

**ACYHA Board Of Directors
Membership Meeting Minutes
May 2025**

Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting
Date: May 12, 2025
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: NHIA Meeting Room 1

Attendees

Brian Thul - President -
Dustin Glad - Vice Chair -
Scott Allen - Treasurer -
Kevin Pote - D3 Rep. -
Kim Nau - Secretary -
Michael Thompson - Boys Travel Director -
Norm Orstad - Girls Travel Director -
Scott Tousignant - ACE - x
Derrick Raymond - Ice Scheduler -

Julie Wahl - Sales/Fundraising -
Susie Melynchuk - Tournament Dir -
Matt Inciti - Concession Manager - x
Jim Lewandoski - Mite Director -
Sarah Guzman - Mite Program Director - x
Drew Herron - Communications and Marketing -
Ryan Hegarty - Safe Sport - x
Wendy Mathiason - At Large -
Tina Schochow Greazel - Volunteer Program Dir -

Additional Representatives

Lance McKinnon - WEB Admin - x
Tracee DeNeui - Gambling Mgr -
James Tousignant - Asst. ACE - x
John Dooley - Eval Coordinator -
Erin Dungan/John Knutson - Equipment -
Kari Karsnick - Registrar -
Ryan King - HDC Chair -
Miranda Hortenbach - Skate - x
Lida Knoll - Graphic Design - x
Lindsey Brekker - Fundraising Director - x
Liz Tratnick - Ass't Treasurer
Michael Kautzman - Ass't Ice Sched
Heather Arenson - Ass't Girls Travel Coordinator
Stephanie Hagen - 2026-2027 incoming Secretary

LEVEL COORDINATORS

Bantam - Cam Opel - x
PeeWee - Peter Houghtaling - x
Squirt - Jake Standafer - x
Goalie - Andrew Cooper - x

18 Current voting members; 10 required for quorum

Topics:	Presenter(s):
6:32 pm	Call to Order Brian Thul Roll Call Kim Nau

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion: Dustin Seconded: Scott A

1. Gambling Director (Tracee)

Approval for expenses for June 2025 \$42,900
Approval to make an ice time donation in the amount of \$50k for April 2025.

Approval of gambling report: Motion: Tina Seconded: Dustin

2. Chair (Brian)

Happy Mother's Day! I hope all the Hockey Moms were celebrated and shown the love that they give every day.

Welcome to our new board members. Thanks for choosing to give your time and talents to ACYHA to strengthen community-based hockey. We will work hard and I know we will feel the work is making a difference.

I want everyone to take a moment and honor the commitment Danny Charleston, Matt Cook and their staff have given to strengthen our program, train our athletes, and love our kids. Community-based hockey requires everyone to give more than they take, and these coaches epitomize the characteristics required to build a program that cares for all our players. We are grateful for all they have given and ACYHA is stronger because of their leadership, passion, and love for the game!

We will need to be intentional about welcoming the new staff for both the girls and boys programs.

Squirt Coordinator Appointment - Jake Standafer
High School Coach Transition Process
Survey Results - document shared via email
Goal Setting
1. Increase Connection with Community Organizations
2. Communication with Membership
3. Attending Games of every level monthly

Each board member should come up with their own

Association Goals

1. Recruitment!!!! (Should we incentivise our membership to recruit?)
2. Community Based Hockey is What We Do!

3. Treasurer (Scott)

As of the end of April 2025, the Association is showing a financial gain of \$35,463.78. Part of this is due to some team accounts with outstanding items to process.

Amended Motion Scott A - to approve the 2025-2026 proposed budget included in the board packet for this meeting and to increase the jersey budget to \$13k for next season and increase the projected loss on total budget of \$22,565
Seconded: Kim

4. Secretary (Kim)

Introduction of Stephanie

iPad planning - feedback on moving away from ipads for each team to having a few in youth room

5. District 3 (Kevin)

Open positions, levels

Kevin discussed the proposed hearing regarding the suspended member from the 2024-25 season. Discussion and comments were whether the board should proceed with the proposed hearing? Several members voice support for moving forward with the hearing as the member clearly violated the suspension. Aaron Zimmerman is chairing the hearing committee and Aaron Holscher will be presenting for ACYHA.

Kevin motions to move forward with a hearing to determine consequences for the violation of the suspension.
seconded: John K Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, Brian Thul abstained from the vote.

