

AYHA
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2021
8:00PM

I. Attendees:

Board of Directors (Voting Members):

President: Royce Lawrence- present

Vice President: Nathan Brimmer- present

Treasurer: John Kilmer- present

Secretary: Margaret Lawrence- present

Boys Travel Director: Dennis Linehan- absent

Girls Travel Director: Renee Lochner- present

Ways & Means Officer: Justin St. John- absent

House League/ ADM Director: Matt Authier- present

Committee Members:

Building Operations: John Kilmer- present

Registrar: Melissa Clifford- present

ACE Coordinator: Matt Authier- present

Safe Sport Coordinator: Nathan Brimmer- present

Marketing: Vicki Bushy- present

Scheduler: Mark Cozzens- present

Boys Tournament Coordinator: TBD

Girls Tournament Coordinator: TBD

Concessions Coordinator: Laura Bryant and Jaime Underwood

II. Opening:

A regular meeting of the Adirondack Youth Hockey Association (AYHA) was called to order by Royce Lawrence at 8:02PM via Zoom on Monday, September 13, 2021.

Royce talked about increasing enrollment in learn to skate. Vicki has some ideas for marketing which will kick off.

Travel is moving forward quickly. We have a lot of work to do with opening the rec center. The city is going to be in on the 24th to open up compressors. We will have to have the rink ready before that date with clean up.

Motion to accept meeting minutes by Renee Lochner. John Kilmer seconded. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

- The month of August was similar to last year. Delays due to covid. We have tournament fee income we did not have last year. Our AA in November is full now. We don't have more ice to add more teams. We are having a great turnout already and it is only September.
- Expenses on the projects wrapping up. Completion of the bleacher heaters and parts for the water fountain in the front.
- Months of July and August- we are ahead of registration income compared to last year. No expenses during this time. For the fiscal year to date we are in the black.
- The balance sheet. We are a little bit behind due to ice expenses. John is confident we will make this up with registrations and tournaments.

IV. Visitors Statements:

No Report

V. Committee Reports:

Northstars- Renee Lochner

- Everything is moving along. The 14U's will play their first game this weekend. 16U and 19U have a tournament at the end of the month. 12U's are set. Our partial 10U group is going.

Boys Travel Director- Dennis Linehan

- The remaining tryouts are happening this Thursday. A lot of new faces are coming into the 10U travel. Royce is going to ask Dennis to send an email about it before Thursday. There are four tryout dates. Updates should go to the SI play app.
- Mark, can you add the four skates for the 10U and 12U to the schedule?
- There is a new rule book cycle this year so it is important for everyone to be on the same page in regard to this.

Registrar- Melissa Clifford

- More registrations coming in this time of year.
- Has submitted rosters to USA hockey but can also check on safesport and other areas to make sure it is all set. Waiting on all Northstars teams. We are on track with managing this process.
- Royce asked if teams can be activated without players so they can be plugged into the schedule to get ahead with scheduling. Melissa is going

to do this with all teams including mite, squirt and major house league, termites and mini mites.

Marketing- Vicki Bushey

- Flyer ready for schools
- Newspaper ad is ready
- With approval flyer can go into the chronicle
- Marketing at the Thunder's first home game and preseason game.
- Royce made a motion to spend \$165 for the chronicle. Nathan seconded the motion. Royce changes the motion to spending upward of \$500 for marketing. Nathan seconded. Motion passes.
- Vicki asks, do we have an estimated start date for house and girls learn to play? Royce will send dates.

Concessions

- Asking about cleaning and getting the concession stand cleaned.

Facilities- John Kilmer

- The final payment was made to HVAC.
- Hot water tank and heater is working.
- The painter was in cleaning and prepping for locker rooms 2 and 3.
- Three rows up from the cinder blocks will be black.
- The motherboard for the water fountain is there but needs to be swapped out.
- We are going to need a lot of hands on deck to get the rec center cleaned, organized and ready to open.
- Royce makes a motion to have Sean Monahan be the facilities coordinator. John seconded. Motion passes.
- Nathan asked about the awning with the side exit to get it repaired. This is something we are working on with the city.
- Stairwell to the scorers booth is going to get some attention.

Scheduling- Mark Cozzens

- Is there a way at the civic center to leave score sheets. Teams are saying they are unable to get the score sheets and get them.
- We have scoresheets. Coaches need to reach out to Royce if they need scoresheets, preferably in advance.
- Is there going to be a meeting to go over scheduling with the new schedulers?

- Margaret will schedule a meeting with all schedulers next Monday, September 20th at 8:00PM.
- Teams will not be able to get ice during tournament times.

Ways and Means- Justin St. John

- Still looking for new sponsorships for AYHA for this upcoming season.
- Ross Hometown Chevy will continue with their \$500 dasher board this year. Paperwork has been finalized and processed, waiting on check.
- Brookfield will continue with their \$750 dasher board this year as well as provide a \$750 donation to AYHA= \$1500 total. Paperwork is currently being processed.
- Working with a real estate agent on possible sponsorship (dasher board). Should have decision by end of week.

House Program/ ADM- Matt Authier

- Uniforms have been ordered for mites, mini mites, squirts and termites.
- Matt asked about bags for equipment rental. The bags have doubled in cost. We are discussing what exactly we need to order and do it in the most economical way.
- Can sportszone help us put bags together or set up starter kits? Looking at different options!
- ACE hasn't been easy but we are working to get coaches certified. Coaches are having a hard time finding virtual seminars.
- Tim McNeil is taking over mini mites this year. Working on mite, squirts, and termites.
- We are going to be low on officials this year. There is a seminar this weekend that can train anyone age 14 and over.

VI. New Business:

- Sean Monahan was appointed as facilities director.
- On September 24th the compressors are going to be turned on. We need to start putting down the ice that weekend. It is important we do that to keep everything on time. AYHA is committed to setting the first layer of water down on the ice. We will need help for that as well.
- Fall rink clean up. Sean will communicate to the AYHA membership. It will count for volunteer hours.
- Matt- John has all of the pinnys for tryouts on Thursday. He has 110 pinnys with four different colors to divide teams.
- A master list will be used to work off of the evaluations.
- John has jersey sample sizes for kids to try on.

- Matt brought up an online store for AYHA/ Northstars gear, etc. getting that set up. We are looking for potential vendors. Please add this to the meeting agenda to finalize and firm up vendors.

VII. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Royce at 9:01. Renee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Minutes respectfully submitted by AYHA secretary, *Margaret E. Lawrence*, September 13, 2021.