

**ACYHA Board Of Directors
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
May 2024**

Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting
Date: May 13, 2024
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 -
Aaron Holscher - Boys Travel Director -
Norm Orstad - Girls Travel Director -
James Tousignant - ACE - ex
Derrick Raymond - Ice Scheduler -

Julie Wahl - Sales/Fundraising -
Susie Melynchuk - Tournament Dir - ex
Matt Inciti - Concession Manager -
Jim Lewandoski - Mite Director -
Sara Guzman - Mite Director of Ops -
Drew Herron - Communications and Marketing -
Ryan Hegarty - Safe Sport -
Aaron Zimmerman - 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/John Knutson - Equipment -
Jess Riley - Registrar -
Ryan King - HDC Chair -
Miranda Hortenbach - Skate -
Michael Thompson - Asst. ACE -
Lida Knoll - Graphic Design
Lindsey Brekker - Fundraising Coordinator
Liz Tratnick - Ass't Treasurer
Michael Kautzman - Ass't Ice Sched

LEVEL COORDINATORS

Bantam - Anthony Pangarakis -
PeeWee - Peter Houghtaling -
Squirt - Michael Thompson -
Goalie - Andrew Cooper -

18 Current voting members; 10 required for quorum

Topics:	Presenter(s):
6:30 pm	Call to Order Brian Thul Roll Call Kim Nau

Approval of April 2024 Meeting minutes: Scott - motion, Matt - seconded

1. Gambling Director (Tracee)

Approval items - monthly report, approval for expenses for June 2024 \$43,900, approval for an ice time donation in the amount of \$65,000 for April 2024, approval to have Jonathan Thiel, an independent auditor, conduct our annual charitable gambling audit for a fee of \$5,500

Conversations happening with a few new possible gambling sites.

Donation coming up for police dogs - stay tuned!

Motion to approve - Aaron H; seconded - Scott

2. Chair (Brian)

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers who give so much to our organization! Your love, generosity, and kindness make ACYHA a wonderful place to develop hockey players. I am excited for our summer work to prepare for next season. Let's stay focused on our priorities of providing an exceptional product for our members.

Appointment of Board Members
Budget Comments
Parent Meeting

Brian appoints Sara Guzman as the new Mite Director of Operations
Scott Tousignant appointed as Assistant Ace
Aaron Zimmerman appointed as Member at Large

As the board is aware, Mr. DeRoy's ongoing harassment, threats and derogatory comments towards ACYHA was on-going throughout the season. After a written warning from the board in November, Mr. DeRoy continued his insults and threats. At the February meeting, the board passed an unanimous motion to cease all communication with Mr. DeRoy. After this action, Mr. DeRoy sent an email directly insulting his son's coaches. The email also criticized the coach's wife's appearance and the skill of the coach's kid. The language used has no place in any setting and is in direct violation of ACYHA's policies and procedures. As a result of his continuous behavior that violated our code of conduct, ACYHA formed a Hearing Committee to determine if discipline would be necessary. ACYHA's Hearing Committee unanimously ordered a year long suspension from ACYHA and MN Hockey. In April, District 3's Hearing Appeal Committee upheld ACYHA's committee's decision in regards to Mr Brian DeRoy.

As a result of the D3 committee's decision, the ACYHA Board is proceeding to uphold the suspension. Motion made by Kevin to uphold D3's appeal panel ruling and seconded by Aaron. The appeal panel does find and support the decision of Armstrong Cooper Youth Hockey Association disciplinary panel to suspend Brian DeRoy for a period of one year from all Armstrong Cooper Youth Hockey Association, Minnesota Hockey, and USA Hockey events during said year. The panel was strong on supporting this suspension, with one member stating three years would be more appropriate. This suspension includes all contact with coaches, association presidents, ect. He is not to watch Live Barn or other streaming platforms or send the coaches or association of attendance emails, correspondence, phone calls. This suspension is in effect until March 15, 2025

Motion passed unanimously.

New tv being installed in meeting room 1.

Leadership conference - learned a lot, glad he attended. Discussion will happen within exec board to discuss board comp 1099 vs W2.
Biggest takeaways - following bylaws and make sure elections and rules are followed

Thank you to Scott for leading the budget conversations. It's a lot of work and we appreciate all that you do.

3. Treasurer (Scott)

Budget discussion

As of now, we are in the black by \$1,128.85.

