

AHYHA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 24, 2025 6:00 p.m.
Andover Community Center

Meeting Called to order at: 6:00p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Nick Giacomini, Aaron Vanjoske, Patrick Popehn, Tom Roddy, Brandi Barthel, Dave Johnson, Shawn Pietsch, Libby Schmit, Andy Sax, David Bruneau, Jason Landborg, Sara Peterson, and Derk Bloemers

Additional Attendees: Quorum Attendance of AHYHA members was achieved (see sign in sheet for details)

Approve Previous Annual Membership Meeting Minutes:

Nick Giacomini asked for a motion to approve the 2024 Annual Membership meeting minutes report. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Eric Blahnik, **SECONDED BY** Tom Roddy, **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Bylaws Update

Nick explained that there are no bylaw updates/changes this year.

Board Member Election: The AHYHA membership present voted on the following board member positions. The results were counted by members Lyndsey Sniezek and Eric Blahnik and over seen by Board Member Shawn Pietsch:

Treasurer: David Bruneau ran unopposed with 53 votes

Girls Director: Shannon Kangas with 35 votes and Mike Mohs with 19 votes

Registration Director: Sean Adams with 34 votes and Lyndsay Brown with 21 votes

Mite Operations Director: Derk Bloemers ran unopposed with 53 votes

Youth Director: Alan Grande ran unopposed with 53 votes

Equipment: Patrick Popehn ran unopposed with 53 votes.

Tom Roddy was voted in as the new Vice President at the February 2025 Board Meeting. Key positions like President, Vice President, and Gambling Manager are board elected one month prior to the Annual Meeting.

Nick Giacomini asked for a motion to approve the 2024-2025 AHYHA election results. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Patrick Popehn **SECONDED BY** Jason Landborg, **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Annual Summary

Nick Giacomini presented the Annual Summary.

Year in Review

Registration numbers remained steady and have increased slightly in the past year.

Board Achievements

New white traveling jerseys this year as opposed to the gold in years past. Tryout process isn't perfect but has been setting a standard and we continue to take feedback. The board is continuing to evaluate the dryland room and are looking toward appropriate updates. Goalie training has been well attended as goalies get their fees returned if they attend a certain amount of sessions. We are moving into phase 2 of our Branding Rink project and continuing to improve the look of our rinks. We had a successful Girls tournament this year for the 2nd year in a row. The U of M Hockey event with the Girls teams that ran a practice which was a fun event for the players.

Team Success

Nick shared the following teams' success in the 2024-25 season.

- Girls U15A Regional Participant (D10 Playoff 3rd Place)
- 12UA Regional Participant (D10 Playoff 3rd Place)
- Squirt A District 10 League Champions
- Pee wee AA State Participant (Regional Runner-Up, D10 Playoff Champion and D10 League Champion)
- Pee wee A District 10 Playoff 3rd Place (D10 League Champion)
- Pee wee C District 10 Playoff Runner-Up
- Bantam AA Regional Participant (D10 Playoff Runner-Up and D10 League Champion)
- Bantam A Regional Participant (D10 Playoff Runner-Up)
- Bantam B1 District 10 Playoff 3rd Place
- Bantam B2 District 10 Playoff 3rd Place

Not many District Associations field a Bantam AA and A level and often the A levels are competing against other Associations top teams.

Ice Review

Nick reviewed the ice usage of all teams in the program. The numbers can often appear skewed due to the length of the season, if a team chooses to utilize the early morning ice availability. The upper-level teams do pay more for their season. We did a good job at utilizing our ice this year.

Financial Review

Ice expenses are our largest expense coming in at approximately \$426,000. Tournaments and Jamborees came in at \$132,000, Equipment (jerseys & goalie) \$102,000, Player Development (Goalie Training, Dryland, Summer/Fall Programs, Shooting Clut) \$45,000, Arena Branding Improvements \$60,000, Coaching Fees (salaries, travel reimbursement, USA Hockey, Safe Sport, and background checks) \$55,000, D10 Fees & Referees \$32,000, Region and State Tournaments \$11,000.

Shared some top donations that the association has donated to over the year such as Andover HS Community Scholarship, Andover Boys and Girls Hockey Clubs, various Andover team sports like Lacrosse and Soccer and Andover Senior Party and many more.

Parent/Player Behavior

We have had about nine parent incidents reported this past year. If a parent violates the code of conduct, there will be follow-up up to and including suspension. Suspensions can carry over to the next season. We have had some of the following behaviors such as locker room behavior/SafeSport situations, referee coach or parent ejections (parent ejections result in an automatic suspension) fighting, out of town behavior (hotels/bathrooms being trashed)

Academic Banquet

We did want to share that at the event this year there were several forks that were all bent and no longer usable along with food/wrappers shoved in water glasses. We understand that kids are kids, but we may need to add a \$500 damage deposit if there are issues at the event.

Goals for Next Season

Some goals we have for next season is to keep dues low as possible to provide the best opportunity for all to play. Phase 3 Branding in the Ice Arena as we look at the possible history wall. Continue to donate to local organizations and optimize hockey offerings with both on and off ice options. We continue to look for board recruitment and succession planning, player recruitment, and ACC Partnership on rink improvement ideas.

Outgoing Board Members

Thank you to Aaron Vanjoske (Vice President), Jason Landborg (Youth Director), and Sara Ringold (Registration Director) for your many years of service. The hours devoted are longer than the years and we are grateful for your time and effort toward the AHYHA Board.

Parent Survey

We shared a QRC code that you can scan to give the board feedback on your season. We want to hear from you as your voice matters.

Member Questions:

Nick opened the floor to questions for the membership. No questions were asked.

Nick Giacomini asked for a motion to adjourn the 2025 AHYHA Annual meeting. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY**, Shawn Pietsch **SECONDED BY** Aaron Vanjoske, **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Adjourned: 7:10p.m.