

**ACYHA Board Of Directors
Membership Meeting Minutes
March 2026**

**Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting
Date: Monday, March 9th 2026
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 -
Michael Thompson - Boys Travel Director - ex
Norm Orstad - Girls Travel Director -
Scott Tousignant - ACE -
Derrick Raymond - Ice Scheduler -**

**Julie Wahl - Sales/Fundraising -
Susie Melynchuk - Tournament Dir -
Matt Inciti - Concession Manager - ex
Jim Lewandoski - Mite Director -
Sarah Guzman - Mite Program Director -
Drew Herron - Communications and Marketing -
Ryan Hegarty - Safe Sport -
Wendy Mathiason - At Large -
Tina Schochow Greazel - Volunteer Program Dir -**

Additional Representatives

**Lance McKinnon - WEB Admin -
Tracee DeNeui - Gambling Mgr -
James Tousignant - Asst. ACE -
John Dooley - Eval Coordinator -
Erin Dungan/John Knutson - Equipment -
Kari Karsnick - Registrar -
Ryan King - HDC Chair -
Miranda Hortenbach - Skate -
Lida Noll - Graphic Design -
Lindsey Brekker - Fundraising Director
Liz Tratnick - Ass't Treasurer
Michael Kautzman - Ass't Ice Sched
Heather Arenson - Ass't Girls Travel Coordinator
Stephanie Hagen - 2026-2027 incoming Secretary**

LEVEL COORDINATORS

**Bantam - Cam Opel -
PeeWee - Peter Houghtaling -
Squirt - Jake Standafer -
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 Meeting Minutes: Motion: Dustin Seconded: Derek

1. Gambling Director (Tracee)

Approval for expenses for April 2026 \$44,100
Approval to make an ice time donation in the amount of \$20,000 for February 2026

**Approval of gambling report:
Motion: Scott Seconded: Dustin
Motion passes**

2. Guest Speakers: u10 families

Concerns regarding competitiveness, losing most games and development

Rather than moving players up or making larger teams, they would like considerations around current approach to coaching and team making and looking at new ideas. U10 B2 - 3 goals in D3 games all season vs 100+ scored against them. Age is a factor - would like to close the gap

3. Chair (Brian)

Mite Jamboree: What a great celebration of community based hockey and all our young players. A huge thank to our jamboree committee, our coaches, parents and most importantly our players.

Player send off

Plymouth outdoor sheet of ice update

Dryland Facility Usage update

Mark Severson

Rob Malone Scholarship

Tina motions to donate \$1,500 to the Rob Malone scholarship fund. Derrick seconds - motion passes

Advertising Agreement (3rd Party Partnerships)

4. Treasurer (Scott)

Budget meeting next month after regular board meeting

As of 2/28/2026, ACYHA is showing an Income gain: \$226,651.41

ACYHA would like to acknowledge the following donations:

Mightycause: \$495.00

American Online Giving Fund: \$19.44

Blackbaud Giving Fund: \$25.00

Motion - Scott: to donate \$1,500 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to Minnesota Special Hockey; this would be a reallocation from ACYHA's Scholarship fund. Seconded - Dustin

5. Secretary (Kim)

Open board positions

- Concessions director - open
- Secretary - open - currently has someone shadowing
- Tournament director (shadow for a year first) - needs a new shadow - incumbent
- Mite Coordinator - incumbent
- Equipment Manager - open
- D3 Rep - incumbent
- Registrar - incumbent
- Girls Travel Teams Director - incumbent
- Hockey Development Coordinator - incumbent
- Gambling Coordinator - incumbent
- Mite Director - incumbent
- Asst ACE Coordinator- Coaches - incumbent

Who is staying, who is going? Other open positions other than this list?

- Assistant Girls Coordinator - does someone have the 'job description'?

Nominations committee: Sara, Dustin and Lance

Revisit Website Roles- last updated 2016

Received thank you letter from City of Plymouth Crime and Fire Prevention fund for our donation to feed the puppies (aka the 4-legged employees of the city of Plymouth)

A huge thank you to Lida - our graphic designer - for her help in making the posters of each player for the sendoff yesterday. They turned out great! Also, thank you to Ryan King for handling the on-ice portion of the celebration. I think it's safe to say that the players AND the coaches on the ice had fun. I don't know if there was a final score, but I did hear some grumbling about getting beat by the old guys.

6. District 3 (Kevin)

See D3 February minutes he emailed and sent out with agenda. March meeting is on 3/11.

7. Concessions (Matt)

Everyone was fed this year. January and February closed out ahead of prior years. Without the regional tournaments like we have had in the past couple years, there was a drop for March sales, but the mite Jamboree on Saturday once again had the most take for an entire day. The coaches games moving to Saturday was a huge success in my mind for shifting things to increase attendance. With the conclusion of the Mite Jamboree, I'm looking more towards summer events and transitioning things to Gina.

