



**AYHA  
Meeting Minutes  
April 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 - 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, Andy Coe, Renee

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**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, April 8, 2024.

- Royce congratulates the two girls teams going to Nationals; great representation of hockey in our area
- Ice coming out of Rec
- Year was good; great practice numbers, our registration numbers are rising each year over year
- Nate motions to approve March minutes. Justin seconds. Brian didn't get a chance to look over minutes - motion withdrawn - approval will take place after review

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

- Through end of March total revenue 3 ½% lower than last year - couple more deposits coming in at end of month
- Biggest improvement has been concessions - up 61% only 8% increase in costs
- Expenses up \$20,000 from last year - cooling tower and donation to John Vanhatten
- Net income is negative, but expected

### **IV. Visitors**

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

#### **Northstars - Renee Lochner - Present**

- Two okay weekends - Green Bay and Lansing
- 16/19U tryouts start next week
- We have two dates set to go unless the Thunder lose

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

- 14/16/18U Tryouts next week
- 14/16 pre-tryout skates going through email to those who are registered
- Thunder still playing so dates are tough to set
- 10U's and 12U tryouts already took place
- Brain mentioned we need to discuss divisions - red/white/blue - will discuss more during Registrar report

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

- Can no longer use AA, A, B - need to change; recommends starting that with tryouts
- Nate says it's okay to denote levels, but it's more for matchups and will require people to look more at MHR
- Renee says USA hockey uses 1A and 2A in Nationals - it's inconsistent
- Royce says a lot of this stems from how Buffalo is doing their naming

### **Marketing- Megan -present**

- Please send things to post - tournaments, fundraisers, Nate recommends that Megan should send out a calendar template

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

- Cooling tower - as they pull out the ice they will start putting in the tower
- Floors will be replaced in both benches - new plywood and remitted
- Justin will look at dasher boards at this time too
- Need to schedule a spring cleanup - clorox locker rooms

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

- Tryouts scheduled for this week and next
- Royce is preparing for schedule works for next year already

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

- \$5,000 from Stewarts
- Brookfield sponsorship came through
- 1st annual fundraiser (9/13) is in the beginning stages - a few volunteers have already messaged, Justin will start coordinating the work, he is meeting this week to work out details

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

- Season is wrapped up
- Gazillo Cup went well
- No food truck due to the snow
- Raffles - around \$2,000 in basket and 50/50

**Concessions-** Jaime & Laura - present

- Leave alone for spring
- Nate - there will be training for Square payment system - nothing to run for reports - it runs itself, Skate-sharpening room will also have Square
- Jamie asks for a lock on sliding door - Nate will take a look at it

**VI. Old Business**

- Nate - tryouts requests for evaluation and process: We have had inquiries from our association members. The tryout evals are not designed to be sent out. It is a relative comparison to who is on the ice - how they match up with each other. Evaluations would have to be separate - that's a different level of review. Nate is open to reviewing our process - integrate evals or not. This is another conversation to be had. Nate has had conversations regarding emails of people inquiring and wants a consistent letter, which the board will review, explaining who to ask for evals - the coach from that year is the best form of evaluation.

**VII New Business:**

Discussion Items:

- Ed - Conflict of interest in bylaws is now good to go
- Home tournament dates (listed in agenda) AA & 16U/19U girls might join this time Brian wanted to know if Thunder were around that weekend to see how much ice we will have. Renee and Brian are good with the tournament dates.
- House Program - a discussion took place regarding combining 10 and 12U house. Tim mentions this would keep the younger players together and not have such a wide age range.
- House Majors - A suggestion was made to create 3 teams - every player gets 2 jerseys because not every kid can make it to every game.
- Ice allotment - upping home allotments for girls travel to 13-15, B team 7 home game slots. Make scheduling house programs a priority so they get their ice time.
- New team division names (AA, A, B) - Abbey said Western NY uses coach's names TB. Schedulers need to contact organizations to get appropriate matchups, so having coach's name is helpful. Need to use MHR. We are required to have "TB" on rosters. We are not obligated to use anything specific, except cannot use AA, A B. This is a change from USA Hockey - alleviates confusion
- Thanksgiving is a good time to start games due to fall sports.
- Registration cost changes - see chart in agenda
  - Kathleen asked for clarification on the increase to \$900 for youth/girls travel. Royce said this is to increase training opportunities, hoping for extra ice, game counts, want to target 3rd sheet every or every other

