

AYHA
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2021

I. Attendees:

Board of Directors (Voting Members):

President: Royce Lawrence - present

Vice-President: John Paro - absent

Treasurer: John Kilmer - present

Secretary: Heather DiFiore - present

Boys Travel Director: Dennis Linehan - present

Girls Travel Director: Renee Lochner - present

Ways & Means Officer: Justin St. John - present

Concessions: TBD

Committee Members:

Building Operations: John Kilmer reporting

Registrar: Melissa Clifford - absent

ACE Coordinator & Safe Sport Coordinator: TBD

Marketing: Vicki Bushy - present

Scheduler: Mark Cozzens - present

House Committee Director: John Paro - absent

House League Committee Members:

Termites- TBD

Mini Mites- Nate Brimmer - present

(incoming Vice President beginning July 1, 2021)

Mites- Matt Authier - present

(incoming Director of House League/ADM beginning July 1, 2021)

Squirts- Melissa Clifford - absent

House Majors- John Kilmer - present

Boys Tournament Coordinator: Kim Ogden - absent

Girls Tournament Coordinator: Michelle Hunter - absent

Safety & Reopening Committee: Renee Lochner - present

Concessions Coordinator: TBD

Visitors:

Margaret Lawrence (incoming Secretary beginning July 1, 2021)

II. Opening:

A regular meeting of the Adirondack Youth Hockey Association (AYHA) was called to order by Royce Lawrence at 7:31 pm via *Zoom* on Monday, June 21, 2021.

III. Minutes:

Royce makes a motion to approve May meeting minutes, John Kilmer accepts minutes and seconded by Justin St. John, motion passes.

IV. Opening Remarks ~ Update from President and Vice President:

Vice President not present. President thanks Vice President and Secretary for their service to AYHA this past year; especially during a year when COVID brought on many unpredictable challenges. President acknowledges and thanks Vice President for many years of service.

V. Treasurer's Report:

Early registration helped to facilitate a positive month for us financially. We did pay for ice in April for state bound teams to practice. Fiscal year-to-date in May - in the red - but not as projected considering the ice rentals and construction improvements to the building. Balance sheet: some asset depreciation but growth projected in the future. Fiscal year ends June 30th.

VI. Visitors Statements:

None

VII. Committee Reports:

Northstars- Renee Lochner

Two players are attending the national camp this summer. Otherwise status quo.

Boys Travel Director- Dennis Linehan

18U and 14U tryouts scheduled for August.

18U coach resigned and AYHA solicited for those interested in coaching 18U to submit letters of interest. Taylor Cooke will be the new 18U coach, he was notified and looks forward to getting started.

Tournament Committees- Kim Ogden & Michelle Hunter - absent

No Report.

Registrar- Melissa Clifford, Royce reporting -

The association is aiming for increased registration among our younger players. Hoping to increase registration numbers by another 100 players among the Termites, Minimites and Mites age groups.

Marketing- Vicki Bushey

Waiting to hear back on some items and will have a presentation ready to share with the board at the next meeting with some new ideas. Board requested that the marketing campaign include sharing of information regarding girls who made it to nationals camp and to begin sharing more information regarding *Learn to Skate* programs. Marketing campaigns should also target bringing back those who took last year off due to the pandemic, as well as develop ideas to attract new coaches.

Concessions- TBD - no report.

Concessions temporarily closed due to the CoronaVirus pandemic.

Facilities- TBD - John Kilmer reporting -

Contractor was in today prepping locker rooms for painting this week. All new light fixtures (LED) have been delivered which afforded us a rebate from National Grid. HVAC coming on July 1st to replace the hot water heater and storage tank and replace heaters over the bleachers.

Scheduler- Mark Cozzens

No report.

Ways and Means- Justin St. John

Northern Hockey Academy banner received and ready to hang. Need to reorganize banner arrangement at rink to include new advertising banners and state championship banners.

ACE Coordinator / Safe Sport- TBD - Royce Lawrence reporting -

Emails being forwarded to those needed as information comes in. Annual NYSAHA meeting shared. USA Hockey/NYSAHA bylaw changes are being proposed. This is a rule change year for USA hockey and it is predicted that proposals will impact all. More information is to follow. New rule book for USA Hockey on the horizon.

House Program- John Paro - absent - Royce reporting -
Matt Authier will be taking on the newly created board position of *Director of House Program/ADM*.

COVID Safety & Reopening Committee- Renee Lochner, Renee needed to exit meeting early, Royce reporting -
No new policies required. Removed COVID guidelines from the website for the time being as our facilities are closed. Will revisit as necessary, and as per federal, state and local government guidelines, prior to opening facilities.

VIII. Old Business

- Olympia Resurfacing machine - we had one inquiry regarding sale of the machine. AYHA will create marketing materials surrounding the sale of the machine. Will continue to explore additional avenues to sell the machine after getting specs and photos.

IX. New Business:

- None

X. Adjournment:

Closing statement: we had a good response to the election this year. President shares housekeeping information with newly elected board members such as email, registration system, etc.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Royce at 7:59 pm, seconded by Nathan Brimmer, motion carried.

~ Minutes respectfully submitted by AYHA secretary, *Heather A. DiFiore*, June 22, 2021.