



**AYHA  
Meeting Minutes  
March 9th, 2026  
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:* Will Venner - present  
*Registrar:* Abbey Temple - present  
*ACE Coordinator:* Tim McNeil - present  
*Safe Sport Coordinator:* Nathan Brimmer - present  
*Bekah Ripley:* present via Google Meet  
*Scheduler:* Katie Authier - absent  
*Boys Tournament Coordinator:* TBD  
*Girls Tournament Coordinator:* TBD  
*Concessions Coordinators:* Laura Bryant - absent  
Katie Oakman - present

**Also in attendance:** Mark Stewart

**II. Opening:**

A regular meeting of the Adirondack Youth Hockey Association (AYHA) was called to order by Royce Lawrence at 8:00 PM on Monday, March 9th 2026.

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Renee makes a motion to approve February meeting minutes. Ed seconds. February meeting minutes are approved.

State tournaments for all teams are over. Great season - we have a team going to Nationals 16U girls. We have one more weekend of games. Tryouts are right around the corner. We are using independent evaluators this year. There are many moving parts. Numbers look great at this point.

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

- YTD \$271,000 total income - up about 4% from last year
- Expenses increased \$289,000 - mostly ice rental and ref fees, also big spike with utilities which were about double from earlier this year
- Net loss \$17,000
- Our 8.5% rate expired. Waiting to lock in a better rate than what they are offering now.
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### **IV. Visitors**

- Mark Stewart
  - Major/Minor discussion - AYHA runs mites at the major/minor organization with Red/White/Blue
  - Mark believes this model will work at the 10U level, with exceptions. Birth month

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

#### **Northstars - Renee Lochner - present**

- 16U's second place finalists - will go to Nationals St. Louis, MO
- 19's came in third
- 14's came close every game and fought hard

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

- 14U AA made it to the state finals, first time in many years
- TB coaches have been announced via Facebook
- Pre-tryout skates are starting to roll out
- Independent evaluators will be there especially at 10U/12U tryouts, and reached out to Brian MacDonald to help evaluate goalies

**Registrar-** Abbey Temple - present

- We need to create rosters for tryouts - Abbey is tracking this
- Any adults running tryouts need to be listed and cleared
- All head coaches need to be credentialed by Aug 1st (Background, Safe Sport, Appropriate Age Model) in order to start rosters for next year
- Need to really send out on Facebook that the tryout registrations will close 24 hours prior to the tryout - NO EXCEPTIONS

**Marketing-** Bekah - present via Google Meet

- Facebook users, engagement, and followers are up
- Bekah will post about Nationals

**Facilities-** Will Venner - present

- Replacement glass - estimate too high for now, we will circle back to those
- Handle on scoreboard door handle has been fixed
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**Scheduling-** Katie Authier- absent

- All preskate tryouts for 10, 12, 14 boys have been scheduled
- 10/12 girls will be up on schedule soon
- 14/16/19's are still being discussed for scheduling
- Checking clinic will be at a 14u pre-tryout skate
- There is a conflict for some of the older skaters due to concerts, so this will be adjusted to accommodate

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

- Social March 20th. - working on finishing touches - cakes, raffle baskets
- Thinking about "free registration" for a raffle item - for whatever year they are registering for
- Possibly may put a tryout QR code at the registration table
- Need some more volunteers to make this work - would really like to get the younger families to get involved. \*Lots of energy that would be great to have at this event!
- Face-painters will be there
- Suggestion to make the event also a sendoff for the girls "Meet and Greet your 16u girls going to the Nationals"
- Snyder's Drywall is sponsoring a dasherboard
- Drop the gloves donation - ALS Night

- Discussion on advertisement on zamboni

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

- Gazillo cup is underway
  - Everything is ordered for all levels (medals),
  - coaches corner is coming

**Concessions-** Laura Bryant (absent) and Katie Oakman (present)

- 6 public skates for the month - we were able to get volunteers for skate rentals and skate guard
- We will not be putting anything out for weekday skates anymore
- Some coaches have donated time to families
- Cleanup will be taking place soon

**VI. Old Business**

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**VII New Business:**

- Major/Minor discussion
  - This has been a discussion for a number of years
  - Minors - Needs to be a true minors team
  - Majors - Exceptions can be made, but they need to truly be ready to level up
  - Set minimums of roster sizes to be sure we are developing enough in each birth year
  - Looking at other organizations that do this model, it can be good for our organization
  - Need to have appropriate placements for both years and an appropriate place for all players
  - Roll out program would be for 10U first
  - Need our house kids to develop at the same pace to fill the high school rosters
  - Brian pointed out that we need to be careful to be sure we have enough ice time for all teams
  - It was suggested to also put together a roster from house to go to certain tournaments - roster made by house director
  - 10UMajors -top skaters and top goalies according to birth year, with exceptions - need to prioritize birth year and development

- House league is taking a completely different form to prioritize development
- Minors - All first years
- House League is to develop all of our skaters long-term
- Rollout plan and guidelines will be written out for house this spring
- Nate suggested having a coaching mentor system to support our house program

**Action Items:**

- Royce makes a motion to approve paying for the 16u's to go to Nationals. Kathleen Seconds. All in favor - motion passes
- Brian makes Motion to approve Major/Minor model with roster minimums according to table sent out by Royce. Renee seconds. All in favor - motion passes. Motion Passes
  
- Nate makes a motion to move to executive session

**VIII. Executive Session:**

Royce motions to close executive. Renee seconds. Executive session closes at 10:02 pm

**IX. Adjournment:**

- Royce makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03. Brian seconded
- Minutes respectfully submitted by AYHA secretary , *Kathleen A. Gebo*

Future Agenda Items - March

- Volunteer Hours Policy

Birth Year	Format	Minimum Number of Players/Goalies
2017 – 9U	Full season travel - 2017 (minor) only	12/2

2016 – 10U	Full season travel - 2016 with potentially exceptional 2017's – minor aged players must be chosen by independent evaluators and approved by AYHA board.	12/2
All others – did not make teams or choose 10U/12U house	House League – House C travel teams may be formed under the direction of the travel director and House director. This would be supplemental only; House travel would not play regular games. They may play in tournaments pre-determined by the AYHA board.	