

AYHA
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 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

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

House League Committee Members:

Termites- TBD

Mini Mites- Nate Brimmer - absent

Mites- Matt Authier - present

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: Liz Austin - absent

Visitors present:

Rusty Gallagher - North section president, USA Hockey

Maureen Curran

Jody Pratt

Michael Rhone

Andy Coe

Carson Chapman

II. Opening:

A regular meeting of the Adirondack Youth Hockey Association (AYHA) was called to order by Royce Lawrence at 7:32pm via Zoom on Monday, February 8, 2021. Royce welcomed all in attendance, and asked if anyone had anything they wished to add to tonight's agenda. No additions requested. Royce requests to adjust the agenda by making a motion to remove "*rollover all 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 volunteer hours from the current season to the 2021-2022 Season*". Makes motion to add a number of agenda items to address later in the meeting regarding volunteer items and mite travel. Addition of agenda items seconded - motion passes.

III. Minutes:

Royce made a motion to approve January meeting minutes, seconded by John Paro, motion passes.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

December: received a number of donations, as well as fundraiser money from hoffman car wash. Rec center heating system needing repair, down payment made on bathroom upgrades. Payment made for additional ice.

January: missed income from some tournaments and apparel sales as well as fundraising raffles. Received an additional donation. Expenses: buying more ice than typical of years past. Year to date ice rentals: through the end of January we spent \$93,950 on ice (last year \$41,000), which is an increase of \$52,000. Put us in red for fiscal year with no recovery as we do not anticipate registration income coming in and have more locker room expenses ahead.

V. Visitors Statements:

Rusty Gallagher, North section president, USA Hockey, attended to address our board. Thanking AYHA board and committee members for commitment to keep kids on the ice and safe this season. They acknowledge that we have gotten as close as possible, under these circumstances, to provide members with a hockey experience. Provided updates regarding USA hockey's involvement with the NYS. Will continue to provide AYHA with updates via Royce.

VI. Committee Reports:

Northstars- Renee Lochner

Girls are currently scheduling and getting games in. Development camp dates are out - hoping the state can hold the camp. Girls Learn to play hockey has been well received. Will look to incorporate that next year as well.

Boys Travel Director- Dennis Linehan

Travel teams began game play this past weekend. Feedback from coaches indicates that things have generally gone well so far. Dennis has requested feedback from coaches and their concerns so far surround the number of spectators and additional time between games to transition teams/players. NYS development camp information should be forthcoming and Dennis will distribute when received. Ace coordinator has not received this information as of yet. As per state development camp website, 2/27/21 is the deadline. Will look to Rusty for definitive information regarding development camp.

Tournament Committees- Kim Ogden & Michelle Hunter

No Report.

Registrar- Melissa Clifford

Little to report. Final rosters were submitted. Looking to firming up plans for next year.

Marketing- Vicki Bushey

Developing some end of season ideas especially for our HS seniors. Looking to pull together early registration information. Will share out our players' college commitment information.

Concessions- TBD - no report.

Concessions temporarily closed due to CoronaVirus pandemic.

Facilities- Dan DeMarsh absent. John Kilmer reporting.

Shower floors installed. Exhaust fans came in today, humidity switches as well, contractor installing them on Thursday. HVAC consulted regarding heating units over the stands. Obtaining quotes for stand alone hot water tank system for zamboni.

Scheduler- Mark Cozzens

House league - currently working on adding more practices and games. Againm, Mark encourages coaches to check their schedules and contact him with concerns as some days he may receive 100+ emails and mistakes may happen. Playing catch up due to the changes happening rapidly now that games are being added. Coaches responsibility to let Mark know if something needs to be canceled so that all ice time can be utilized to the best of our ability. Shortage of referees this year. Coaches - Do not schedule Q games - Rusty must schedule for you. Need 7 days lead time to schedule home games especially because it is a challenge to find refs. Potential scheduling of HS games will impact available ice time.

Ways and Means- Justin St. John - not present

ACE Coordinator / Safe Sport- Tom Pavlick

Submitted recommendations to move forward with requirements being taken care of (see new business). Waiting on development camp information.

House Program- John Paro

No report -no concerns reported to him by house league coaches at this time.

Safety & Reopening Committee- Renee Lochner

See below - new business.

VII. Old Business

Update from USA Hockey & NYSAHA:

Rusty was present as reported above. Hearings with NYS are this Thursday. Still planning for a state tournament at this time. Possibly utilize CIA (Civic Center) as host sites for sectional games.