8. Marketing/Communications (Drew)

Marketing mite programs for the summer

Mural update

9. Registrar (Kari)

Pond hockey & Sunday night Mites registrations are up

10. ACE director (Scott)

Is going to start end of year interviews with coaches and looking for new ones

11. Boys Travel Coordinator- (Michael)

Nothing reported

12. Girls Travel Director- (Norm)

From U6 to U10, numbers were a huge drop

Looking at changing how tournaments are scheduled for the girls - maybe more of a 'super scrimmage weekend' type of situation

Thanks to Heather for her assistance this season

13..1 Assistant Girls Travel Coordinator (Heather)

Teams had a decent number of scrimmages; good relationships built with coaches, etc

14.. Mite Coordinator (Jim/Sarah)

Mite Jamboree was a huge success. This event has been and continues to be a marquee event that showcases both our player's talent, and our volunteer's commitment and talent. ACYHA truly stands alone with our Jamboree. Big shout out to the coaches and the Jamboree committee.

Jim - motion to increase the Jamboree budget from \$10,000 to \$12,000 for next year. More players, costs have gone up, etc. Table this to next month.

Working on coaches for pond hockey and Sunday Night Mites.

Scrimmage coordinator position for Mite program? New board position - Events Coordinator?

Board party in May

Sara motions to donate \$1000 to MN Wild Skate It Forward program. Dustin seconded. Motion passes

15. Tournaments (Susie)

Nothing to report

16. Sales and Fundraising director (Julie)

Nothing new to report

17. HDC Update (Ryan K)

Discussing team making process, leveling etc

Bantam A, Bantam B1 and Peewee A will need new coaches next year

Offering/organizing DIBS for volunteer work to restring and/or repair the shooter tutors around the rink.

Looking at future junior gold options for our players

More to come on player development for next year

18. Equipment (Erin/John)

Collecting equipment from coaches and team managers - need practice jerseys, white boards, puck bag, etc

19. Ice Scheduler (Derrick)

Met with the city and the high schools last week in regards to how we can collaborate on getting extra ice for them without taking more of our ice away. I think we have a plan in place for more to come.

Season is all wrapped up

I'll be diving into reporting to make sure that our touches were adequate, which I'm very positive they were and start planning for next year already.

20. Safe Sport Coordinator (Ryan H)

A really quiet year in SafeSport with no reported incident from ACYHA or playing associations.

21. Volunteer Program Director (Tina)

Overall season analysis:

-The new larger cash-out at the end of the season was very effective with only 1 family who didn't work any DIBS hours. It also saved me from hours of reminder emails. Families improved on staying on top of their hours throughout the season.

-On the Volunteer and DIBS page, the improved “How-to-claim” and new “How-to-cancel” DIBS shifts documents were well utilized by our newer families.

-I could improve the process of awarding mite coaching DIBS.

- The secondary registration for DIBS and Fundraising was still confusing for and missed by many families. I have ideas on how to improve some areas, such as asking additional questions in the primary player registration to create the DIBS sessions; however I’m not sure Sportsengine has improved their financial tools yet to be able to do what we used to do with just 1 registration.

- Student workers claiming shifts went well this season to keep Concessions open during their scheduled hours.

- We had the appropriate amount of required SE hours this season for the amount of tournaments and declining number of returning families. If we add a Region next year, we may have to increase SE hours.

- We were a little short on Jamboree volunteers.

- We put more hours into recruiting efforts than originally budgeted, but what a great investment into our future!

In December, we had one family miss 2 shifts. I emailed them that next time, we would apply the No-Show fee of \$50. They missed a key district tournament game shift that sent Susie scrambling. I informed the family we would apply the No-Show fee, and that I would be removing them from future Tournament shifts. I did receive a request to waive the fee based on some family health issues.

22. Skate Coordinator (Miranda)

116 SKATE qualifiers this year! Certificates and bag tags acquired from the SKATE program! Top Golf event will be March 21st 10-noon. Emailing to team managers to secure a chaperone this week. Plan to also send a reminder email to participants this week!

23. Lance McKinnon Mite Recruitment/Web Administration:

As we head into the offseason, I will be consulting with our account representative at SportsEngine to upgrade our website to their latest version to provide a much needed facelift to our web presence.

Additionally, will start outreach to board members in coming weeks to begin transition to domain specific email addresses with the goal of finalizing all positions to domain specific emails by fall of 2026.

Will start to get our summer and fall schedule of community events put together in the next month with goal of building on our wins from the 2025 recruiting campaign to engage families in the area to try hockey.

Hoping to hear from Minnesota Wild on the Skate It Forward initiative in coming weeks as well.

Meeting adjourned - 8:33 pm Motion: Dustin Seconded: Kim