

**ACYHA Board
Meeting Minutes
March 2024**

Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting
Date: March 11, 2024
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: NHIA Meeting Room 1

Attendees

Brian Thul - President -
Dustin Glad - Vice Chair - ex
Scott Allen - Treasurer -
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 - ex

Julie Wahl - Sales/Fundraising -
Susie Melynychuk - Tournament Dir -
Matt Inciti - Concession Manager -
Jim Lewandoski - Mite Director -
Katie Mattox - Mite Program Director -
Drew Herron - Communications and Marketing -
Ryan Hegarty - 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/John Knutson - Equipment -
Jess Riley - Registrar -
Ryan King - HDC Chair -
Jessica Ledoux - 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 - John Knutson -
Squirt - Peter Houghtaling -
Goalie - Andrew Cooper -

18 Current voting members; 10 required for quorum

Topics:	Presenter(s):
6:31 pm	Call to Order Brian Thul Roll Call Kim Nau

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

1. Gambling Director (Tracee)

February

Approval of expenses for March 2024 - \$42,300
Approval to make an ice time donation of \$35,000
Motion to approve Scott; seconded - Tina G

March

Approval for expenses for April 2024 - \$43,600
Approval to make an ice time donation of \$40,000
Approval to pay city of New Hope 10% tax for 2023 for \$18,127.50. This covered Pub 42, New Hope Bowl and Frankies.

Motion to approve - Kim; seconded - Scott

Motion to work with the ownership of Frankies to transition pull tab machine out due to losses and try Etabs. Motion by Derrick; seconded - Scott

2. Thomas Johnson

Coaches Site subscription (NetFlix for coaches type of site). Good resource especially for parent coaches

2.1 Chair (Brian)

A huge shout out to our U8, U6, and mite families! Jamboree weekend is the perfect way to celebrate all the growth and love of the game with our youngest players.

Katie and Jim your leadership is amazing and is shaping the future of ACYHA. Thank you for all you do! A special thanks to Thomas Johnson for your on-ice leadership.

Congratulations to our U15 team! They are state bound! What a great way to challenge, celebrate, and honor their achievements and growth over the years. Have a fantastic weekend!

The end of the season is a time to celebrate, decompress, and reflect. Please take time to do all three for yourself and family. Our work starts now as we continue to prepare for next season. We will need to be focused on what is important for ACYHA moving into next season.

ACYHA is participating in a discipline hearing requesting the reasonably uninterested hearing committee to consider a suspension for one of our members pursuant to USA Hockey's Bylaw 10.

Lastly, board members thank you for your service to our players. Your leadership matters and I am proud of the work we do. A special shout out to Aaron Zimmerman, Libby Hankey, Libby Johnson, and Jessica Ledoux for all you have given over the years. You have made us better and we will miss your leadership and friendship.

2024 Association Leader Excellence Conference is May 3 & 4

3. Treasurer (Scott)

As of February 29, 2024, ACYHA is showing a financial gain of \$56,749.72 on the P&L, which reflects more of the expenses we expected per the approved budget.

I would ask that each board member continue to review their budget lines of responsibility in the Budget-to-Actuals report, and let me know if something needs addressing.

4. Secretary (Kim)

Posting of open positions

Collection from team managers of ipads, etc

5. District 3 (Kevin P)

Great B1 Bantam tournament, neck protectors starting next season, school waiver rule change, patches hopefully will be here soon

Next meeting is 3/14/2024

6. Concessions (Matt Inciti)

Lots of slushies went out during the Mite Jamboree

Lots of student workers working the past month.

Insurance went up due to selling more food.

Need 1 concession manager for next season

7. Marketing/Communications (Drew)

10,000 pucks will start up again, look into the possibility of doing something around touches, something for goalies as well such as juggling scarves

Promote U15 going to State on social media - MN Hockey may show the games - MN Hockey TV

Gets requests to promote outside stuff on our social media. Have been not posting and should probably continue. HDC would decide on those items.

8. Registrar (Jessica)

Pond hockey registration is ready to go and can get promoted

I will need to get information for the Sunday night mites program to get registration started

Balances have been cleared for the families that fulfilled the Holiday wreath sale. Families that did not fulfill will get charged on April 1st.

9. ACE director (James)

End of season survey - go with questions from last year? Update survey? Want to get out soon as seasons are ending.

May have managers send out surveys instead of just blast via association email. Might get more responses that way.

