

**ACYHA Board Of Directors  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2024**

**Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting  
Date: December 9, 2024  
Time: 5:30 pm  
Location: NHIA Meeting Room 1**

**Attendees**

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

**Susie Melynchuk - Tournament Dir - X  
Matt Inciti - Concession Manager - X  
Jim Lewandoski - Mite Director - X  
Sarah Guzman - Mite Program Director - X  
Drew Herron - Communications and Marketing - X  
Ryan Hegarty - Safe Sport - X  
Aaron Zimmerman - At Large - X  
Tina Schochow Greazel - Volunteer Program Dir - X**

**Additional Representatives**

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

<b>Topics:</b>	<b>Presenter(s):</b>
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Call to Order    Brian Thul Roll Call        Scott Allen</b>

**Approval of November Meeting minutes: Dustin G motion, Matt I seconded**

**1. Gambling Director (Tracee)**

Approval for expenses for January 2025 - \$45,700  
Approval to make an ice time donation in the amount of \$40,000 for November 2024  
New Hope Bowl started Etabs on 11/12 and they are already seeing a good profit from them.  
Annual audit went well.

Motion to approve expenses and ice time donation - Derrick R; Aaron Z - seconded

**2. Chair (Brian)**

Thank you to Tracee for another exemplary audit report. Your work makes a huge difference in the lives of kids.

Thanks for your flexibility in changing the meeting time. On behalf of our entire association we want to thank Mayor Kathi for her service to the community and the New Hope Ice Arena. It is a great place to call home. Wishing you a relaxing and fun filled retirement.

Happy Holidays to all. Please take some time to remember what this time of year means to each of you and enjoy some time away from the rink.

Dec. 26th meeting update

Locks - Youth Room and former Bantam A locker room

Unbalanced league schedules - up to 5 exhibition games will be reimbursed by the Association

Golf day

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

As of end of November 2024, the Association is showing an income gain of \$220,440.73.

I would like to submit two new policies to be adopted by the ACYHA Board: a new Whistleblower policy and a Conflict of Interest policy, both of which are items we need to disclose on our 990 form to the IRS. I will include these as attachments to the December board meeting, with the intent of voting to make them official at the January board meeting.

Caveat: once the Conflict of Interest policy is approved, each board member and any person acting in an official capacity for ACYHA will need to disclose any conflicts of interest for their role with ACYHA.

ACYHA policies: Whistleblower and Conflict of Interest - see copies sent via email

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

Travel team pic day went well, with only 1 team needing to use this Saturday with Mites for a makeup day. Links to pictures have already been sent out to travel families - please let me know if you need the link sent again.

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

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

Squirt Classic was fun; Concessions is busy!

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

See attachment sent via email. 9 players since THFF - active marketing for new Mites until end of January. Cooper High School marketing in the next season.

### **8. Registrar (Jess/Kari)**

Only 2 more weeks for coaches to finish their CEP training. Any travel coaches with expired CEP's will not be able to continue coaching after 12/31. I have asked team managers and head coaches to confirm that their rosters are correct--making sure I didn't miss any coaches.

## **9. ACE director (James)**

All teams have coaches

## **10. Boys Travel Coordinator- (Aaron H)**

Couple of things to make board aware of. First, Pee wee A goalie family pulled their son from participating on the team. This had nothing to do with the team/ACYHA/hockey, was a family decision based on personal reasons. Pee wee A team at this time is using goalie EBUG for each game. HDC team has made a plan for the team for a process of finding EBUG goalies starting internally and then within District 3.

Second is Junior Gold. There was basically no interest from Totino Grace players to play on a Junior Gold team hosted by ACYHA like the Totino Grace head varsity coach said there would be. Only 1 Totino Grace player reached out after the deadline for declaring a team had passed. ACYHA players that showed interest in still playing Junior Gold with another association have been placed on Junior Gold teams with Wayzata (4 skaters and a goalie) and Mpls (2 skaters). Executive committee is deciding what funds we can devote to help these families offset the cost for Junior Gold to be similar to a high school player with AC Wings like we have done in the past.

## **10A. Pee wee Coordinator - (Peter H)**

Pee wee A has a short-term, and likely long-term, need for a goaltender. The initial plan is to use the EBUG policy with goalies in the association. We are also reaching out to other associations to see if there could be a fit, either as an EBUG, or a longer-term solution.

## **11. Girls Travel Director- (Norm)**

Girls teams doing well! 4 tourneys already played to date.

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

Mite 4 is up and running, going well. Had a 3/4 ice scrimmage vs Orono, score wasn't kept, but it was close to a tie. Having all the higher competitive kids skating together is pushing them.

Jerseys are flowing to players, Mite 3 and U8 Travel have theirs, working on the rest.

Have had some jersey issues, but they are getting resolved.

Jerseys are being printed for Mites this week and we will hand them out during the week. Pictures are Saturday from 8am-noon. Thank you, Kim, for your guidance!

We are at 373 current Mite Sign ups. Less than last year, but as the season progresses, we will be working on some ideas for next year. Wendy has set up a terrific recruitment program.

How have past Mite outing worked?

I would Like to pitch getting an ACYHA WINGS Mascot. A blue and red bird, online it is around \$400, but may be around \$800. It would help with recruitment, games, fun events, social media posts, maybe more DIBS. We could hold a contest to name it and have a lot of fun introducing it to the community! I would love to discuss this

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

New Hope Classic went great!

**14. Sales and Fundraising director (Julie)**

Gertens is done - almost \$12k; Wild program sales on 12/20/24; Heggies is ready to go. \$4.65 back to players for each pizza sold.

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

See attachment sent via email

**16. Equipment (Erin/John)**

Nothing to report

**17. Ice Scheduler (Derrick)**

Ice is scheduled through 2/2/2025; ice now scheduled at Brooklyn Park based on Junior Gold. Scrimmage opponents need to be sent in or we have dead ice.

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

Safe Sport has been busy. Incidences are being addressed.

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

70 families still working their DIBs. Slowing down on families picking up shifts.

**20. Skate Coordinator (Miranda)**

Started getting ideas from players and will start to figure out a good day.

Any input or ideas from the board?

Motion to Adjourn: Scott A; second: Matt I

Adjourned: 6:30 pm