

**ACYHA Board Of Directors
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
August 2023**

Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting
Date: August 14, 2023
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: NHIA Meeting Room 1

Attendees

Brian Thul - President -
Dustin Glad - Vice Chair -
Scott Allen - Treasurer - excused
Kevin Pote - D3 Rep. -
Kim Nau - Secretary -
Aaron Holscher - Boys Travel Director -
Aaron Zimmerman - Girls Travel Director -
James Tousignant - ACE -
Derrick Raymond - Ice Scheduler -

Libby Hankey - Sales/Fundraising -
Susie Melynchuk - Tournament Dir - excused
Matt Inciti - Concession Manager -
Jim Lewandowski - Mite Director -
Katie Mattox - Mite Program Director - excused
Drew Herron - Communications and Marketing -
Ryan Hagerty - Safe Sport -
Libby Johnson - At Large -
Tina Schochow Greazel - Volunteer Program Dir -

Additional Representatives

Matt Rappaport - WEB Admin -
Tracee DeNeui - Gambling Mgr -
Paul Swanson - Asst. ACE -
Kris Murphy - Eval Coordinator -
Erin Dungan/open - Equipment -
Jess Riley - Registrar -
Ryan King - HDC Chair -
Jessica Ledoux - Skate - excused
Michael Thompson - Asst. ACE -

LEVEL COORDINATORS

Bantam - Anthony Pangarakis -
PeeWee - John Knutson
Squirt - Peter Houghtaling -
Goalie - Andrew Cooper -

18 Current voting members; 10 required for quorum

Topics:	Presenter(s):
6:33 pm	Call to Order Brian Thul Roll Call Kim Nau

Approval of July Meeting minutes: Dustin motion, Tina seconded

1. Gambling Director (Tracee)

Approval for expenses for SEPTEMBER 2023 - \$51,600. Needs to be in Minutes.
Approval to have Jonathan Thiel do our Annual Gambling Audit for a fee of \$5500.
Approval to make an ice time payment for the month of JULY 2023 in the amount of \$60,000.

Motion to approve - Kim- motion; Dustin - seconded

2. Chair (Brian)

Parent Meetings - more help needed

Board appointments
Jim Lewandoski - Mite Director - committed until 2029 ;)
Lida Knoll - Graphic Designer

Lindsey Brekker - Fundraising, taking over for Jodi Voelker
Liz Tratnik - Assistant Treasurer
Welcome! Thank you for volunteering!

Julie Wahl - visiting to look at taking Libby H's job. Join us! We're fun.

Parent Meetings - 9/19 and 9/21 - if you can't make it please find someone to take over for your section. Would like to have as many of us speak as possible so our families know us

D3 will still cover coach and team manager meetings for first year managers at the Squirt level

3. Treasurer (Scott)

1. Squirt STP payment to Danny Charleston was \$1,600 higher due to more Squirt sign-ups (total 44 signed up; budget was for 36).
2. 2nd 13 month CD purchased on 8/9/23 for \$10,000; 5.30% APR.
3. As of 7/31/2023, Association is showing a gain of \$45,637.92 (CAVEAT: fiscal year is quite young).
4. Registration codes have been sent out; please let me know if you have any questions or issues with utilizing them.

4. Secretary (Kim)

Team picture dates: Travel - Saturday November 11th
Mites - Saturday December 9th

Tentative Team Manager Meetings:

Bantams - 10/3 or 10/4

PeeWees - 10/10 or ?

Squirts - will determine once eval dates are published

If you would either like to present or have something included in those meetings, let me know ASAP. We are putting together materials and will need slides or docs from you if you want to include them, and/or add you to the agenda.

We've received several apps for the equipment manager, ass't ice scheduler, ass't treasurer and graphic designer positions - yay! Sales and fundraising and concession manager positions are still open.

*Dustin - people are afraid of the position for some reason. Maybe a better job description or informational night or at the parent meeting

Libby J - Team Manager handbook - sections pertaining to board members - she will send an email soon

5. District 3 (Kevin P)

See meeting minutes from August meeting sent out on 8/14/23.

