtaling -
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 March 2024 Meeting minutes: Aaron H motion, Scott - seconded

1. Gambling Director (Tracee)

Motion to approve monthly report to board; approval of expenses for May - \$48,900; approval to make an ice time donation in the amount \$40,000 for March 2024, approval to make a payment to the city of Plymouth for the 2024 1st quarter taxes in the amount of \$8856 (ties to the Sunshine Factory)
motion - Scott ; seconded - Dustin

2. Chair (Brian)

On March 15th ACYHA held a hearing to address the ongoing communications of Mr. Brian DeRoy. The hearing was hosted via Zoom and chaired by Derrick Raymond (ACYHA Ice Scheduler). Gina Hansen

(Orono Youth Hockey), Andy Nordseth (Wayzata Youth Hockey), and Matt Lichty (Hopkins Youth Hockey) served as the hearing's unbiased panelists which is required by USA Hockey and MN Hockey Bylaws. Kim Nau (ACYHA Secretary) took notes, Aaron Holscher (ACYHA Boys Travel Director, and Brian Thul ACYHA Board Chair presented for ACYHA. ACYHA is asking for a one year suspension from all ACYHA events and for the committee to consider further sanctions within MN Hockey. Mr. DeRoy did not attend the hearing. As of this meeting the decision of the committee's decision is being appealed at the District 3 level.

I will be attending the MN Hockey Leadership Conference in May. I have attended the conference several times and I highly recommend this opportunity to any of you who are interested. There are topics that pertain to every position on our board.

Link to Topics and Schedule for the leadership conference: [Conference Topics & Schedule \(minnesotahockey.org\)](http://minnesotahockey.org)

As we prepare for next season let's continue to focus on providing great service to our organization. I couldn't be prouder of the work we do to support our players in their development. It is humbling to think about the number of hours each one of you give to our organization and those efforts make a huge difference. Please reach out if you have any concerns, need anything, or have a great idea.

In Gratitude,

Brian

Board Position Appointments

Positions to elect - Secretary and D3 Rep

Motion to elect Kim Nau via white ballot to secretary position motion: Dustin; Seconded: Scott

Motion to elect Kevin Pote to D3 rep via white ballot -Aaron H motion, Matt seconded

Norm Orstad appointed for Girl's Travel Director by Aaron Zimmerman

Michael Thompson appointed for Squirt Coordinator by Aaron Holscher

Tracee DeNui appointed to Gambling Manager by Brian Thul

Peter Houghtaling appointed to Peewee Coordinator by Aaron Holscher

Jessica Riley appointed as Registrar by Brian Thul

Ryan King appointed as Hockey Development Coordinator by Brian Thul

Need to still fill Mite Director position - in process

Paul Swanson appointed to Ass't Ace by Brian Thul

Miranda Hortenbach appointed to SKATE coordinator by Brian Thul

3. Treasurer (Scott)

As of March 31, 2024, the Association is showing a loss of 11,845.75, which is \$9,854.35 ahead of what we projected for this year's budget. If Charitable Gambling comes in strong over the final three months of the fiscal year, there is a chance we finish in the black.

The following Motions are needed:

Motion to increase budget line 6560 to \$20,000 to cover audit fees for MN AG Revenue Audit; motion carries

Motion to increase budget line 6715 to \$6,500 to cover practice jerseys for Pond Hockey; - will add new line to budget for \$3,000 for Pond Hockey jerseys to make it its own line item; motion carries

Motion to increase budget line 6439 by \$1,000 to cover Dryland facility usage fees; motion carries

Motion to increase budget line 6302 to \$18,000 for the new Fryer in the Concession Stand; motion carries

Motion to increase budget line 6209 to \$36,000 to cover ice costs for Regional tourney; motion carries

Annual Budget meeting on April 27, 2024 from 9am to Noon (yes, Noon!)

4. Secretary (Kim)

Open positions?

Off-season I plan to update/fix any errors on our bylaws, guidelines and policies and job descriptions for each board member position. Please take a look at your position and let me know if there's any changes to be made. If you have corrections to the bylaws or guidelines/policies, let me know. Thanks Aaron H for getting your info to me!

May need to replace a couple of iPads due to cracks. Could be usable with a screen protector. Where does this fall in the budget? Susie may have some that need to be repaired or replaced, too? Line item 6510 in budget - there's room in budget to replace some (more discussion during exec meeting around different usage ideas)

5. District 3 (Kevin P)

Please see attached notes from the D3 March Meeting.

