



**AYHA  
Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2024  
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- justin

*House League Director:* Tim McNeil - present

*ADM Director:* Tim McNeil - Present

**Committee Members:**

*Building Operations:*

*Registrar:* Abbey Temple present

*ACE Coordinator:* Tim McNeil - present

*Safe Sport Coordinator:* Nathan Brimmer- Present

*Marketing:* Megan Pliskofsky - absent

*Scheduler:* Katie Authier - present

*Boys Tournament Coordinator:* TBD

*Girls Tournament Coordinator:* TBD

*Concessions Coordinator:* Laura Bryant - present

*Concessions Coordinator:* Jaime Underwood- present

**Also in attendance:** Tyler Thompson, Renee Chance

**II. Opening:**

A regular meeting of the Adirondack Youth Hockey Association (AYHA) was called to order by Royce Lawrence at 8:00 PM via Zoom on Monday, February 12, 2024.

- Royce highly recommends getting the season wrapped up
- Try-outs mid-March

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

- Two tournaments last month did very well
- \$11,000 in concessions
- Fundraising was over \$5,000 from both tournaments
- Waiting for B tournament, then will cut a check to John for our donation
- Utilities went down due to the rate-reduction - saved about \$2500 in December from utilities
- Looking to finalize tax documents by the end of this month - will sign with Royce
- Operating income - down

### **IV. Visitors**

- Tyler Thompson wants to know who uses and/or is trained to use our skate sharpener -
  - Royce says there's about five people. He said a people could post when they will be at the rink for sharpening. Names he mentioned who use the sharpener - Ben Marcantonio, John Kilmer, and Jon Paro. He says the machine is not easy to use
  - Tyler mentioned that it is not open often. He suggests purchasing a Sparkx machine and having a QR code for people to pay
  - Nate loves this idea. He agrees it would pay for itself quickly and it's easy to use. People must pay when using the machine. He also mentioned that Sports Zone hours aren't always convenient.
  - Royce said the idea has been kicked around and we will look into it
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- Brian Seeley wants to add approval of state bound teams - motion on the table to approve two 12U, 16U, 19U payments to NYSAHA for state tournaments - approximately \$8,000
  - Nate seconds the motion, All vote yes, Motion passes

## **V. Committee Reports:**

### **Northstars - Renee Lochner - Present**

- Getting ready for states
- 14U is top 10 in the state in a district that has top 3 in the state
- Ready to solicit for coaches, then will get try-out dates
- 12U tournament bound going to states

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

- Tryouts -
- 12U's state-bound March
- 10U's and 12U's - March
- New Red, White, and Blue names
- 14s, 16s, 18s will be after break
- Looking for coaches - email will be sent out in the next week
- Travel guidelines - Brian will post them in the rec center so there are no surprises - game counts, start / end dates, etc

### **Registrar- Abbey - absent (Royce reported)**

- Working to finalize binders with travel teams
- Boys are all turned in

### **Marketing- Megan -absent**

- Looking for social content - pictures, games, etc to blast, we can reach out to parents
- Looking to highlight: wrapping up season, promoting house league, and next year

### **Facilities- Position TBD - Royce reported**

- Not much of an update
- Conflicts with city with scheduling
- Royce is working with them
- HS girls will be done this Saturday
- Rivermen wrap up this upcoming week
- If you see something at the rink, say something
- Don't use the back door at rec - there is an alarm in place - they are concerned about the ice build up

### **Scheduling- Katie Authier-present**

- Schedules are out through the first week of March

- B-tournament 23rd-25th (no ice)
- Have to schedule around high school games - they can be scheduled last minute so keep an eye on the schedule
- Last couple of weeks in March will be try-outs
- Gazillo Cup - early March through the 23rd or 24th of March
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**Ways and Means-** Justin St. John - present

- First annual Fundraiser flyer was sent out today to the board to look over, looking to get that out to the association this week to solicit volunteers
- People who volunteer for this fundraiser will be able to use these hours towards their annual volunteer hours
- Royce added it should state, “more info to come” on the flyer because it doesn’t have the details - cost, how to purchase tickets, etc
- Stewart’s have given close to \$2 million to the community - Justin put in a donation request to help buy CIA ice time, cooling tower upgrade - looking for \$60,000 - they need financials, tax statements, etc for end of March

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

- Quiet month things will ramp up with Gazillo Cup
- Tim will be sending an email to parents

**Concessions-** Jaime & Laura - present

- Concessions didn’t open last year during Gazillo at times when food truck was at the rec - please coordinate with concessions and food truck this year for times
- Laura added that someone left the heater a space heater on and coffee pots were left on - it is recommended to remove the space heater
- Nate reminded no to do the \$1 drink sale to pass back and forth with baseball concessions
- There are signs of mice in kitchen - pest control is putting in more traps

**VI. Old Business**

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## VII New Business:

- Discussion Items:
  - Gazillo Cup fundraiser - Tim - the ALS men's league has had a tent in the past - a mom reached out to plan a fundraiser during the Gazilo - Royce asked Time to send ideas regarding this
  - Try-outs - Justin inquired about tryout dates - they will be the week of 25th-28th of March for 10 and 12U; 14s, 16s, 18s and 19s will be at CIA around the 15th of April through the 26th flexible date; 2-4 sessions per group, times are TBD
  - We will have 12U and 14U checking clinics, and skating sessions
  - Registrations for tryouts haven't officially opened, but will be soon - the message is - if you don't register, you won't get communications for open skates, etc ;
    - Brian will make a visual QR code to register \$80 tryout fee
    - Additional skates for boys and girls;
    - development camps in March to get prepared 2-3 days generally in Plattsburgh - boys require invite and evals, girls is open March 8th; 2010s can get to Eastern Regional, older girls can be invited to more (Nat'l, etc) We have had 6-7 girls get all the way to the Nat'l Camp
  - Guidelines for next year - Royce will send out to everyone - may want a meeting just for guidelines - fundraising policies, jersey policies, locker room, travel, - all in a binder - tighten up as an organization - stems from problems we have had regarding them
  - NYS and USA hockey mandated neck guards beginning 8/1 players will be sent home if don't have one on
  - Nate recommends neck guards in concessions to sell
  - Officials under the age of 18 also
- Action Item:
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Closing Remarks:

## VII. Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nate, seconded by Royce at 8:49
- Minutes respectfully submitted by AYHA secretary, *Kathleen A. Gebo*, March 6, 2024