Game sheet fees - we will pay 50% this year, 75% next year and 100% after that

Scores need to be uploaded within 48 hours or we will be fined \$250

9/17 - Girl's HS team golf fundraiser at New Hope

6. Concessions (Matt Inciti)

No update

7. Marketing/Communications (Drew)

Spent \$374 for 2,100 paper 1/4 sheet fliers for recruitment Try Hockey for Free

10K Pucks Report:

61 players participating : 203,000 total shots with 50 days left.

Group	Num	Done	Expecting	Total
Mites	10	2	2	23.5K
Squirts	16	0	8-10	4K
PeeWees	10	3	7-8	48K
Bantams	8	0	0	5K
U6/U8	5	0	2	16K
U10	8	1	3-4	27K
U12	6	1	2-4	29K
U15	1	0	0	730

* 7 done meets 2022 total (11 in 2023). Expecting 25 is a reasonable number

8. Registrar (Jessica)

171 registrations as of today

Sports Engine issues, working through those

FINISH YOUR BOARD REGISTRATION!!!

9. ACE director (James)

Bantam B1 coach?

Girls side - coaching looks good

10. Boys Travel Coordinator- (Aaron Holscher)

From Peter H. - We discussed at HDC the need to request funds and ice time for Squirt A to schedule non-district games if there will only be 9 or 10 district games at that level when all the other teams will play 16-18.

Request from Bantam family on our policy of not trying out for HS Team and then going back to Bantams if they don't make the team. HDC leans towards upholding policy. Bringing to the board for discussion. This is a unique situation, not many 10th grader Bantams. Varying opinions on the board as well.

HDC recommended we not change the policy ,and the board was informed of that decision. The family is within their rights to grieve the decision.

Evaluation process - paid coaches at A team part of the process and 2 evaluators. Might change to having evaluators only. Will bring to HDC and then bring back to the board in September. Then A coaches have plausible deniability.

11. Girls Travel Director- (Aaron Zimmerman)

50% travel players registered as of Saturday 8/11/23. Total numbers still expected close to projections. Reaching out to families this week.

U10-B1 & B2

U12-B1

U15B- families confirmed commitment to play u15 this year. 11 skaters and a goalie!

Girls HS Hockey golf outing at New Hope Golf 9/17/23. Support/Donate/Play!

12. Mite Coordinator (Katie/Jim)

Mite update:

Recruitment:

- Recruitment has been active and participating in farmers markets and parades.

* Tina- can we get a new QR code for this seasons DIBS workers please?

- Had a meeting 8/12 and discussed action plans and items needed moving forward.

- Next meeting 8/20 during SNM

Equipment:

- new blue & blacks pucks in youth room

- new signage for events in youth room

- equipment room has been inventoried

- more bins have been purchased for better flow

- jerseys have been ordered (saved over \$2k by re-using new, unused jerseys and socks from prior years)

- Thomas deciding new team name/logo to replace Pirates.

* Drew- we need to order more yard signs, can you please try to find out where last ones were ordered from and we can order more? If not, we have a tax-exempt account at UPS on Winnetka and can see what their prices are there.

*Also, we would like to ask if upper levels do a yard sign if we can use the same ones (ex. proud family of ACYHA player, etc) or are you down to find it in their budget to help order some for all families? Our \$2500 budget is super tight but realize recruitment benefits the entire association in the long run.

(Reasoning: after THFF is over in early November our yard signs are obsolete, but registration is always open, so we would like to continue to have visual representation within our communities throughout the season, especially if we decide to participate in a THFF in February as suggested by USA Hockey.)

* Matt/ Drew- Is there an update on status of new car decals? We would like to have these ready for distribution and sale by Season kickoff September 23rd.

*Matt- can we do another meal deal for the kickoff?

*Matt/Scott- In lieu of foregoing the Early Bird Discount this year, can we offer families referrals still? Concessions gift certificates maybe?? Just a thought...

*Libby- what was decided about new families being required to participate in fundraiser? I'd prefer they are not required.

•I plan to send an email to all Mite families soon and can include further details about deadlines and fundraiser in that as well.

* We have a Mite Director BBQ + meeting set for 8/27 to pass baton to Jim and get him fully plugged in.

