

**AYHA  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2009**

**I. ATTENDEES**

Jeff Willis – President	Darryl Coltey – Girls Tournament Director
Lisa Gereau – Vice President	Denise Conklin – Tournament Director
Bob Wright – Treasurer	Tim Guy – Ways and Means Director
Carol Nizolek – Secretary	Tim Graham – Buildings Operations
Ryan Wise – Master Ice Scheduler	Matt Mello – Concessions
Henry Vanderminden – House League Director	Norm VanDiest – Information Systems Director
Shandra Hayes – Boys Travel Director	Karen Mosher
Steve Moore – ACE Coordinator	

**II. OPENING**

The regular meeting of the AYHA was called to order at 8:00pm on Monday, January 12, 2009 at Carl R's Café by Jeff Willis, President.

Jeff opened the meeting with a thank you to those involved with the Home Town Classic Tournament. The tournament organizers donated \$1,000 to AYHA.

**III. MINUTES**

**Meeting Minutes Approval** - Minutes from the Board Meeting held on December 15, 2008 were approved.

**Treasure's Report** – Bob submitted the financials through January 11, 2009. The P&L and Balance Sheet were reviewed on an individual basis by each Board Member and approved. A copy is on file.

**Committee reports:**

**Finance / Budget** – Bob Wright advised all outstanding balances for the 2008 – 2009 season need to be paid.

**Facilities** – Tim Graham indicated any graffiti in the locker rooms etc needs to be painted over immediately.

**Registrar** – No Report.

**Coaching Director** – No Report.

**House League** – Jeff Willis and Fred Volkman distributed the Cabin Fever Promotion flyer to area schools. So far, one additional player has joined at the Termite level and Cross Ice level.

Henry Vanderminden discussed the parity amongst the minor house league teams. A suggestion was made to change the evaluation process for next year when establishing the house league teams. Instead of the coaches doing a draft and picking their teams, neutral parties would evaluate and set the teams, similar to travel evaluations.

The "B" travel teams are doing well. Some "B" players are only showing up for travel practices and missing the house league ones.

**Marketing & Communications** – No Report.

**Northstars** – Darryl Coltey advised a team from Canada dropped out of the Girls Winter Classic Tournament last week. A team from Connecticut will be replacing the team from Canada, free of charge, since the Canadian team lost their entry fee.

Greg Brownell from the Post Star will be providing coverage for the tournament. The money collected from the raffle fundraiser at the Girls Tournament will be donated to Dave McDonald's son.

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The Girls U19 State Tournament is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. There may be 9 teams participating, instead of 8, so 1 team is not eliminated. A decision from NYSAHA is pending.

**Parent Education** – Shandra Hayes completed three more presentations, with an additional one scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>. The Northstars are scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup>. One team's presentation was postponed due to the weather and needs to be rescheduled. The Mites need to be scheduled as well. Separate presentations are being done for the players and parents.

Shandra is looking for a parent to help her with the presentations next year.

Zero Tolerance posters will be displayed in the locker rooms at the Civic Center.

**Tournaments** – Denise Conklin advised the Mite, Squirt and Bantam levels are full for the Extreme Freeze B Tournament on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Games start at 3pm on Friday.

The Pee Wee level still needs one more team – a discount will be offered.

Next year, the tournament needs to be scheduled and advertised earlier. November is too late to advertise for the tournament as most teams already have their schedules set.

The ice slots are tight for the tournament. Mites and Squirts will play 10, 12, 12 minute periods and Pee Wees and Bantams will play 12, 15, 15 minute periods.

The Zero Tolerance information will be announced prior to the start of each game at the tournament.

**Scheduling** – Ryan Wise recommended selecting the “B” coaches earlier next year and setting the “B” schedules earlier as well. The “A” teams schedules have been set since October. It is easier to set the schedules and cancel games, if necessary, instead of trying to find additional ice time.

**Ace Coordinator** – Steve Moore held an on ice coaches clinic on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Steve was hoping for a better turn out. Those that did attend found the clinic very beneficial. Next year, the clinic will be scheduled at the beginning of the season.

**Ways and Means** – Tim Guy advised the Pee Wee B team has 7 sponsors and recommended moving some of those sponsors to other travel teams.

Most of the Squirt B and Pee Wee B players have new jerseys since the majority of the players are new to the travel league.

The plaques for the sponsors still need to be ordered.

The Chris Osgood jersey is on display at the rink. The raffle will be held at the end of the season.

**Concessions** – Matt Mello needs more volunteers for the Girls Winter Classic Tournament.

A new hot chocolate machine has been purchased.

Black Bear pins will be sold at concessions for \$1.00 per pin.

**Information Systems** – The website has been updated to include a list of sponsors. Norm VanDiest requested address and website information for the sponsors to include on the AYHA website.

**New Business**

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**2009 – 2010 Pre-Registration** – Jeff Willis and Henry Vanderminden will work on establishing the fees and developing the registration form for the 2009 – 2010 season.

Pre-registration should be held at the end of February and beginning March. A pre-registration schedule needs to be established with a board member present at each time slot.

To encourage new members, a suggestion was made to enter all new members in a raffle, with the winner receiving a free registration.

A request was made to consider creating a Midget team with a light practice schedule and games scheduled around the high school schedule to create an opportunity for High School practice squad players to get more game experience. More discussion of this concept is required before the option is offered during pre-registration.

**Contract Committee** – The contract committee will consist of: Jeff Willis, Lisa Gereau, Bob Wright, Carol Nizolek, Tim Graham and Ryan Wise. Although there was initially an open invitation to all Boards Members to participate, an executive decision was made to limit participation to the Executive Board members and Board Members with direct interface with the city.

**Lowes Account** – All prior board member names have been removed from the account. Access to the account is only available to appropriate board members.

**Squirt ‘A’ Sectionals** – Karen Mosher is the Tournament Director. Karen was present at the meeting and inquired about the tournament budget in regard to the following items:

- AYHA tournament fee - Since we are hosting the sectionals, our team will not need to pay any entry fees.
- A tournament awards – Must be purchased for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams.
- Gate fee – The Board agreed to waive the gate fee that is allowed by NYSAHA.
- Parent tee-shirts will be ordered and sold for \$15 each. Only checks will be accepted.

**Action Items**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Draft Pre-Registration Form	Jeff Willis, Henry Vanderminden	2/9/09
Order plaques for Sponsors	Tim Guy	2/9/09

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 7:30pm at Davidson Brothers in downtown Glens Falls.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Nizolek on February 5, 2009