Update regarding - coaching requirements:

Tom Pavlick reports - shared a document with the board to push deadlines for coaching selections and requirement deadlines (in or submitted prior to introductions and awarding of team). Assistant coaches cannot join in process until requirements are met (this includes tryouts). Required to respond and send in requirements in a timely manner or will be unable to participate. The

document will be shared out. In addition, safe sport requirements for players (16U, 18U, 19U) - should be informed of this at registration.

Royce makes a motion to require completion of safe sports prior to tryouts - all 18U and 19U girls. Renee seconds. Motion passes.

End of season celebration alternative to tradition to Gazillo Cup:

Plan Gazillo Cup as we would in the past now that games have commenced.

Start with round robin games possibly at the end of march.

Authier - reports mites has gone well so far. Agrees with round robin and preparations for traditional Gazillo Cup. Last day of ice is March 31st at GF Rec Center - will aim for Gazillo Cup finals the weekend prior.

VIII. New Business:

Volunteer hours:

Motion #1 = change procedures to include additional volunteer options. New Motion to change volunteer hour procedure to include volunteer hours worked for the following roles, one Time Keeper, one Score Keeper, two Penalty Box attendants and two Participant/Spectator COVID Screening Check-in monitors (for games and practices) at a rate of 1.5 hours per event volunteered for 2020-2021 year only. Jon Paro seconds - all in favor - motion passes.

Motion #2 - Royce motions to waive all volunteer hours for the 2020-2021 season to all registered coaches, assistant coaches, schedulers and team managers (that are verified by the association). Seconded by John Kilmer - all in favor - motion passes.

Motion #3 - Royce motions to rollover .5 (half) the hours due for the 2020-2021 season, not to exceed 5 hours/child up to 10 hours per family. Any individual who had hours rolled over from last season (2019-2020) is not eligible for this and must either work all hours or pay off hours. John Kilmer seconds, discussion of alternate options ensues, motion restated, John Kilmer seconds, motions passes unanimously. Changes will be communicated to membership. Topic to be revisited at next board meeting if necessary.

All other volunteer hour responsibilities and protocols remain unchanged at this time.

Mite Travel (birth year 2012 only):

Motion to create two mite jamboree travel teams through AYHA, local play only (Saratoga, Schenectady, Bethlehem, Clifton park), seconded by Kilmer, motion passes.

Details: inquiries sent to all 34, 8y/o (must be second year mite) that are currently members. Twenty-two expressed interest and 8 coaches interested to create two teams of 11. Opportunity provided to all interested (cross ice only). No additional cost. Number of games allowed will be capped. Games schedules to be passed through the board and cannot interfere with house league.

End of year medals/trophies for termites, mini mites, 10U house and house majors:

Kilmer - someone will need to find out what is needed and get ordered by March first. Kim Ogden will work on this and Melissa Clifford can pull numbers (they will work together) to determine what is needed for the house league, as well as additional medals for Gazillo Cup.

Rink processes, spectators, etc.:

Spectators - will AYHA allow 1 or 2 spectators per player? Our current policy and procedure allows for 1 spectator per player. There will be no change at this time to 1 spectator per player rule. Rink cannot accommodate 2 spectators per player at times for some teams/programs. Games must end on time. Reconfigure chairs for player prep areas. Reminder emails to be sent periodically. When traveling, teams should follow protocols of the home team rink. Protocols must be shared by the home team rink and coaches and/or schedulers should be sharing this with their team members. Rink COVID related policy and procedures should also be found on opposing team/program websites.

Also need to address where players can prep for the game as there was some congestion in some areas of the rink. Possibly create another area for players by compressor room. Will reassess where we can set up spots for teams to prep before their games. May need more time between games or may need to curfew the games. Any additional solutions/suggestions will be shared out with coaches and members as necessary.

Home tournaments:

Would typically happen for B teams at this time. No go at this time - county will not approve.

Housekeeping:

- Communication among board members: add board members to emails sent to coaches and general association members.
- Board meeting opening remarks to include an update from president, vice president and secretary as needed.
- Treasurer's Report: John is keeping copies of reports. We have been unable to share physical copies due to virtual meeting formats and digital copies should not be shared. Treasurer to submit reports for the secretary to add to meeting minute records in the future.

IX. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Royce at 9:16pm, seconded by Renee Lochner, motion carried.

~ Minutes respectfully submitted by AYHA secretary, *Heather A. DiFiore*, February 28, 2021.