

AYHA
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2021

I. Attendees:

Board of Directors (Voting Members):

President: Royce Lawrence - present
Vice-President: John Paro - present
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

Committee Members:

Building Operations: TBD
Registrar: Melissa Clifford - present
ACE Coordinator & Safe Sport Coordinator: Tom Pavlick - present
Marketing: Vicki Bushy - present
Scheduler: Mark Cozzens - present
House Committee Director: John Paro - present
House League Committee Members:
Termites- TBD
Mini Mites- Nate Brimmer - absent
Mites- Matt Authier - absent
Squirts- Melissa Clifford - present
House Majors- John Kilmer - present
Boys Tournament Coordinator: Kim Ogden - present
Girls Tournament Coordinator: Michelle Hunter - absent
Safety & Reopening Committee: Renee Lochner - present
Concessions Coordinator: TBD

Visitors present:

Stephanie LaMountain	Megan Butler	Andrew Coe
Jennifer Theis	Jaime Underwood	Mike Rohne
Laura Bryant	Ed Bryant	Kris Gibilaro
Greg Jabault	Chad Signor	

II. Opening:

A regular meeting of the Adirondack Youth Hockey Association (AYHA) was called to order by Royce Lawrence at 7:30pm via *Zoom* on Monday, April 12, 2021. Royce welcomed all in attendance, and asked if anyone had anything they wished to add to tonight's agenda. No additions requested.

III. Minutes:

Royce made a motion to approve March meeting minutes, a correction was submitted to board members electronically and approved by unanimous vote.

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

Thank you to all who have supported us throughout this unprecedented season. We had three teams participate in state championships. Congratulations to 16U Northstars State Championship win. They will be headed to Denver, Colorado for National competition. Special thank you to Renee Lochner for her support and endless work.

V. Treasurer's Report:

March: decent month helped along by sectional tournaments and a \$500 donation from Ross Chevrolet and gratuity from Live Barn. \$1300 profit from cornhole board raffle - thank you for Jon Paro's donation. Expenses: last of ice rental at CIA, exhaust fans in locker rooms, small down payment for heaters over bleachers to be installed this month, small expense for Gazillo cup awards. Year to date behind as compared to last year due to increased ice rental expenses.

VI. Visitors Statements:

Tom Pavlick - requested to address the board under new business following reports.

VII. Committee Reports:

Northstars- Renee Lochner

Big win at states. Prepping for development camp.

Boys Travel Director- Dennis Linehan

10u squirt B - congrats on the tournament win. Email sent today with 16 / 18 you tryout update - spring tryouts. Have teams headed to states this weekend.

Tournament Committees- Kim Ogden & Michelle Hunter

No Report.

Registrar- Melissa Clifford

Should be set to start early registration. Spring tryouts to be established in the coming days. USA Hockey is ready to kick off the registration season. Some have remaining balance, following review of accounts and volunteer hours, we can move forward and lock accounts as necessary.

Marketing- Vicki Bushey

Nothing new to report. Waiting on information so that we may share out tryouts and registration details with members.

Concessions- TBD

Concessions temporarily closed due to CoronaVirus pandemic.

We have had some people express interest in joining this committee. We are working on structuring the committee for next fall. Email president or secretary for more information.

Facilities- John Kilmer reporting.

Fans installed in locker rooms to reduce risk of mildew/mold. Bill Austin to finish up before painters come in and they will be in soon. Within a few weeks, water heater for Olympia machine will be installed. Ice is out of the Rec and GF City went through and cleaned the mats around the rink and organized chairs. Chairs need to be put above lockers. This can be added to spring clean up weekend. Will look to third week or last week of April for spring clean up. Hope to offer a couple shifts or weekends for clean up.

Scheduler- Mark Cozzens

Sectionals and Gazillo Cup presented challenges and last minute changes but all worked out nicely in the end.

Ways and Means- Justin St. John

Sports Journal photo and trophies: was able to obtain their logo so we can complete their dasher board and hang. Thank you to Jon Paro to create the custom corn hole boards that supported the general fund.

ACE Coordinator / Safe Sport- Tom Pavlick

USA Hockey registration opened about a week later than normal but is open. Safe sport refresher is open. Temporary cards ended in April. Level 1,2, & 3 open in May. Some fees apply with the exception of Safe Sport. Screenings due every two years. Safe Sport every year. In summary, all trainings are open and available now. Please reach out to Tom with questions/concerns.

