



**AYHA
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2023
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 - present

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

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, September 18th, 2023.

- Royce thanked everyone for joining and mentioned all the teams on the ice

A motion passes to approve August meeting minutes. Nate motion to approve.

III. Treasurer's Report- Ed Bryant - present

- operating income down due to the large expense of the cooling tower. - AYHA paid half up front / city of GF pays half after the install is complete
- Canceled the heartland payments contract - saves nearly \$4,000 over the next two years and three months
- New utilities contract starting Nov 1st savings \$0.03 per kilowatt hour
- Invoice for the Olympia being reviewed by Royce prior to sending to the city

IV. Committee Reports:

Northstars - Renee Lochner - Present

- Nothing new
- Played : 10's, 12's, 14's,
- 16's and 19's start early October
- Jerseys passed out
- Practices going well
- Coaches meeting was held

Boys Travel Director- Brain Seeley - present

- Last skate for 10u and 12U B
- Uniforms should be slowly rolling in from older teams to younger - by the end of the month
- Naming of the teams - need different names for USA Hockey - coaches names, animals, colors, for next season
- Can put tournament bound, and can do for this year, just not next
- Families should not reach out to Rusty directly - coaches need to reach out to Rusty - makes us look bad, have the players serve their penalty and move on, if families reach out to coaches with a question, the coach should be asking the board

Registrar- Abbey - Present

- Everything is caught up except:
- 5 kids redlined - need birth certificates 14UB
- Outstanding 19U Northstars need safesport - all teams 12-18 boys, 12-19 girls will be tournament bound

Marketing- Megan - Present

- Megan is posting as people reach out to her
- Royce will send a list - including newspaper for Termite registration, futures, learn to skate
- Nate mentioned the flyer from last year: handing out to schools, handing out at games, Royce suggests K-2 level is most important for flyers, - get

these out in the next two weeks

- Jan 5th and 7th games - Termite and mini-mites go on ice during Thunder game

Facilities- Position TBD - Royce reported

- Finally got the agreement from the city, put on order 3 weeks ago, should be about 10 week turn around, C & L Mechanical will install (48 hour process once it arrives), will take up a good portion of our parking lot
- Need to schedule a fall clean-up, - vacuum, sweep, etc before compressors are turned on, clean up skate room
- Donation Saturday 9/30 at Rec
- Compressors being turned on Thur or Fri. Oct 1st/3rd ice will be done, opening day should be the 15th

Scheduling- Katie Authier-present

- Most teams are practicing
- Scheduling is going well
- Ice starting 10/15 is getting booked up, we are renting at CIA and Saratoga

Ways and Means- Justin St. John - present

- Invoices were sent out for sponsor boards, except for GF Nat'l
- Kingsbury printing, Brookfield, Howard Hannah, Hometown Chevy (?), ...
- Hoping to have checks in around the end of October
- Royce talked to the Queensbury - do an AYHA dinner w/ silent auction, dinner, entertainment, etc - work with Tyler Herrick - ballpark dates prior to Thanksgiving
*need this due to water tower cost, cost of keeping up with the building, Megan can help with this and market it to the entire hockey community

House Program Director - Tim McNeil - present

- Tim spoke with Jeff - jerseys are ordered for termites, mini-mites, mites, all the way up
- Another round of emails will be sent out encouraging coaches
- New business potential: 2 people reached out about getting starter bags for mites
- Royce reached out to Pure Hockey - and he will talk to them again tomorrow. Families can rent \$125ish and return the bag for a credit to their account. We will get approx. 20-30 bags. We are a bit behind on ordering them, but they typically come in quickly - Megan needs to send out a blast telling families that these are on order, our equipment loan

process is in the works, please reach out if you are interested in renting - Google Form

- Nate mentioned that we have a lot of donations - contact Nate
- Tim will be in Lake Placid for the meeting this weekend

ADM- Tim McNeil

Concessions- Jaime & Laura - present

- They will be in within the next few weeks to do an order
- Might need a microwave or a plate for the microwave
- Need something to keep pretzels warm
- We have an account with Lowes - but maybe open up an account with BJ's for candy and cleaning supplies; seem to be cheaper
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V. New Business:

- Discussion Items:

- Insurance Rider - we have to add all locations that we rent ice from/host from per USA Hockey
 - Lake Placid Meeting 9/24/23 headcount - Tim McNeil, Abbey Temple, possible Mike Burke We are declaring all of our tournament bound teams - this is critical; we have voter delegate forms. People who are going need to sign them for sure. We get 44 votes, - Nate wants to know when these meetings are scheduled for more advanced notice; usually scheduled 3 weeks prior
 - -*Next annual state meeting will be May 18th and 19th in Binghamton
 - Coaches Meeting - this will go over expectations, record setting, everything to have a successful season, expectations working with the kids, don't want to burn kids out, chain of command for parents, ;
 - This will be a mandatory meeting it will be sent out by Royce soon
- Brian McDonald is coming back with Kessel? For goalie clinics every Tuesday from 5-6 for 6 & 8U starting in November, 6:15 for 10 & 12 U. This should be free to get goalies in there *will need coaches there, Renee mentioned then also open it up to the older kids, Brian and Renee will ask the older teams what would work for them
- Oct 17th - Christmas , sign ups will be sent out
 - Kessel is available and maybe he can go to older kids practices
 - Slingo power skating starting in October - Christmas; double sessions - feedback was positive last year

- Action Item:

Closing Remarks:

- 2-week off time for CIA pulling the ice
- Goalie equipment (4 bags at mite level) are in the works

VII. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Royce at 8:50PM. Justin carried the motion. Tim seconded.

- Minutes respectfully submitted by AYHA secretary, *Kathleen A. Gebo*, ,
September 18th, 2023.