

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

Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting
Date: February 10, 2025
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: NHIA Meeting Room 1

Attendees

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

Julie Wahl - Sales/Fundraising - ex
Susie Melynchuk - 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):
6:34 pm	Call to Order Brian Thul Roll Call Kim Nau

Approval of January Meeting minutes: Aaron Z -motion, Scott - seconded

1. Gambling Director (Tracee)

Approval for expenses for March 2025 - \$43,600
Approval to make ice time donation of \$25,000 for January 2025
Approval to make a payment to the City of New Hope in the amount of \$17,827.50 for 10% tax for 2024

Motion - Aaron Z Seconded - Matt I

2. Chair (Brian)

Upcoming Off Season - please spread the word and help fill open board positions
State Rankings - as an association we will not make mention of these rankings in any of our official communications

Mite Program Re Org.

Goalie Situation - one goalie at the Bantam level, Pee wee A still no goalie, on-going situation

End of Season Survey - help draft a different type of survey, get more responses from members and better, usable information

Nomination Committee - 3-4 to screen applicants, briefly interview - let Brian know (Tina, Miranda has volunteered)

3. Treasurer (Scott)

As of January 31, 2025, the Association is showing a financial gain of \$136,380.38

I bought a mascot! It should be delivered in the next two weeks!

See document sent out with agenda

Scott - Motion to make \$5,000 donation to HS Girls booster club for their support at the Knockdown Tournament - seconded - Norm

Scott - Motion to make a \$5,000 donation to the HS Boys booster club for their support at the Invitational Tournament - Aaron H seconded

4. Secretary (Kim)

Second year Bantam send off - this Wednesday 2/12 7-8 pm by concessions stand - all are welcome - Kris, Nikki and Meaghan

We are in year 2 for open board positions, meaning these are the positions that are open, unless the current board member plans on staying on. The positions are:

Officer - Chairmen *staying

Officer - Vice Chairmen *staying

Tournament Director - *staying but wants someone to shadow (will commit for 2 years)

Member at Large

Boys Travel Director -

Volunteer Programs Coordinator

Asst ACE Coordinator

Mite Program Director - Operations *staying

Appointed positions - highlighted ones will be open after this season:

1. Association Coaching and Education (ACE) Director

2. Asst. ACE Coordinator- Coaching (non-voting)

3. Asst. ACE Coordinator- Administration (non-voting)

4. Boys' Travel Team Director

5. Concessions Director

6. Equipment Manager (Non-voting)

7. Gambling Manager (non-voting on Association items; voting on gambling items)

8. Girls' Travel Team Director

9. Hockey Development Committee (HDC) Chair (non-voting)

10. Ice Scheduler

11. Sales & Fundraising Director

12. Mite Program Director

13. Mite Program Director- Operations

14. Board Chairmen Outgoing Chairman/Member at Large

15. Communications & Marketing Director

16. Registrar (non-voting)

17. SafeSport Director

18. Tournament Director

- 19. Volunteer Programs Director
- 20. Web Administrator (non-voting)
- 21. Player Placements Coordinator

For those positions that will be open, we need to post on the website and I suggest we send an email to our members to let them know. Need a nominating committee that can do interviews in February so that candidates can be nominated and then appointed or voted on at the March meeting.

Year 3 positions that will be open after next season (2026):

- Officer - Treasurer
- Concessions Director
- Ice Scheduler
- Sales & Fundraising
- ACE Director
- Communications & Marketing Director
- Safe Sport Director
- Web Administrator - leaving

Is anyone leaving those positions at the end of this season? If you plan on leaving after the end of NEXT season, we should find candidates now that can shadow you next season.

Year 1 positions that will be open in two seasons (2027):

- Officer – Secretary - **Kim leaving 2026**
- Officer - D3
- Registrar
- Girls Travel Teams Director
- Hockey Development Coordinator
- Gambling Coordinator
- Mite Director
- Asst ACE Coordinator - Coaches

Is anyone leaving any of these positions at the end of this season? Next season? I plan on leaving at the end of next season. Would like to find someone to shadow me next season.

5. District 3 (Kevin)

D3 and District/Region Tournament meeting is on Wednesday

AC is hosting a BA Region 2/28-3/2

D3 is still in dire need of new people for numerous roles! Let me know if interested and know of any good people who may want to get involved

I'll know more after the D3 meeting on Wednesday

6. Concessions (Matt)

Tournament weekend - biggest issue is managers aren't available (their own tournaments at the same time, etc)

7. Marketing/Communications (Drew)

Have concluded recruitment marketing. Got three more to join once we got PeachJar working again.

Campaign to name the new mascot underway.

Social Media Guidelines - Team Rankings reference

Will start promotion of jamboree on social media soon and as details emerge.