- week.
  - Anyone who registers for mite travel needs \$100 in addition to house costs for home ice and officials
  - Nate asks about restrictions to mite travel - leaving house with not enough skaters. Royce said there will be certain weekends for mite travel - lock in the dates and we won't schedule house games during those weekends. The players need a taste of mite travel. There will be a maximum number of travel weekends for mites.
  - Royce said our model shows we are on target for what our members are paying - ice time costs, refs, etc.
- Abbey - Abbey would like coaches and volunteers to register under USA hockey early for verifying. Tim, Renee, and Brian will communicate to teams to register early. Board needs to make sure background screening and safe sport is up to date through USA Hockey
  - Ed created payment terms - Royce said it's set up to pay in full or pay in installments.
  - Consent to treat forms to go to states - we can't complete on sports engine. It can be digital, but not through sports engine - could do with registration. Needs to be a specific form. Brian said he can email them out just like he did with commitment letters.
  - Royce is removing the medical information on registrations - instead complete a form and give to coach at beginning of season
- Abbey - North Section meeting is April 14th in Lake Placid. Malone and Chazy are looking to tier up to tier II. Nate, Royce, and Abbey will be there. There will be a discussion around Q games and the direction of teams that want to tier up. If they do tier up, it would require us to travel north more. We need a push to get representation in Lake Placid. Kathleen will send out an email explaining the need for the representation and that names need to be submitted to Royce by Saturday morning. TB coaches should try to go since it impacts them directly.

#### Action Items:

- Royce made a motion to lock the tournament dates; Nate seconds. Motion passes
- Royce made a motion to approve new registration rates; Renee seconds. Motion passes
- Royce made a motion to reprogram 10U/12U House and reconfigure house majors 14U and up; Tim seconds. Motion passes

#### Closing Remarks:

#### VII. Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Royce, seconded by Nate at 9:27
- Minutes respectfully submitted by AYHA secretary, *Kathleen A. Gebo*,

May 12, 2024

| Age   | Birth Year | Level               | Rate  | 24-25 | Discount Rate (5/15) |  |
|-------|------------|---------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|--|
| 3-8   | 2016-2021  | Learn to Skate      | 225\$ | 225\$ | 20% off              | No Change to Ice allocation  |
| 3-12  | 2012-2021  | Northstars Futures  | 240\$ | 250\$ | 20% off              | No Change to Ice Allocation  |
| 5-8   | 2016-2019  | Mini-Mites          | 510\$ | 525\$ | 20% off              | No Change to Ice Allocation  |
| 7-8   | 2016, 2017 | 8U House            | 660\$ | 660\$ | 20% off              | Saturday/Sunday only (when available)– Weekdays when available ~50 total scheduled sheets of ice   |
| 9-19  | 2005-2015  | Youth/Girls Travel  | 780\$ | 900\$ | 20% off              | 2.5 practices/ week. 15 home ice game allocation for A/AA  |
|       |            | B Travel-House      |       | 800\$ | 20% off              | House only 11/11-4/1<br>Can travel only on the following weekends 1/17-1/20, 1/24-1/26.<br>Host home tournament 2/21-2/23<br>Practices 1-1.5/week October – November 11. 7 Home Ice sheet allotment. |
| 15-18 | 2006-2009  | Wrap Travel 16U/18U | 780\$ | 780\$ | 20% off              | No Change to Ice Allocation  |
| 9-16  | 2008-2015  | 10U-12U House       | 700\$ | 600\$ | 20% off              | 12-20 games total including gazillo cup, 1 practice/week average for the season.   |
| 12+   |            | House Majors        |       | 450\$ | 20% off              | 4-8 Practices 12-20 Games total (as available) including Gazillo Cup Finals.   |
| 9-19  | 2005-2015  | TRYOUTS             | 80\$  | 80\$  | N/A                  |  |