

**ACYHA Board Of Directors
Membership Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024**

**Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting
Date: September 9, 2024
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: NHIA Meeting Room 1**

Attendees

**Brian Thul - President -
Dustin Glad - Vice Chair -
Scott Allen - Treasurer -
Kevin Pote - D3 Rep. -
Kim Nau - Secretary -
Aaron Holscher - Boys Travel Director -
Norm Orstad - Girls Travel Director -
James Tousignant - ACE -
Derrick Raymond - Ice Scheduler - ex**

**Julie Wahl - Sales/Fundraising -
Susie Melynchuk - Tournament Dir - ex
Matt Inciti - Concession Manager -
Jim Lewandoski - Mite Director -
Sarah Guzman - Mite Program Director -
Drew Herron - Communications and Marketing -
Ryan Hegarty - Safe Sport -
Aaron Zimmerman - At Large -
Tina Schochow Greazel - Volunteer Program Dir -**

Additional Representatives

**Matt Rappaport - WEB Admin -
Tracee DeNeui - Gambling Mgr -
Paul Swanson - Asst. ACE -
Kris Murphy - Eval Coordinator -
Erin Dungan/John Knutson - Equipment -
Jess Riley/Kari Karsnick - Registrar -
Ryan King - HDC Chair -
Miranda Hortenbach - Skate -
Scott Tousignant - Asst. ACE -
Lida Knoll - Graphic Design -
Nikki Friederich - Fundraising Director
Lindsey Brekker - Fundraising Coordinator
Liz Tratnick - Ass't Treasurer
Michael Kautzman - Ass't Ice Sched**

LEVEL COORDINATORS

**Bantam - Anthony Pangarakis -
PeeWee - Peter Houghtaling -
Squirt - Michael Thompson -
Goalie - Andrew Cooper -**

18 Current voting members; 10 required for quorum

Topics:	Presenter(s):
6:32 pm	Call to Order Brian Thul Roll Call Kim Nau

Approval of August Meeting minutes: Aaron H - motion, Scott - seconded

1. Gambling Director (Tracee)

Profit for July 2024 - \$24,630
Approval of monthly report to the board
Approval for expenses for September 2024 \$43,100
Ice time donation in the amount of \$15,000 for July 2024
Pub 42 has decided to discontinue Bingo at that site due to low numbers
Getting everything ready for annual audit
Checkbook balance end of July 2024 - \$78,859.

Motion to approve August report - Dustin; seconded - Scott Motion passes

Profit for August 2024 - \$73,021
Approval of monthly report to the board
Approval for expenses for October 2024 - \$43k
Approval to make an ice time donation in the amount of \$25k for August 2024
Checkbook balance end of August 2024 - \$100,245.34
Reopening New Hope Bowl this Wednesday - booth will be open Wed-Sun from 6-10 pm

Motion to approve September report - Dustin; seconded - Aaron H Motion passes

2. Chair (Brian)

As we begin the 2024 season I want to thank all of our families for putting their trust in us for the upcoming season. We take our commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment for our players to grow as athletes and children. Board Members your dedication to community-based hockey is inspiring and I am proud to lead our organization into the upcoming season.

Parent Meeting Logistics - please edit/update your slides if you are presenting - let Brian know if any issues or if you can't be at one or both meetings

Bantam Locker Room - rink would like this room back as they need storage

3. Treasurer (Scott)

As of this September 5, 2024, ACYHA is showing a financial gain of \$113,104.34, due to strong registration payments and tourney payments. The season has barely begun though...

Whistleblower policy: do we have one? We don't. Will check into and discuss at Exec Board level

Conflict of Interest policy: do we have one? May need to draft one and update annually

4. Secretary (Kim)

Who would like to be at team manager meetings?

Given team formation dates, what dates work for holding meetings?

Email Kim if you want to be there

5. District 3 (Kevin)

D3 will not waiver a mite - play where you live. Maybe a sibling waiver - considering

Discretionary waivers still exist - we received a request

Level leads are checking our players for neck guards to follow policy

New coaches - no new level trainings after Dec 15 - need to get their training done ASAP

Jr Gold - potentially may have more than usual

Patches - yay or nay? Most say get rid of them. Too much of a hassle and not always received

6. Concessions (Matt)

Elite League started so concessions started. Prices went up but will go back down when our regular season starts.

Oct 5 & 6 - Elite hockey games and may run promos

May open new bank acct due to issues with the credit union and accepting damaged or old currency - need a Fed bank and not a credit union

Minor OSHA inspection, a couple things to work on

Coaches need to be better about handing out Wings awards coupons to players - didn't receive many last season from players

7. Marketing/Communications (Drew)

*for detail, see document sent out with agenda

Summer Puck Challenge is ending on Sept. 21.

The total projection is about \$1116 with 35-40 players involved to some capacity.

250K total shots with two weeks left. Reached over 300K last year.

BANTAMS! Never had much participation for Bantams before but now it will be 4 finishing with 10K, and 4 GOALIES will earn something. (detailed breakdown below)

THFF

Good on fliers, can order more if needed. New copies have QR code links directly to THFF page.

