

AYHA
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2020

I. Attendees:

Board of Directors (Voting Members):

President: Royce Lawrence - present

Vice-President: John Paro - present, arriving late

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: Dan DeMarsh - absent

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, arriving late

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 - absent

Girls Tournament Coordinator: Michelle Hunter - absent

Safety & Reopening Committee: Renee Lochner - present

Concessions Coordinator: Liz Austin - absent

Visitors present:

Michael Rhone

Tonya Gibilaro

Maureen Curran

II. Opening:

A regular meeting of the Adirondack Youth Hockey Association (AYHA) was called to order by Royce Lawrence at 7:31pm via Zoom on Monday, December 14, 2020. 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 corrected October meeting minutes, seconded by Renee, minutes approved. Royce made a motion to approve November meeting minutes. No corrections noted. Motion seconded by John Kilmer, minutes approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Month of November slightly in the red due to extra ice rental. Registration income up this. We received a \$438.00 donation in memory of Scott LaFebreve from his family and friends. Kim Ogden's volunteer time generated some income for AYHA as well.

Year-to-date registration income is up from last year. Advertising income is down. Interest up in money markets. Concession expenses/income at zero, no referee fees, no income from tournaments, but no payment for tournaments either. Changed our garbage removal to once per month at a savings.

Overall, balance sheet indicates that we are ahead of this time last year.

Looking ahead, we still have five more payments to make to the CIA (formerly the GF Civic Center) for ice rental.

Royce makes motion to approve treasurer's report, Renee seconds, all in favor, report approved.

V. Visitors Statements:

none

VI. Committee Reports:

Northstars- Renee Lochner

Practices are going well and have been well attended. Full ice has been a benefit and coaches are keeping players engaged. Northstars *Learn to Play*

program: (1) may split at 35 players depending on age range, (2) five small group stations worked well so far and (3) three of 10 sessions completed to date.

Boys Travel Director- Dennis Linehan

All-in-all, boys' travel is going well considering the challenges of this season. Practices going well, coaches utilizing full ice to players' benefit and reminders are being sent regarding COVID safety procedures.

Tournament Committee- Kim Ogden & Michelle Hunter

No Report.

Registrar- Melissa Clifford

We have a couple red line players, follow up to be sent soon. House Rec program rosters being sent. Will look for further guidance on submitting all rosters given a couple unique circumstances presented by this season.

Marketing- Vicki Bushey

Looking for guidance for the Cabin Fever program. Cabin Fever will commence as approved by board at rates approved 12/11/2020. This information will be shared with Vicki and promotion will begin. So far, our registration numbers are up with exception of the 8U program. Vicki will push out some promo info specific to 8U. A question was raised regarding advertising via Post Star and/or the Chronicle. Vicki will inquire and report back as to costs. So far this season, AYHA has not accrued any advertising costs.

Concessions- TBD - no report.

Concessions temporarily closed due to Corona Virus pandemic.

Facilities- Dan DeMarsh absent. John Kilmer reporting.

This week locker rooms are being prepped for shower tiles. Heating issues in locker rooms should be corrected by the end of the week. Heaters over bleacher seating is next. John to inquire further regarding plumbing.

Scheduler- Mark Cozzens

Photo scheduling went well. Will assign some open ice slots in coming weeks. Positive feedback has been received regarding scheduling and the fact that we have been able to keep our players on the ice for practices as compared to other area programs that have not been able to do so.

Ways and Means- Justin St. John

The Hoffman fundraiser is up to \$210.00 in profit. AYHA received a check for \$186 thus far from the Hoffman's fundraiser. We also received a check for \$200 for the 2-player sponsorship from Northern Hockey Academy. A family from the AYHA also gifted a \$100 check to the organization last month to help with our fundraising efforts.

ACE Coordinator / Safe Sport- Tom Pavlick

There are only a couple of weeks left until the year ends and anyone who has not completed their certifications will be ineligible to coach. Coaches need to share their certification and qualification information directly with Tom, not via the head coaches of their teams to avoid inaccurate reporting/record keeping.

House Program- John Paro

Nothing new has been reported to Jon by any of the coaches. Things seem to be running smoothly. *House Majors* players received two practice jerseys and one pair of socks. No names were printed on the backs of the jerseys to keep in the same price point as previous years and avoid duplicate numbers for game play. *Termite* numbers are a little lower this year. There is a need to come up with ideas for soliciting coaches at this age group, as well as for *Learn to Skate* and *MiniMites* for next year.

*If we use the same jersey manufacturer next year, it should be noted that we need to order jerseys in a size up for **Mites** and **Squirts** as they run about a size smaller.*

Safety & Reopening Committee- Renee Lochner

Nothing new to report. Reminders sent out as necessary. Procedures continue to be followed and COVID screenings are completed by all prior to entering the building.

VII. Old Business

Update from USA Hockey & NYSAHA

No changes and no new communications has been received from USA hockey or NYSAHA; we continue to be in a holding pattern. We are one of the few programs able to operate for at least practices.

HS hockey was put on an indefinite hold at this time. Waiting on NYS guidance

to open high risk sports which impacts ice availability at the rec center. We need to stay the course and follow COVID safety procedures and guidelines from governing bodies so that we may remain open for practices. We commend coaches for a job well done under these circumstances. Rusty has shared with AYHA that if NYS allows games in the future that we are anticipating a lack of officials as many have opted not to renew for this season.

Photo Update

Photo packages to be delivered this week. Joe from Signature Studios has offered a photo makeup session for the afternoon/early evening of December 23rd. Secretary will confirm and work with the scheduler to firm up details.

VIII. New Business:

Olympia Ice Machine

A discussion surrounding selling the old Olympia Ice Resurfacing Machine as it is sitting in GF City storage ensued. Topics discussed included: machines worth, avenue to sell it, contacting Olympia for sellback/refurbish, purchase income going to general fund, etc. Following discussion, Royce made a motion to begin the process for researching a pathway to selling and putting the resurfacing machine on the market with money to go toward general funds, Justin seconds, all in favor, motion passed.

MAC Goalie Clinic

Two concerns regarding the MAC Goalie clinics have been noted and were discussed at the meeting: (1) lack of volunteers and (2) players attending without registering and making payment. Volunteers are needed and should contact Royce if interested. AYHA fronts the cost to bring in MAC Goaltending instructors. In addition, MAC instructors need to know, prior to the clinic, how many will attend to be properly prepared and staffed. It has been noted that players are attending without registering or remitting payment to AYHA. Although exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances, this should not be usual practice.

Royce makes a motion to upcharge 10% premium and suspend the player's account to prevent participants from registering for any future clinic or program until balance is paid in full for those who attend without registering.

This to be effective immediately. Jon Paro seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Apparel Update

Apparel should be delivered this week.

Additional Clinics

Overtime Hockey clinic of 7 sessions was a success and accommodated 60 players. John Kilmer suggests that we consider offering this again in February/March. *Northern Hockey Academy* is also submitting a proposal for additional training options for late winter.

IX. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Royce at 8:34pm, seconded by Justin St. John, motion carried.

~ Minutes respectfully submitted by AYHA secretary, *Heather A. DiFiore*, December 14, 2020.