

**ACYHA Board Of Directors  
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes  
February 2024**

**Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting**  
**Date: February 12, 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/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 - ex**  
**Libby Johnson - At Large -**  
**Tina Schochow Greazel - Volunteer Program Dir -**

**Additional Representatives**

**Matt Rappaport - WEB Admin -**  
**Tracee DeNeui - Gambling Mgr - ex**  
**Paul Swanson - Asst. ACE -**  
**Kris Murphy - Eval Coordinator -**  
**Erin Dungan/John Knutson - Equipment -**  
**Jess Riley - Registrar -**  
**Ryan King - HDC Chair - ex**  
**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**

<b>Topics:</b>	<b>Presenter(s):</b>
<b>6:32 pm</b>	<b>Call to Order      Brian Thul</b> <b>Roll Call              Kim Nau</b>

**Approval of January 2024 Meeting minutes: Aaron - motion, Tina - seconded**

**1. Gambling Director (Tracee)**

Tabled to next month - Tracee just had knee surgery

**2. Chair (Brian)**

Members, it seems like yesterday that we were kicking off the season and welcoming our new families. As our U15's, 12's, Bantams and PeeWees gear up for playoffs I am reminded that learning and growth happens at different times and rates for our players and teams. Measuring success is done in many ways and ultimately we want our players to love the game more at the end of the season than the beginning.

Special thanks to our High School Booster Clubs for their support of ACYHA. You grew the association

while you were members and now continue to give back to help build a better future. Our partnership is valued and our board sends our deepest gratitude.

A heartfelt thank you to the tournament staff for their efforts and once again providing an experience for our visiting teams that we can be proud of as an organization. Susie your leadership in organizing and commitment to details is amazing!

Let's finish strong!

Rob Malone Scholarship Donation - \$3k donation Tina motions to make a \$3k donation to the Rob Malone Scholarship fund - Aaron H seconded

MN Waiver Changes

Must play within association boundaries based on home address, unless you declare prior to Squirts for a school waiver -board should be aware of policy in case of questions. We should communicate to our Mite families - maybe have a meeting with outgoing mite families to discuss and inform

Neck Protection

Must have by August 1st

Sales and Fundraising Proposal

Current:

Advertising and Fundraising Director (Libby and Julie splitting)

2 fundraising coordinators (Nikki and Lindsey)

Option 1:

- 1 Director (Julie has the main position)
- Nikki is a primary fundraising person (similar to now) but gets compensated with 1/2 board \$500.
- Lindsey Brekker is support as needed with 20 hours

Option 2:

Split and have two board positions:

- Advertising Director
- Fundraising Director
- and we split the coordinators to support each person (or just have 1 coordinator and use dubs for more support)

By-Law (Section 9.4)

#### **SECTION 9.4**

When executive officer positions are up for election, a slate of proposed candidates shall be presented by the Nominating Committee to the membership at the annual meeting. Nominations properly presented from the floor shall be accepted, provided said nominees are present to accept. Officers are elected by the membership by secret ballot at the annual meeting.

Would like to reword this to ask that nominations not be presented from the floor at the meeting. Need to give nominating committee a heads-up at some determined time ahead of time (prior to the March meeting?)

Nomination Committee

Matt I

Tina G

Dustin G

Brian nominates them to the nominating committee

### **3. Treasurer (Scott)**

Profit and Loss Statement as of 1/31/2024 shows a gain of \$212,638.67

Additional \$20,000 placed into another 13 Month CD at 5.3% (total invested into CD's: \$50,000)

The following Motions will be made at the meeting on Monday:

Motion: Donation of \$5000 to the Girls High School Boosters motion - Scott; seconded - Matt I

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Motion: Increase of \$1600 to 6406 to cover non-paid head coach hotel expenses motion - Scott; seconded - Dustin

### **4. Secretary (Kim)**

Reminder on board positions terms that are up this year:

#### **Year 1**

Officer – Secretary - Kim is returning

Officer - D3 - Kevin is returning

Registrar - Jess is returning for 1 year

Girls Travel Teams Director -

Hockey Development Coordinator

Gambling Coordinator - Tracee is returning

Mite Director - Jim is returning

Asst ACE Coordinator - Coaches

Officer candidates for the Voting Officers-Executive Committee shall be presented by the Nominating Committee or from the floor by membership at the annual meeting. These positions will be voted on by the membership including sitting Board members. To be eligible for nomination for the office of Board Chairmen, a person must have served a minimum of two years as a member in good standing within the Association. To be eligible for nomination to the office of Vice Chairmen, a person must have served as a member in good standing for a minimum of one year within the Association.