House Program- John Paro

Haven't heard anything from committee members and Gazillo Cup went well. No problems or concerns reported.

COVID Safety & Reopening Committee- Renee Lochner

We made it through with very few issues. Worked closely with the county to stay within their parameters etc.

VIII. Old Business

Choosing "A" coaches ahead of tryouts:

Dennis revisiting topic. Challenges have been presented in the past. We had a hard time finding a coach for a team last year and would like to avoid this issue. One solution may possibly be to request all interested members/coaches to submit at the onset of tryouts. Create a pool of persons interested prior to tryouts. All members should be notified of solicitation of coaches at the same time via email and should include timelines, information and deadlines (deadlines must be followed). Another benefit of having a list/pool of those interested in coaching is that it may allow AYHA to share training info, deadlines, and coaching requirements to all at same time and have all fulfilling said requirements by same deadlines - easier to track coach needs requirements for AYHA.

Spring vs. August tryout:

To remain competitive within our local wrap programs (16u and 18u boys) we need to begin competing in August. Girls travel director reports the same is needed on the girls' side of the program as we need to pull from a regional pool rather than a local pool to fill the teams. Many other programs try out in the

spring and players commit to those programs. Visited the topic of also including 12 and 14U in the spring tryout process, followed by discussion of pros and cons.

At a minimum, it was agreed that we should hold a checking clinic for Bantams, prior to tryouts, as done in the past.

Vote by age group regarding tryouts:

14/16/19U Northstars (girls) - motion made by Royce to begin tryouts this May - seconded by Paro. Motion passes 7-0

16u and 18U Thunder wrap teams - motion made by Royce to begin tryouts this May, Kilmer seconds. Motion passes 7-0

10/12/14U Thunder - Motion by Royce - tryouts as close to August 1st as possible, discussion ensues, **motion amended to remove 10U**, John Kilmer seconds. Motion passes 7-0.

10U Thunder & 10U/12U Northstars - Motion by Royce to hold tryouts at same time as in past (close to Labor Day/second week September), second by Paro. Motion passes 7-0.

****Tryout dates to be established based on the above and availability of ice rental.

IX. New Business:

16U Northstars qualify for Nationals in Denver, CO:

First team AYHA has headed to nationals in over a decade. Team has AYHA's support and we will help facilitate fund raising efforts to attend Nationals (also for any additional teams that may qualify in upcoming weeks). Nationals are quickly approaching. Brainstorming: Venmo account for donations, Go Fund Me Campaign, AYHA consider donation to cover entrance fee for Nationals:

Royce motions that AYHA pays entrance fees for any AYHA team that make nationals this season, Justin seconds, motion passes 7-0.

Justin to look into setting up some fundraising options.

Tom Pavlick addresses members:

Tom addresses the board to share thoughts on reducing quorum and lack of communication between board members. He expresses that some decisions being made directly affected the quality of the job he is responsible to complete. Lack of communication and exclusion (rather direct or indirect), has resulted in his decision to resign from both ACE and Safe Sport positions he holds with the board effective immediately. Tom offered to make himself available to whomever fills his committees.

Membership rates 2021-2022 season:

John Kilmer shares proposed rates for 2021-2022 season. Shared document with details via split screen (virtual meeting). Motion made by Royce to approve membership rate as displayed, Renee seconds, motion passes.

It is suggested that we share more specific information as to where membership fees are spent throughout a season.

Dates for early registration:

Target the 22nd/23rd next week to open early registration to run for 30 days, but first need to lockdown spring tryout dates. Royce motion, Kilmer seconds, motion passes.

2021-2022 tournament dates:

Need to be determined and shared with USA hockey to be listed - sanctioned sight:

November 12-14, 2021: "AA" tournament for 10/12/14U

January 13-17, 2022: Girls' tournament

January 21-23, 2022: "A" tournament for 10/12/14U

February 25-27, 2022: "B" tournament

TBD: House League

End of year wrap up:

To discuss at a later date.

X. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Royce at 9:10pm, seconded by Jon Paro, motion carried.

~ Minutes respectfully submitted by AYHA secretary, *Heather A. DiFiore*, April 30, 2021.