Hopefully we'll have patches after this week's D3 meeting

6. Concessions (Matt Inciti)

\$100 donation from Nautical Bowls from Mite Jamboree

\$27k donation from concessions to the association

Licensing taken care of for 2024

1 manager needed still

7. Marketing/Communications (Drew)

10k puck challenge coming up - including goalies this year too, still coming up with how that will look - wants to increase budget item by \$400 for that (Love Your Game)

Promoting Charleston Overspeed trainings again via social media

8. Registrar (Jessica)

Sunday Night Mite registration is up

Waiting on D3 registrar meeting to plan for next year

9. ACE director (James)

End of year parent surveys in - had slightly more responses than last year; next step to set up post-season coaches meetings; nothing earth shattering in the results

Suggestion to modify survey to break out by specific coaches instead of lumping them together

10. Boys Travel Coordinator- (Aaron Holscher)

Not much new since last month. Looking to fill the Squirt Coordinator role, player numbers for next year for teams and levels, and starting to determine what tournaments to schedule teams for.

10a. Squirt Coordinator- (Peter Houghtaling)

2024-2025 tournament registrations begin in May (Fargo moved their registration date to 5/1).

11. Girls Travel Director- (Aaron Zimmerman)

Congratulations to our U15B players earning a runner-up finish at the State tournament.

Thank you to the entire association from our Mites to our travel teams to the board for all the support given to these hockey players.

Next year - we are expecting numbers enough to host two U10 teams again, and host two U12 teams. We are not expecting enough for a U15 team next year; so with the 8th graders next year we'd like to take advantage of the MN Hockey-U13 exception which allows for a limited number of 13 year olds to qualify as U12s and play at the A level. This allows us to provide competitive play for as many players as possible.

Thank you- with this my last meeting as sitting Girls Travel Director I believe we have continued our mission of providing opportunities for girls to play hockey at AC. I believe we have progressed and improved from where we were three years ago. I believe the new Travel Director is the right choice to again progress and improve from here as well. I appreciate your attention and awareness of our girls hockey players. Please continue to champion AC as a place for every kid that wants hockey in their life to have an opportunity here. Thank you. Good luck! GO WINGS!

12. Mite Coordinator (Katie/Jim)

Lots of great verbal feedback about the Jamboree getting better every year!

End of Season Survey Results:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-yTPRJ6eE2PEjGRnIbbSo3Q_3D_3D/

Great Feedback overall!

Spring 3v3:

99 last year >105 this year

Gotta love GROWTH

Cost stayed the same

Summer Night Mites:

Raise cost from 60-\$75?

Need registration opened once decided

22 hours of ice cost \$4180

Last year had 106 kids: ~\$40/kid for ice time alone

'24 Little Wild?

Pros outweigh cons, will likely do it again. 4 hours of ice donated by the host association, Thomas asked to reserve spots for 10-15 District-281 kids with the following feedback: Of the 63 players registered, only 5 played ACYHA hockey the rest were from Maple Grove, Edina, & Minnetonka. I do not like the idea of subsidizing the biggest associations in the country.

Summer Recruitment Began with Young Mudder communications

Pure Hockey reached out about Equipment Sponsorship. Pros and Cons

Will present info and ask for feedback at meeting. All Star overcharging for printing. Will use new quotes as leverage, if they will not come down on costs, I suggest moving move on-could save thousands, literally.

13. Tournaments (Susie)

Nothing to report

14. Sales and Fundraising director (Libby/Julie)

3 new advertisers

Working on transitioning over to Julie and new roles

Thank you to Libby for all you've done!

15. HDC Update (Ryan K)

Please see attached minutes from their meeting 4/7/24

Finalizing budget for 24/25 season - replacing some equipment, etc

Drafting new verbage to address ice time policy/guidelines - focus to provide clear guidance to coaches - hope to have a vote on it by the August board meeting so it's ready to go for next season

Putting together planning committee to discuss DHO for ACYHA and make sure things align with expectations and goals

16. Equipment (Erin/Jon)

Nothing to report - still collecting travel equipment - getting ready for budget meeting

17. Ice Scheduler (Derrick)

Spoke with Breck - will be able to get more ice there, which will help with scheduling

If we have open ice here when we have ice at Breck, it made be sold to other teams so keep that in mind

Reminder to remind kids to respect all buildings we're in for practices and games

18. Safe Sport Coordinator (Ryan)

All is well

19. Volunteer Program Director (Tina)

2023-2024 Season:

- Seven (7) Returning families had their \$500 DIBS deposits charged on 4.1.24. One payment failed, and Treasurer will invoice the family.

- Five (5) Returning families had a partial DIBS deposit charged on 4.1.24 or were invoiced.

2024-2025 Season:

- I will review any possible changes to the DIBS program over the next month or two.

20. Skate Coordinator (Jessica)

Event was a huge success - Dave and Busters gave us an extra \$650

A huge thank you to our team managers for helping out

Motion to adjourn - Scott; seconded - Dustin 7:51 pm