Candidates for the Voting Representatives and the Non-Voting Representatives shall be presented by the Nominating Committee at the annual meeting. The positions will be appointed by the chairmen with majority approval by the current Board.

We will need to come up with a nominating committee - done - see above under Brian

The annual meeting will be held on 4/8/24

### **5. District 3 (Kevin P)**

[https://www.minnesotahockey.org/news\\_article/show/1297790](https://www.minnesotahockey.org/news_article/show/1297790)

[https://www.usahockey.com/news\\_article/show/1298379](https://www.usahockey.com/news_article/show/1298379)

Check the D3 website for district tournament information

Let's go get 'em Wings!!

Discussion with D3 about competitiveness of our teams

### **6. Concessions (Matt Inciti)**

January did about \$3k more in sales over last year - girl's hockey day was huge

Purchases coming - new fryer - \$13k + - will be much faster Scott - motions to cover up to \$16k for new fryer for concessions - Dustin seconded

Cabinets - especially center island ones - talking with rink to replace

### **7. Marketing/Communications (Drew)**

Spent \$10 on social media marketing for Flock Day. Would have spent more but posts kept getting rejected for "Discriminatory Content" messages. Can't figure it out. Posters and fliers were donated by UPS Store, Golden Valley.

Promoting Feb 24 Try Hockey For Free date with boosts.

I cannot attend Feb. 24 THFF - out of town for tournament. Need someone to send some photos from the event.

Marketing Materials for THFF in Feb?

The February 24 National Try Hockey for Free event...Season is nearly over, but what should be the message or intent? Can we promote that they can try Spring Pond Hockey / Sunday Night Mites and then play Mites next season if they want. Do players for those offseason options need to be registered with USA Hockey to participate and is that a plausible way to integrate/involve potential new players? Or are we just planting a seed for the fall? Do need to be registered with USA hockey for Sunday night mites

Is loaner equipment available for those we hope to recruit with this event? Yes

Would like to put a 10,000 Puck names on board printed and hang by blue board near concession stand in south rink.

7,000-7,999

Brayden Fletcher  
Grady Roush  
Alec Pettis



6,000-6,999

Jake Joachim  
Tyler Olson  
Kooper Schroer  
Gabby Padgett



5,000-5,999

Riley Callahan  
Emmett Hartman  
June Froman  
Benjamin Wittrock  
Jack McMasters  
Ella Schroer  
William Radel

2,500

Lucas Callahan  
Kaysen Beaudry  
John Froman  
Ellie Joachim  
Logan Gaulrapp  
Ryker Anhorn  
Breck Stringfield  
Reece Magana  
Brickman Nelson  
Victoria Cruz  
Javier Cruz  
Ava Thiel



# SUMMER SHOT CHALLENGE

10,000+

Jared Laiho  
Anna Mollenhauer  
Easton Beckel  
Tyler Olson  
Parker Blome  
Paige Thompson  
Quinn Mohs  
Genevieve Froman  
June Froman



6,000-9,999

Gabby Padgett  
Kooper Schroer  
Cole Nelson  
Ryan Lewis  
Grady Roush  
Brynn Andrix  
Lauren Nelson  
Hannah Nelson  
Brekxton Nelson  
Liam Lewis  
Ethan Borchert  
Jack Kelvie  
Brickman Nelson

5,000-5,999

Leo Laiho  
Max Fink  
Brayden Fletcher  
Brooklynn Gardner  
Jack Mitchell  
Will Radel  
Lucas Mazariego  
Lauren Busho  
Max Knoll  
Justin Beman  
Charlie Hunst  
Weston Grimmilus  
Molly McIntosh  
Josiah Thompson  
Anna Knoll  
Ella Schroer  
Grace Mazariego  
Noah Mazariego  
Jack McMasters

2,500-4,999

Zac Fink  
Breck Stringfield  
Aiden Kingma  
Lila Beckel



# SUMMER SHOT CHALLENGE

10,000+

Anna Mollenhauer  
Parker Blome  
Emmett Hartman  
William Radel  
Grady Roush  
Aubree Weber