10. Boys Travel Coordinator- (Aaron Holscher)

Playoffs are over for our Bantam and Pee wee Levels. Best success was our Bantam C and Pee wee C teams earning 3rd place. Other teams in these levels had varying success with Bantam B1 and Pee wee C having their season ended after 2 games and Bantam A and Pee wee A ending after 3 games. Squirt level is in the midst of their District Playoffs as I write this with the Squirt A's season ending after 2 games, Squirt B1's losing first game and playing 2nd game on Friday, Squirt B2's in the lower bracket playing 3rd game Friday night after winning 1st game and losing 2nd, and both Squirt C teams playing in lower bracket with Blue team winning their first game and Red Team losing 1st with both playing 2nd games Friday night.

In works of finding Squirt Coordinator for next season with Peter Houghtaling moving to Pee wee Coordinator from Squirts and Anthony Pangarakis leading as Bantam Coordinator. Have an individual in mind for Squirt Coordinator position but waiting for decision regarding. Please pass along any names of people that you might think would be interested/do a good job in the Squirt Coordinator position.

The HDC has started the process, actually is constantly ongoing, of deciding what team levels we should declare for next season at all 3 levels. This is always a decision that has to take in many factors to help our players develop each year in their hockey progression trying to find the right balance of each factor considered. Squirts is always the most difficult level not having a history of how previous season have gone for groups of players.

11. Girls Travel Director- (Aaron Zimmerman)

U10 B1 finished 3rd in Districts

U15B finished 2nd in Regions and advanced to the state tournament March 15-17 at Fogerty Ice Arena.

Preparing Transition for new Travel Director.

12. Mite Coordinator (Katie/Jim)

Jamboree going awesome!!

THFF was a success with 25 new kids coming out!

USAH rep suggested having more grassroots initiatives for recruitment like car fliers and mailers.

Will have more specifics/ details for next season at April meeting.

Will need neck protectors for THFF, ? Kevin will check with D3

13. Tournaments (Susie)

Tournaments are done for the season - it was a great one!

14. Sales and Fundraising director (Libby/Julie)

Approve Nikki Friederich as Fundraising Director (not a board position, but position financially compensated \$500 for next year)

New dashers - St Raphael's and Nautical Bowls

Julie motions to approve Nikki as Fundraising Director (not a board position, but position financially compensated \$500 for next year) and full DIBs; Aaron seconds

15. HDC Update (Ryan K)

Setting levels, parent communications, on-going discussion on AA teams, coaches site and sharing of info, Francisco checking camp, Upper Mites (aka Mite 4), coaches surveys/exit interviews, playing time, planning for next year

Communication went out to Squirt level parents about the season and addressing some questions (level setting, expectations) - it's important to keep fielding A level teams as we as an association play against others in our district that field A levels

Meeting last Sat for mite families moving to U10 and Squirts. Michael Thompson took the lead on this meeting and was joined by Tina, Aaron H., Aaron Z., and Brian. The material was informative and the group asked questions. Attendance was lower than desired, but it is a good starting point.

16. Equipment (Erin/Jon)

143 people responded to jersey survey. 40% will need new jerseys.

Need new/more evaluation jerseys for the younger ages.

Goalies would like practice jerseys as well

17. Ice Scheduler (Derrick)

Working on next years ice

18. Safe Sport Coordinator (Ryan H)

No further communication has been received regarding the SafeSport violation filed a couple weeks ago.

19. Volunteer Program Director (Tina)

- First year families who have NOT completed their 5 DIBS hours will receive a note that a board member or another volunteer worked their hours for them. Their deposits will be canceled.

- 9 Returning Families plan to Cash Out their DIBS deposits.

- 5 Returning Families have NOT worked their hours nor responded to me. I plan to cash out their DIBS deposits.

- I will work with the Registrar to get the DIBS deposits canceled for those who have worked their hours.

- There are two families that have worked about half their hours. One is an assistant coach. Another family might have a hardship, but the mom hasn't told me directly. I'd like to prorate their payments and have Scott invoice them instead of charging the full \$500.

20. Skate Coordinator (Jessica)

Banner is in! Displayed during Mite Jamboree.

Permanent location for the banner afterwards

144 players qualified!

Event will be at Dave and Buster's. Waiting to see how RSVPs will come in - will send out with a hard deadline time to respond

Party is set for April 7th from 11 am to 1 pm Maple Grove Dave and Busters

Meeting adjourned 8:27 pm Scott - motion; seconded - Matt I