Will begin to start paying for social media advertising in the coming week. Will spend about \$60 on Meta. Heavy content and graphic rotations.

Yard signs are in the office, and need to be placed.

Two at every elementary school (one by the drive entrance and exit, one by the front door). Along every main road and busy intersection.

Place signs strategically on walkways and parkways at playfields before weekend sporting events. Zachary Playfield, Welcome Park, Lions Park, etc, have soccer games, and football games going on with athletes we can target. Would be helpful to get people who live by those parks to be willing to "adopt them" and place a yard sign in strategic places (parking lot entrance, walking paths) at those events on Friday evenings. We will lose some signs in some places when the parks mow the following week, but it's worth the sacrifice of a couple of signs to hit those fertile places.

Spent \$60 in August to advertise paid coaching positions on Facebook/Instagram and \$62.25 on THFF fliers.

8. Registrar (Jess/Kari)

279 players registered as of 09/08

Bantam: 41

Peewee: 57

Squirts: 44

U10: 18

U12: 25

Mites: 94

New Skaters: 22

Coaches registered 49

9. ACE director (James)

Busy getting coaches signed up and ready to go

9/24 - coaches meeting

Non-parent Peewee A coach lined up

9A. Assistant ACE (Paul S)

The HDC (Hockey Development Committee) has been working on an update to our ACYHA Guidelines and Policies section that relates to coaches. At tonight's board meeting, we will talk through, high level, the "ACYHA Coaching Guide" which will replace the language from the ACYHA Guidelines and Policies. The new guide incorporates nearly all of the intent of the legacy document, with word smithing, and adds new talking points. The material additions/clarifications include skater ice time opportunities, goalie ice time opportunities, and goalie-specific skill work in practices. We can share and discuss at the board meeting, Monday, 9/9, process feedback in the coming weeks, and should move to approve a final version at the following board meeting. Thanks so much.

The board should please read this over and ask questions if you have them so we can be prepared to vote on this at our next meeting and add them to our policies and procedures

10. Boys Travel Coordinator- (Aaron H)

Bantam and Peewee Camps have started. Squirts start on 9/15. Making final plans for Player Placements and working with James on filling Peewee A and Bantam B1 paid coaching spots. Squirt A and one of Squirt C teams didn't get into Fargo. Michael, squirt coordinator, is working to fill out of town tournaments for those teams which there are options.

In regards to the proposed coaches policy changes, as board members, if you hear of issues from parents please encourage them to speak to the level coordinators.

10A. Evaluations Coordinator - (Kris)

Evaluator update:

BA: Bill Rooney, Ross Jerpseth, Dave Essen

PW: Tom Klein, Andy Johnson, ??

U12: Derrick Raymond, Joe Girod, ?? (Poss: Sam Terres)

U10: Tim Cassidy, Derrick Raymond, Derek Olson

SQ: Dave Essen, Jim Majkozak, Matt Cook

Still working on a PW and a U12 evaluator

11. Girls Travel Director- (Norm)

- D3 Girls Directors meeting
 - U19/U15 teams available for social hockey
 - Wayzata has 50 U15 players; we have 3!
- U12 Camp started, and all projected players registered. 2 new travel players to this level.
- U10 Camp starts Sept 15th, short two players from projections; Only 5 new to travel players at this level
- U15 players need new jerseys
- 12A tournament looking to change
- Day 4 scrimmages must be later to get other teams/referees to come this early.

Trying to get female care givers safe sport certified so locker rooms are covered

12. Mite Coordinator (Jim/Sarah)

Card for Katie Maddox

Mite Season opener on 9/28

Jerseys are ordered

22 new skaters so far

We will have a Mite 4s - all second year Mite 3s, extra ice touches, dryland, scrimmages

13. Tournaments (Susie)

Nothing to report

14. Sales and Fundraising director (Julie)

Gertens - 9/23 - 10/21 sales period - delivery on 11/20 & 11/21

Nautical Bowls - 11-7 on October 26th - 20% goes to the association

Reece mouthguards 10/5

15. HDC Update (Ryan K)

*for specifics, please see docs sent with agenda

Coaching update

Parent meeting planning

All coaches meeting planning

D3 goalie approach/changes

Body contact clinic - 9/15 - open for Peewees, Bantam and U15 & U12

Playing time policy/Coaches agreement

Policy on outside skating opportunities

Evals changes - need more coaches on ice during evals

Mite kickoff

Stop the bleed kits? Buy for coach bags or the rink?

16. Equipment (Erin/John)

Nothing to report

17. Ice Scheduler (Derrick)

Nothing to report

18. Safe Sport Coordinator (Ryan)

Focusing on what Safe Sport is for the parent meetings

Getting parents involved in locker room monitoring

19. Volunteer Program Director (Tina)

Armstrong Homecoming 'parade' would like us to have a booth - give back to the community, hand out candy maybe some sort of game -9/20 set up 4, start time is 4:30

Dibs are flying out the door - there will be plenty this season

How is Mite registration going - registration with dibs link to register first - any issues?

20. Skate Coordinator (Miranda)

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm Dustin - motion Scott - second Motion passes