6,000-9,999

Lauren Busho  
Easton Beckel  
Ryan Lewis  
Brekxton Nelson  
Kooper Schroer  
Paige Thompson  
Brickman Nelson  
Alex Pettis  
Liam Lewis

5,000-5,999

Ethan Borchert  
Brayden Fletcher  
Adriana hottmam  
Lyja Olson  
Jack McMasters  
Gabby Padgett  
Cru Schultz  
Blake Rezac  
Max Fink  
Brooklynn Gardner

2,500-4,999

Zac Fink  
Cayden Cahoon  
Cole Nelson  
Jared Laiho  
Ella Schroer  
Josiah Thompson  
Luke Flynn





**8. Registrar (Jessica)**

Waiver policy (already discussed above)

**9. ACE director (James)**

Not a lot to report

Coaches survey - started last year - feedback has been good - appreciate culture, support from HDC; opportunities - how to help goalies have more 1x1 during practices; maybe more help from DHO as they found it valuable

**10. Boys Travel Coordinator- (Aaron Holscher)**

Continuing to evaluate team level placements for next season based on projected player numbers.

Communications this year from Brian DeRoy have been condescending, inciting, and incongruent with the values outlined in our parent code of conduct. His communication is nowhere near a partnership with any members of ACYHA Board members, coaches, team managers, and other parents have all expressed concerns regarding the tone and motives of his communication. Mr. DeRoy does not seek solutions and

has stated he doesn't want to be at ACYHA. The board is extremely concerned about the amount of time being spent on one member and believes his motives are to tear down volunteers.

Due to Mr. DeRoy's condescending and inciting communications, Aaron H makes a motion effective February 19th 2023 to cease all official and unofficial communications with Mr. Brian DeRoy from ACYHA for the remainder of the 2023-24 season and 2024-25 season. Mr. Brian DeRoy's contact information will be removed from ACYHA communication systems including the team account.

#### **11. Girls Travel Director- (Aaron Zimmerman)**

U10B2 3rd in New Hope. 3rd at Rochester

U10b1 2nd at Cloquet

U12 4th at Rock Ridge

U15 2nd in Fairmont

U12s and U15s start District Playoffsthis week.

#### **12. Mite Coordinator (Katie/Jim)**

#### **13. Tournaments (Susie)**

Nothing to report

#### **14. Sales and Fundraising director (Libby)**

2600 Heggies pizzas sold. Went very well - U15 was a big help - families are owed a bit more money so that is being figured out

Gertens - working on invoicing those that didn't opt out

3 new advertising accounts

#### **15. HDC Update (Ryan K)**

Please see the document sent out with the agenda

Bantam A locker room - discussion about possibly utilizing it differently - rotate among teams, coaches room, etc

#### **16. Equipment (Erin/Jon)**

Game jersey planning for next season

End of 2 year cycle on the jerseys. Preparing to send out email to families to determine who needs jerseys, should re-use if they still fit

#### **17. Ice Scheduler (Derrick)**

Ice is cold - nothing else to report

**18. Safe Sport Coordinator (Ryan)**

Brett Hopper notified Aaron, Brian and myself of a SafeSport situation involving a player from OMGHA that used racial slurs and gestures towards one of our players. He filed a SafeSport violation complaint with both USA and Minnesota hockey bodies and once they provide further guidance, action will be taken.

**19. Volunteer Program Director (Tina)**

Returning Family Status:

5 Families Cashing out

6 Families who have NOT started or claimed any DIBS

53 Families still in Progress of Working DIBS hours in Feb/March

Feb/March Hours Unclaimed:

2 Shifts BAAA D3 Tournament

4 Shifts U10B1 D3 Tournament

32 Shifts West Region Tournament

34 Feb Concessions Shifts

March Hours to be Posted: Concessions and Mite Jamboree

Let's discuss a plan on how to staff remaining Tournament shifts.

**20. Skate Coordinator (Jessica)**

Reached out to Miranda H - she is still interested in taking over next year.

Working on location - hope to decide soon

New Hope Bowl - Sunday 4/7 - 12 to 2

Motion to adjourn - Scott; seconded - Dustin