Oh I forgot to add under equipment:

•We received the Gear Up grant for \$1200!! Mite Team decided to give to Andrew for goalie equipment!

•Mite cage has a new padlock in lieu of keys.

Code 0000 until further notice. (I have a key to change it, but didn't do it right last time)

*Brian-do you still plan to remove anything from Youth room yet? No rush on my end as we have managed to work with cage space for now.

Grateful to be part of a team that serves others so well

13. Tournaments (Susie)

Nothing new to report

14. Sales and Fundraising director (Libby)

1. Wreaths with Gertens are all set up. We will have deliver to the rink on Nov 15. Still working out the details of when families will pick up.

2. Tentatively thinking about offering Heggies as an option for team fees post holidays.

3. Lindsey Brekker will be taking the role from Jodi Voelker to support fundraising

4. Julie Wahl is interested in the advertising and Fundraising director but has not applied to date.

More from Libby:

1. Home Remodelers is a new advertiser and the boards are up on north and south rink. @Scott Allen we will need to submit an invoice

2. Pub 42 had a new board created and I want to make sure the board is ok with it as it says "Pub 42, Home of your next safely meeting? Go Wings!" I personally think it is fine but know there has been some comments about the terms.

Reese Mouth Guard fitting is Sept 23 from 8-12. I will have an email go out at the end of the month.

BBQ fundraiser - \$550!

15. HDC Update (Ryan K)

1. Propose a committee to spearhead planning of Flock Nights for upcoming season. In discussion with Drew Herron (Marketing and Comm. Director) we are looking at working with ice scheduler to line up one date each month with games stacked for our traveling teams. With hope of turning it into a night long event culminating in an outstanding ACYHA atmosphere of fun, events, and support. Reaching out to potential sponsors for food deals or sales and building DIBs into the event for help!

2. DHO update reports with exciting news of utilizing SportsEngine and brand new SportsEngine Play to help update and share our Hockey Operations leadership with all of our traveling coaching staffs.

Also see meeting minutes sent out on 8/12/23

16. Equipment (Erin/Jon)

Ordering jerseys for new players underway. Link for Squirt families are coming.

17. Ice Scheduler (Derrick)

deep in the heart of scheduling. camps are done, evals are done. in the waiting period for game blocks for district games. ice is cold and a well oiled machine.

Thanks for the awesome work Derrick. Most associations don't even have camp schedules yet let alone eval dates. We are so fortunate to have the schedules so far in advance. Lets all have some patience around schedules this season. There's a lot of moving parts and things that have to happen outside of our control.

Requesting we wait until November to schedule 4th tournaments - add as a slide to manager's meeting? Might be hard to do, tournaments fill up fast and trying to determine team fees are factors to consider.

Won't try to schedule anything for 10/31. Will try to sell it if we can.

18. Safe Sport Coordinator (Ryan)

Reached out to OMGHA to see how they handle certain situations. Offered to help Jess in getting coaches safe sport.

19. Volunteer Program Director (Tina)

Summer recruiting DIBS are logged. August concessions shifts are loaded for Showcase tournaments. Matt Incitti is working on Elite concessions shifts for Sept-Nov.

I had a call with Aaron Fulton, our sportsengine account manager, about our DIBS tool. He had solicited some feedback, which I shared my frustrations and hopes for the DIBS tool. They are working on a new app. We won't be able to claim DIBS in the app yet, but that is a goal for the future. I've asked for more tools to run reports on DIBS so that any volunteer who does this position in the future (not just an accountant who can utilize excel pivot tables) can be successful.

The new DIBS and Fundraising registration has been confusing for about 10-15% of our families. I've contacted families who only completed one of our two registrations. Only half our families have registered to date, so I'll keep cross-checking the registrations.

1) We need to contact the 10 families who have paid their DIBS/Fundraising deposits up front but intended to work their hours. What is going to be most efficient? Should I start the conversations via an email to the family to determine if any refunds are needed? Scott or Jess, would you prefer to do this?

2) I will be reaching out to Elite league soon. Any comments or requests?

20. Skate Coordinator (Jessica)

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned 8:43 pm motion - Aaron Z seconded - Aaron H