

AYHA
Meeting Minutes
March 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 - absent

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 - absent

Girls Tournament Coordinator: Michelle Hunter - absent

Safety & Reopening Committee: Renee Lochner - present

Concessions Coordinator: Liz Austin - absent

Visitors present:

Michael Rhone

Chad Signor

Ed Bryant

Megan Butler

Jaime Underwood

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, March 8, 2021. Royce welcomed all in attendance. No additional agenda items requested.

III. Minutes:

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

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

Royce - we are a month into playing games. Royce thanks everyone for all that was completed to get things off the ground. Teams are doing well. Credit to coaches for all they have done even when we didn't think we would get to this point in the season. Thanks to families for staying the course. Let's keep doing what we are doing and get the most out of it we can. Gazillo cup is scheduled and seeing a lot of good things happening in house league. Volunteer hours - many reaching out and many opportunities coming. We were chosen as host for northern zone sectionals - many volunteer opportunities needed to cover the needs of these games. Paro - pleased with the opportunity and thanks Royce and Kilmer for getting sectionals off the ground here at AYHA. AYHA excited to bring conclusion to the season via sectional tournaments.

V. Treasurer's Report:

February doesn't usually yield much income - usually a red month, which is the case this February as well. No concessions, no tournaments and no raffles continues to hurt AYHA. Some paid for volunteer hours and we got a kickback from Live Barn. February expenses: ice rental, no expenditures out of concessions, refing fees balanced out, no awards to pay for since no tournaments. Year to date: up registration income, again no concessions, tournaments or apparel sales (outside of holiday sale), no raffles....leaves us negative for the year. Over double on costs for ice rental. Decrease in ref fees as expected. Running in red for the year as expected. Incoming tournaments will bring in some revenue. Balance sheet: running behind but as expected considering the challenges brought on by the pandemic to manage the season financially. We have rented 125% more ice this year as compared to last year.

Looking ahead: buying Thunder logo decal for all Gazillo cup skaters. Medals also ordered.

VI. Visitors Statements:

none

VII. Committee Reports:

Northstars- Renee Lochner

Everything status quo. Ready to begin sectionals. Hopefully headed to states. Looking for tryouts mid to end of May.

Boys Travel Director- Dennis Linehan

Reached out to tournament bound team coaches regarding a number of housekeeping items. Coaches emailed, awaiting responses and will follow up again.

Tournament Committees- Kim Ogden & Michelle Hunter

No Report.

Registrar- Melissa Clifford

Nothing new to report. Early registration on the horizon - typically starts the weekend after nationals are completed. Waiting for USA Hockey to release this information, more than likely tryouts and registrations to occur around May 5th.

Marketing- Vicki Bushey

Ready to go for end-of-year wrap up marketing. Can put out advertising regarding national tourney, but with COVID things are changing frequently. Early registration and tryout advertising being prepped but need tryout dates, times, etc. to move forward. Will advertise in the Post Star and the Chronicle.

Concessions- TBD - no report.

Concessions temporarily closed due to CoronaVirus pandemic.

Facilities- Dan DeMarsh absent. John Kilmer reporting.

Exhaust fans being installed in bathrooms in the back of the rink. Needed to rework ducts. Toilets and sinks are hooked up. Parts arriving for bleacher heaters. Waiting on quotes for hot water heater and storage tank for Zamboni.

Once ice is out the contractor will come in to clean and paint locker rooms. Will need volunteers for painting and cleaning at the end of season.

Scheduler- Mark Cozzens

Hectic; but running smoothly. Scheduling underway for Gazillo cup, sectionals and tournament at the CIA. Still trying to get some final games and practices scheduled. Been a challenging year and we thank Mark for his dedication and hard work.

Ways and Means- Justin St. John

Dasherboard arrived for Overtime Hockey with new logo and will be installed this weekend. Will check in with Adk sports portraits to find out if they finalized the artwork for their dasherboard.

ACE Coordinator / Safe Sport- Tom Pavlick not present, Royce reporting Player development camp information was shared out.

House Program- John Paro

No concerns reported.

COVID Safety & Reopening Committee- Renee Lochner

All seems to be going well. Visiting teams are following through with COVID forms and procedures. No new concerns reported.

VIII. Old Business

Update from USA Hockey & NYSAHA - Royce:

Nothing new to report. Remove from agenda.

Update regarding Gazillo Cup and Mini Mite End of Season Celebration:

Due to pandemic - Gazillo cup is scheduled and will go on as usual regarding round robin play and end of year rewards will go out. No pizza/ice cream party.

Volunteer hour update - Heather:

- Received a number of emails expressing a variety of concerns, some of which were certainly valid. Concerns consisted of: lack of communication early in season, coaches reporting to families that they did not need to complete hours, roll over of hours if concession and open skate remain

unavailable next season, buyout, lack of opportunities for young participants families, etc.

- Have connected anyone who reached out to us with volunteer opportunities, answered questions and provided information and direction where possible.
- Spring Clean Up - who manages spring cleanup and when does it usually occur? A list of volunteers has been recorded, will connect with John Kilmer who will share some general info.

Safe Sport prior to tryouts:

Safe sport required for 18U and 19U girls tryouts before tryouts. Required each year, refresher available to those who have done this in the past.

Choose “A” coaches ahead of tryouts:

Royce made a motion to table to April, Heather seconds, all in favor.

IX. New Business:

Membership rates 2021-2022 season:

Letter sent to membership in December reducing rates by 10% due to COVID-19 pandemic. Suggested that we return to pre-covid membership fees. Will pull together more details and pull together a proposal. We were able to absorb the increased costs of this past season because we were in very good financial standing, but we need to look forward to the possibility of increasing costs and plan accordingly. Royce makes a motion to table membership rate discussion until next month when we can go item by item, Renee seconds, motion passes.

NYSAHA Sectional Tournament:

One hundred and sixty skaters within AYHA alone will be part of this “playdown”. We will host the sectional tournament this year. Other local associations are participating. AYHA will receive payment to host this tournament. Tournament will run in the coming weekends and include 39 games total. Volunteers will be needed both at the rink and to help with scheduling of volunteers, etc. COVID procedures and protocols will remain in place.

Bylaw changes: number of officers & quorum:

Royce makes a motion to change bylaws:

- 2.2(a) Change the Number of officers from 8 to 7.

2.8 Change the quorum from 5 to 4 officers

3.8 Strike from the bylaws. Removes the officer Concessions Director.
Reasoning: AYHA is yet to have someone run for this position for the last 2 election cycles (dating back to 2018) this has been appointed for the last 2 cycles. everytime, concessions has been run as a committee. Moving forward logically would run this as a committee reporting to an acting director.

3.9-3.11 Numerical Changes

Pros and cons discussed by the board, options shared. Review of article 2.7 completed. Renee seconded motion, motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Royce to establish a multi person concessions committee. Kilmer seconded, all in favor, motion passes. Anyone interested - reach out to the secretary or president. Concessions committee will report to the president at this time. Details to be discussed and determined at a future meeting.

Floor opened to any additional new business. No requests made.

X. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting and enter executive session was made by Royce at 8:44pm, seconded by John Paro, motion carried.

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