Please look at your line items to see where cuts/trimms can be made. We're also considering raising fees to our families to help cover the shortage. Would like to pass a budget with less than a \$25k deficit. We

haven't raised fees in many years and we've certainly given more value add in the past few years for a lesser fee than most associations around us.

Scott made a motion to approve a working budget of \$35,000 for the month of June. Tina seconded. Motion passes.

4. Secretary (Kim)

Nothing to report

5. District 3 (Kevin)

See D3 minutes sent out with agenda

Neck guards required starting in August - no standards yet, just must be worn

Waivers won't be looked at until registration opens

6. Concessions (Matt)

Discussions on renewing contract with the city. Matt I sent out possible contract and his proposed changes.

- Change to age of workers from 16 to 14
- Rent amount of \$1k/mo
- Other small changes
- Matt R will take to the city council for final approval

7. Marketing/Communications (Drew)

10k puck challenge and added goalie component this year - 1k minutes of juggling, throwing ball against the wall. Info is on website. Starts 5/15.

8. Registrar (Jess)

Kari Karsnick will be shadowing Jess for the upcoming season and then she will take over the role for the following season. Welcome Kari!

9. ACE director (James)

Nothing reported.

10. Boys Travel Coordinator- (Aaron)

Not much new to report. Coordinators are preparing to register for tournaments starting June 1st (besides Fargo for Squirts which was May 1st). Continue to track player projections for teams next season and still on track for 4 Squirt Teams (A, 2B2, C or A, B2, 2C), 4 Peewee Teams (A, B1, B2, C) and 3 Bantam Teams (A, B1, C).

From Michael Thompson - Squirt Coordinator - All squirt teams are registered for Fargo. A, B2, C, C. Looking at other tournaments as well now.

From Peter Houghtaling - Peewee Coordinator - I'm gathering information on past seasons' Peewee tournaments and working on '24-25 tournaments. Some tournaments opened registration 5/1; others

open 5/15 and 6/1. Many other associations haven't updated their tournament sites and still have '23-24 info posted.

We're still projecting four teams at A, B1, B2 and C.

11. Girls Travel Director- (Norm)

I recently met with the parents of the U15 team to discuss forming a 13U team for next season. As of now, I have received three confirmations from parents whose girls are eligible and interested in playing at this level. The opportunity was extended to all U15 players born after June 1, 2010.

What is a 13U/16U team? It's designed to allow U15 players to play at the U12 level due to our association not having enough players for a full U15 team. This structure helps smaller associations like ours develop players more effectively by providing them with better competition. You can read more about it here: https://www.minnesotahockey.org/news_article/show/1232720

The Minnesota Hockey Rules Committee Spring Meeting recommended this two year trial become permanent. I expect this to be approved in the Summer Executive Meeting.

We are currently exploring tournament options. It's unlikely that all teams will compete at the same location due to varying skill levels among the teams, a shift from what has been common in previous years.

12. Mite Coordinator (Sarah/Jim)

New Mite Director of Operations. Sarah Guzman - fun intro.

Sunday Night Mites 49 registered so far. Last year we had 107, hopefully more people will register as it gets closer to June 9th.

New vendor for Mite jerseys. Cost seems very high.

13. Tournaments (Susie)

Nothing reported.

14. Sales and Fundraising director (Julie)

Nothing new to report - items still transferring over from Libby. Need to get wrap taken off of zamboni so we can add new sponsor on it.

15. HDC Update (Ryan K)

See HDC doc sent out with agenda

Working on revising their budget with Scott

Discussion around HDC roles and program and maybe reworking it to make more sense?

16. Equipment (Erin/John)

Jerseys - reached out to AllStar for quote on eval jerseys and one other - \$15 difference per jersey. She also asked for a quote on neck guards, but hasn't received.

Discussion with AllStar given quotes and experiences lately? Brian will own this.

17. Ice Scheduler (Derrick)

Nothing reported. Continues to work with Breck for ice.

18. Safe Sport Coordinator (Ryan)

No updates.

19. Volunteer Program Director (Tina)

Looking at dibs for next year; wants to change wording around dibs and coaches. Possible - head coaches will receive full dibs, how many assistant coaches reasonable to give dibs to? HDC could discuss at their next meeting.

20. Skate Coordinator (Jessica/Miranda)

Nothing reported.

Meeting adjourned 8:11 pm Scott - motion - ; second - Tina