



**AYHA
Meeting Minutes
August 12th, 2024
8:00PM**

I. Attendees:

Board of Directors (Voting Members):

President: Royce Lawrence- present

Vice President: Nathan Brimmer- present

Treasurer: Ed Bryant - present

Secretary: Kathleen Gebo - present

Boys Travel Director: Brian Seeley- present

Girls Travel Director: Renee Lochner- present

Ways & Means Officer: Justin St. John- present

House League Director/ADM: Tim McNeil - present

Committee Members:

Building Operations: TBD

Registrar: Abbey Temple - present

ACE Coordinator: Tim McNeil - present

Safe Sport Coordinator: Nathan Brimmer- Present

Marketing: Megan Pliskofsky - absent

Scheduler: Katie Authier - absent

Boys Tournament Coordinator: TBD

Girls Tournament Coordinator: TBD

Concessions Coordinator: Laura Bryant - present

Also in attendance: Will Venner, Margaret Lawrence

II. Opening:

A regular meeting of the Adirondack Youth Hockey Association (AYHA) was called to order by Royce Lawrence at 8:01 PM on Monday, August 12th, 2024.

We will start on ice tomorrow for 24-25 season. Sports Engine is in process of being updated. Royce has been working with CIA for

scheduling. Probably 300+ hours at CIA this year - up about 10% from last year. We have targeted the 5-8 Wed for house league. Thursdays will be for Futures - hopefully adding boys.

Nate makes a motion to approve July meeting minutes. Brian seconds. All in favor - minutes are approved.

III. Treasurer's Report- Ed Bryant -

- Total income July - just over \$19,000 about 2600 more than June
- Expenses just over \$1500 - down a lot from last year because of Cooling Tower

IV. Visitors

V. Committee Reports:

Northstars - Renee Lochner - Present

- Ready to skate
- In communication with Kate for scheduling - work in progress - scheduling is tough right now.
- At 15 home games - including Q-games
- Lack of ice is problematic - we can run an audit to see how much ice is being allocated to each team
- Coaches need to be in communication with Brian after you have your 15 allocated home games (need to have Q-games scheduled) rather than reaching out to Katie
- Coaches should be aware that not all leagues require teams to play home games

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Boys Travel Director- Brain Seeley - Present

- 12U and 14UAA and A will run a supplemental tryout. 12U has another spot, 14U has the potential to add 1 or 2 skaters - probably last week of August
- 18U will not be TB, 12, 14, and 16 will be TB
- AA TB teams are required to have pant shells. AYHA will source this. If kids want to rent them, they can and return at the end of season (non-numbered), A teams will have the option for shells
- Travel Teams start practice tomorrow (8/14)

Registrar- Abbey - Present

- Need goalie numbers to complete the rosters
- Rosters are entered for the most part - waiting to solidify a few things prior to submitting for 10U and up
- Anyone coming from VT need a birth certificate
- Coaching credentials are being updated - background checks, registered, safe sport, etc
- We also need volunteer credentials updated - locker room attendants, etc

Marketing- Megan -absent

- Royce - there will be somethings posted soon regularly

Facilities- Position TBD -

- Tower is ready to be installed
- Trees were down very close to building and where the tower will be - the city has been notified that we need trees to be removed
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- If you see something, say something so we can get things fixed
- Need to get benches fixed

Scheduling- Katie Authier- absent

- Nothing to report

Ways and Means- Justin St. John - absent

- Nothing to report

House Program Director & ADM Director - Tim McNeil - present

- Jerseys for termites, mini-mites, mites, and 10U are ordered
- ADM - a few more classes are available, they are level 2 and 3 - no level 1's yet

Concessions- Laura - present

- Looking for a second concessions member

VI. Old Business

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VII New Business:

Discussion Items:

- Setup a committee: Plan a meeting for facility improvements/developments (Royce)
 - GF rec center was built in 1985 - we are funding everything that the building needs
 - We need to do something that will benefit our kids long term
 - We have not needed to market AYHA for years - our numbers are great and our needs for ice time is greater and we do not have the ice time we need
 - Next steps for making a new facility need to take place;
 - Rink committee - rink committee needs to communicate with the entire community to gain experience, knowledge, and help. Need land, need politician assistance.
 - We need a non-board member to head this that can put in the time
 - We would like to shoot for two sheets of ice - could build in an area that has more land to expand beyond in future
 - We need to protect AYHA in this whole process from a philosophical standpoint.
 - Suggestions were made to make this an LLC to keep this - we have started the work such as speaking to an attorney. Needs to be a 12-month used facility, would like restaurant to overlook
 - Nate and Royce will be on the committee to have at least two board members, but more are encouraged to be a part of it.
 - Recent new facilities to have as references/examples:
 - <https://upstateiceplex.org/>
 - Middlebury
 - Saranac Lake
 - Tupper Lake
 - Nexus Utica
- Requesting up to 6K to purchase starter equipment packages from pure hockey for termite (Royce)
 - Royce makes a motion, Brian seconds, all in favor, motion passes
 - Targeting the 4-6 year olds
- Futures for Boys - marketing/cost (150\$ ~10 skates) and coaching plan (Royce)
 - Futures was originally started to bring girls into hockey. It has been very successful and has turned into a training model
 - Looking to do this for the boys - 10-12 skates in the season, same price point as

girls, market it to second year 8U through 12U; can look at the numbers and possibly add 14U's, primarily focused on skating, stick skills. Coaching - lean on AA and A coaches along with volunteers. This request has already been submitted to the CIA

- This is an area as an organization that we need to focus on - skill development and skating development
- Royce will market this and put it in Sports Engine, prioritizing AYHA members for this
- Female skaters will skate with Northstars

Sectional meeting September 22nd (Sunday) need to be on the delegate form. Need to get as many committee members as possible. Need to get on the delegate form by the end of August. Nate and Royce will hold a meeting for parents at Heritage Hall to inform the decisions that are made at these meetings. AYHA has 45 delegates.

Action Items:

- Royce makes a motion in favor to use Matt Mello to install ice - all in favor - motion passes
- Motion to make a committee to fill the interest in building a new rink in our AYHA area. This is open to anyone (not just AYHA members) to be a part of. Royce will find someone to head the rink committee. Someone who is familiar with grant writing, not for profit, etc This will be communicated with the entire organization. Need members with specific experience. Nate seconds, all in favor. Motion passes
- Motion made to make Margaret the initial chair of the committee - reported directly to the board. All in favor, motion passes.

VIII. Executive Session:

IX. Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by , seconded by
- Minutes respectfully submitted by AYHA secretary, *Kathleen A. Gebo*,
August 20th, 2024