6. Concessions (Matt)

Nothing reported

7. Marketing/Communications (Drew)

Hat options for 10k puck challenge - Waggle, min 100 at \$35 each; NattyHatty min of 50 at \$25 each or use AllStar again

8. Registrar (Kari)

Sunday night Mites, 43 registered so far. Lower than last year. Looking at how registration will look for season

9. ACE director (Scott)

ACE has concluded post season coaches meetings to gather information on improvements requested to support our players and coaches. We also discussed the feedback from the parent surveys to help give coaches opportunities to improve their coaching skills. We have all this feedback gathered/organized and will be working with the HDC to implement improvements for next year. Lastly, our early details look like we are sitting in a good place for coaches positions for next season. We will work to stay in touch with our coaches and fill all our open roles.

10. Boys Travel Coordinator- (Michael)

From Peter H - PeeWee Level Coordinator:

PeeWee Tournament Registration Update:

A: 1 tournament set (New Hope Invitational 2/6 - 2/8)

B1: 1 tournament set (MVI SuperRink Thanksgiving 11/28 - 11/30)

B2: 2 tournaments set (MVI SuperRink Thanksgiving 11/28 - 11/30 and Marshall 1/9 - 1/11)

C: 1 tournament set (Rochester 12/5 - 12/7)

My perspective in my fourth year registering for tournaments as a level coordinator: it's getting worse every year. June 1st used to be the "go" date for registrations. Now, many associations have pushed it up to May 1st, or even earlier. At the same time, even more associations don't have updated information on what tournaments they'll be hosting, when they'll be, or when they'll open registration. I have sent several emails to tournament coordinators at associations without updated information on their websites for the '25-26 season. None of them has responded.

Had good discussions and meetings with coaches

11. Girls Travel Director- (Norm)

Girls summer get together- new hope pool (from Heather) - will approach New Hope pool to partner - offer discounts, monthly event, matching tshirts

Norm went to leadership conference - won a prize!

USA Hockey Planning a separate U6/U8 coaching module for 2025-2026. Should be a reduction in total training hours

Post season interviews with coaches went well, tournaments are set but getting harder to register and find tournaments

15U - 8 skaters, 1 goalie - looking to do a waiver-in with Hopkins Park +Mpls, Co-op - will end up with 3 teams

12. Mite Coordinator (Jim/Sarah)

Mite Survey was sent out

43 (now 47) kids have registered for Sunday Night Mites.

Posted it on our main website and emailed families that were interested at the end of the season.

(Should we send the mascot to schools on their last day with flyers for the event?)

Drew- Can we post it on Peach Jar?

We did not receive the MN Wild's Skate it Forward Grant. They did like our enthusiasm.

Start of Hockey Celebration for all Mite Families? In November. Utepils, Luce Line, Forgotten Star? Prior to the Parent Meeting or after? Just a thought

Order Natty Hatty AC hat at \$20 a piece and sell them for \$35? we make \$15 off each hat. We would lose money purchasing the hat. I am thinking no? What are your thoughts?

13. Tournaments (Susie)

Sign ups open June 1

14. Sales and Fundraising director (Julie)

Plunketts dasher board going up; sponsor New Hope golf day

15. HDC Update (Ryan K)

Exit interviews, tons of good feedback, things to review

USA hockey Mite Summit

16. Equipment (Erin/John)

Starting jersey process for next season - staying with same vendor

17. Ice Scheduler (Derrick)

Beginning process of scheduling camps and placements

18. Safe Sport Coordinator (Ryan)

Nothing to report

19. Volunteer Program Director (Tina)

DIBS Program for 2025-26:

ITEMS SAME AS LAST SEASON:

- 25 Hours required for Returning Families/5 Hours required for New Mite Families
- 18 Regular hours and 7 Special Events hours required for Returning Families
- \$100 New Mite Family buyout/deposit
- Travel coaches pool is 75 hours per team decreased by 25 hrs per paid coach.
- Travel manager pool is 25 hours per team.
- Mite managers receive 5 hours per team.

Let's Discuss:

DIBS Program changes FOR 2025-26:

- \$1,000 upfront Buyout for Returning Families

-\$1,400 Deposit or end of season CASH OUT

Brian suggested doing the increases over a 2 year period - buyout at \$750, deposit of \$1k for this year and then re-evaluate

- 3 Special Events hours required by Board positions IF we host a Region Tournament.

- Mite coaches are awarded 22 DIBS hours and required to work 3 Special events hours.

Mite team to work out the following suggestions by July's registration: Mite coaches must work 2 THFF/LTS sessions, work 1 mite equipment fitting, and be on the ice 75% of the practices to receive their 22 hours. How to handle coaches who coach multiple teams? Are the 3 SE hours required?

20. Skate Coordinator (Miranda)

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned 8:33 pm - Motion: Kim Seconded: Tina