8. Registrar (Jess/Kari)

Pond hockey - Thomas will organize but asking HDC to help lead and coaches to assist, too; registration page will be built and communication sent out

9. ACE director (James)

No report

10. Boys Travel Coordinator- (Aaron H)

Season starting to wind down for Bantams and Peewees with district playoffs around the corner. Bantam/Pee wee A/B1 start 2/15 and B2/C start 2/23. Squirt levels have about a month left of district play with playoffs starting on 3/3. District Playoffs for each team will be at the following if able to support: Bantam A - PIC, Bantam B1 - Hopkins, Bantam C - PIC.

Pee wee A - OMGHA, Pee wee B1 - AC, Pee wee B2 - Mound, Pee wee C - Orono. Squirt A - PIC, Squirt B2 - St. Louis Park, Squirt C - OMGHA.

Level coordinators are looking at potential numbers of players at each level for next season so decisions can start to be made for how many teams and at what levels we should declare.

Player disciplinary issue at Pee wee B2 level.

11. Girls Travel Director- (Norm)

"U12s regular season completed. Districts in Mpls for 12A; 12B1s at Orono;

U10s finished up in a month; 10B1 at Orono; 10B2 at Minneapolis.

Sent a survey to figure out the girls intentions for next season. I got 50/50 responses from current players. The results will be very helpful in planning for the next season.

I'm hoping to connect with the upcoming Travel players/parents on the ice.

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12. Mite Coordinator (Jim/Sarah)

5 new mini mite players have started. Needed to purchase new helmets.

Received permission from district 3 for mite 2 to play at St. MARYS Point. And mite jamboree in Champlin.

WINGS mite jamboree planning is going well. Working on baskets, the stick handling assists, AC mom party bus April 11th.

Working on grants

The Minnesota Wild Foundation will select approximately 6 – 10 non-profit community hockey associations in Minnesota to serve as Skate It Forward associations for the 2025-26 hockey season.

Associations selected to participate in Skate It Forward in 2025-26 will receive a \$250 incentive grant for every first-year full-time player under age 8 that registers for the 2025-26 hockey season.

For example, if an association registers 25 first-time skaters for the 2025-26 season, the association will receive a \$6,250 grant from the Minnesota Wild Foundation.

Associations must agree to not charge any additional registration fees to players that receive Skate It Forward grants (not including applicable USA Hockey fees).

Wings goal chant "AaaaC, AC, Let's Go Wings"

Mascot names being submitted. Top 10 going on the website. Drew can share names

Permission to sell old jerseys that are in the mite cage for the jamboree.

Idea from Tina - summer session of Learn to Skate?

13. Tournaments (Susie)

Last weekend's tournament went well. Next up - districts and regions

14. Sales and Fundraising director (Julie)

Nothing new to report. Heggies went well. One little hiccup with a parent submitting a large payment but forgetting to order the pizzas. Nikki was able to work with Heggies and they are doing a special delivery for this family tomorrow.

15. HDC Update (Ryan K)

See document sent out with agenda

16. Equipment (Erin/John)

17. Ice Scheduler (Derrick)

Teams in playoffs are getting priority for ice times. Please notify both ice schedulers how your team does in each game so they can plan for practices.

18. Safe Sport Coordinator (Ryan)

Bantam C and Minneapolis game - language

19. Volunteer Program Director (Tina)

I think we will have 11 Returning Families Cash-out DIBS at the end of the season, which is similar to last season.

I will begin zeroing out DIBS deposits for families who have met their requirements once we are finished with the Region tournament.

We have a repeated issue of the youth families claiming High School Boys DIBS shifts because the HS DIBS session is public (unlike the youth DIBS sessions which are private sessions so you must be signed into Sportsengine to see them). We've never had this issue in the past, but I will work with Kelly Glad next season on how we can prevent this from reoccurring.

We will have 65 Unclaimed District and Region Tournament Shifts (approximately 100 hours). I am passing around the Sign-In Sheets for the District tournament. If you know there is a shift you can work, put your name down and I can assign it to you in the system. I will send out the Region shifts closer as we get closer. I realize that availability will change throughout the week as many teams are in districts at the same time.

20. Skate Coordinator (Miranda)

Many managers passed messages along that kids in previous years have enjoyed larger gift cards and smaller event so planning to do this. Previous years has been about 120-150 skaters. Looking for March 22 or 23 for the event..

convenient idea was thrown out for a skating hour and then give the gifts at the end of the hour, may need 2 hours depending on the amount of qualifiers, not sure how many coaches want to attend an additional on ice hour so I will reach out and see what I can find out. Managers are sending numbers on Feb. 21. Need to confirm my budget & check ice availability.

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm - Tina - motion ; Matt - seconded