



**AYHA  
Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 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:* Tim McNeil - present

*ADM Director:* Tim McNeil - Present

**Committee Members:**

*Building Operations:*

*Registrar:* Abbey Temple present

*ACE Coordinator:* Tim McNeil - present

*Safe Sport Coordinator:* Nathan Brimmer- Present

*Marketing:* Megan Pliskofsky - absent

*Scheduler:* Katie Authier - present

*Boys Tournament Coordinator:* TBD

*Girls Tournament Coordinator:* TBD

*Concessions Coordinator:* Laura Bryant - present

*Concessions Coordinator:* Jaime Underwood- present

**Also in attendance:** Tyler Thompson, Renee Chance

**II. Opening:**

A regular meeting of the Adirondack Youth Hockey Association (AYHA) was called to order by Royce Lawrence at 8:00 PM via Zoom on Monday, March 11, 2024.

- Royce congratulates Northstars 16U and 19U on their state championships - 16U four-time state champions
- Next is Nationals - 19U Lansing Michigan, 16U Green Bay, WI
- Awesome job to all the kids and coaches
- Congratulations to the Queensbury coaches, high school team, and the Q'bury hockey community on making it to the state finals
- Congratulations to the Adirondack United team
- AYHA plays a huge role in these accomplishments
- Gazilo cup is wrapping up; takes a lot of ice time 23rd & 24th finals
- House games are wrapping up
- Try-outs follow these, then a charity tournament, then we close up
- Ed makes a motion to approve the January minutes, Justin seconds, motion passes

### **III. Treasurer's Report- Ed Bryant - present**

- Total \$7,750 donation from the three tournaments
- Total operating income is up 5% from last year
- Expenses are up - based on utility increase (\$10,000 this year), ice rentals & fees
- Nationals tournaments will also bring our expenses up
- Looking to close out the year pretty much on par with last year

### **IV. Visitors**

- No report

### **V. Committee Reports:**

#### **Northstars - Renee Lochner - Absent**

- Successful weekend - 16 and 19U state champions!
- 10U and 12U tryouts are set
- Looking to approve fundraising for Nationals

#### **Boys Travel Director- Brain Seeley - present**

- Boys 12U went 1 & 2 at states
- Tryouts for 10's and 12's are set \*have to make it to at least one day

- Coaching requests closed this past Sunday
- Meeting will take place soon for coaching selection
- This weekend is the last weekend for travel teams

### **Registrar-** Abbey - Present

- Nothing to report

### **Marketing-** Megan -absent

- April 15th opening pre-registration - will be posted on social media

### **Facilities-** Position TBD - Royce reported

- Unplug space heaters\*\*
- Scorer's booth heater has been taken out
- Laura - there is an electric heater between the freezer and wall with boxes and scorer's sheets near it that get very hot \* fire hazard
- Royce stated there is no need to keep most of these in the office. Coaches keep their own for tournament bound teams. Tim McNeil will send an email to let the organization know which sheets to keep. Really the only ones that need to be kept are games indicating a game suspension
- Nate checked with NYSAHA - tournament bound teams - 12, 14, 16, & 18 boys and girls only keep their scoresheets - all other teams do not need to keep them
- The office needs to be cleaned out
- Royce is pretty sure the cooling tower project is on track - it's paid for
- If you see something say something with facilities
- Tim - mentioned a hole in the floor near the home bench. It is on the list to be fixed.
- The zamboni door needs to be replaced - tbd once ice is out in April

### **Scheduling-** Katie Authier-present

- Last week of practices and games - house is finishing up
- Gazilo ends 23rd/24th
- Need to schedule practices for girls going to Nationals

### **Ways and Means-** Justin St. John - present

- Stewart's awarded us \$5,000 - should be getting that soon
- Flyer has been updated and will be sent out soon
- Justin will be meeting with Tyler at the Q'bury hotel to discuss the details of the social at the end of March

## House Program Director & ADM Director - Tim McNeil - present

- We are in the middle of the Gazillo cup
- Jen Bliss reserved the Big Kahuna food truck for the championships
- Time will check to be sure they have a permit with the city
- Tim has four people helping with fundraising (baskets and 50/50)
- Need to discuss where the money is going
- Medals were ordered for termites, mites, mini-mites, and house, possibly for futures also - turnaround time is very quick
- There was an issue Saturday with house majors 7:45 game - no refs
  - One of the coaches reffed - became more like a scrimmage
  - Royce said the games can be rescheduled if needed - refs were short over the weekend

## Concessions- Jaime & Laura - present

- Food is ½ off now - not beverages
- Nate asks about putting in Square for register - possibly tie it into Venmo
- Abbey adds that there could be fees with Venmo
- Nate will take point position for Venmo/Square for concessions and skate sharpening room
- Laura added that we should also do the Sparks machine as mentioned in February
- Nate put out a proposal for board to vote on

## VI. Old Business

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## VII New Business:

### Discussion Items:

- House majors (Brian) - we need to evaluate this program with the lack of ice time we have.
  - Registrations will be in soon - once we get these we cannot change the program
  - Brian adds that we need more ice time for our travel teams
  - 14, 16, and 18U may need to change - not saying cut \*
    - It is suggested to pause registrations for house majors until we figure out a plan

- Discussions around price point, restructuring program, how to get more kids in program, cross-rostering, - at this point no concrete decisions have been made
- Kathleen asked who is in charge of keeping track of the volunteer hours google forms and spreadsheet. She is getting emails and would like to be able to answer them. Royce said there is a committee the emails go to.
- Nate - tryout evaluation process: 10U/12U outside evaluators
  - Nate wants to know why we approve coaches prior to making rosters - wants this to be a board discussion - coaches might not put in to coach if they don't know where their own kid will end up
  - Brian- in the try-out guidelines it says the coach has input on the roster, the letter to players is from the coaches and the board
  - If we push the coaching selection until after, it will push roster selections out - other organizations do this the same way
  - Royce said he has seen it done many ways - allowing coach to give input prevents problems on the team - we can hold off on announcing A level coaches
  - Brian said the only way for it to be perfect is to have non-parent coaches

Action Items:

- Royce makes a motion to approve fundraising and payments for 16U and 19U Nationals Tournament - Go Fund Me's, etc The motion is to seed the fund and pay from our organization, then back-fill it
- Last year we paid for entry fees up front as well  
Motion passes
- Brian - "I make a motion to waive VanHatten's 2024-2025 registration fees", Royce seconds, motion passes

Closing Remarks:

**VII. Adjournment:**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Royce, seconded by Justin at 9:16
- Minutes respectfully submitted by AYHA secretary, *Kathleen A. Gebo*, April 8, 2024