

AYHA
Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 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	Liz Mancini – Girls Administrative Director
Shandra Hayes – Boys Travel Director	Mark Murphy - Member
Steve Moore – ACE Coordinator	

II. OPENING

The regular meeting of the AYHA was called to order at 7:30pm on Monday, February 9, 2009 at Davidson Brothers by Jeff Willis, President.

III. MINUTES

Meeting Minutes Approval - Minutes from the Board Meeting held on January 12, 2009 were approved.

Treasure's Report – Bob submitted the financials through February 8, 2009. The P&L Sheet was reviewed and approved by the board. A copy is on file.

Committee reports:

Way and Means – Tim Guy advised that \$256 has been raised thus far for the Chris Osgood jersey raffle, which will be held on March 31, 2009.

A Telescope director's chair and River Rats jersey were raffled at the River Rats game on February 7th. The merchandise raised an additional \$79.

The cross-ice players will skate at the next River Rats game at the Civic Center, which is on Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 5PM. Jeannine Bickford will be the AYHA contact for tickets.

Facilities – Tim Graham advised the YMCA placed bus parking signs in front of the Rec Center, not the city.

An energy efficiency study of the Rec Center was conducted by engineers from Siemens. The details of the study have not been shared by the city yet.

Registrar – No report.

Coaching Director – No report.

The recommendation was made to start taking coaching applications now for the 2009 – 2010 season and have all coaches selected by April or May.

A coach should be present at all practices. If for some reason a coach is unable to be on the ice during a practice, he or she must be on the bench with an assistant on the ice.

House League – The Gazzillo Cup will begin the week of March 16th. The 5 minor house league teams will compete in the Gazzillo Cup, as well as 4 Cross Ice teams.

AYHA gained approximately 10 players with the Cabin Fever Promotion. The volunteer hours required for the parents of these players was reduced from 8 to 4.

Marketing & Communications – No report.

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Northstars – Once again, the Girls Winter Classic Tournament was a success. 40 teams played 70 games. \$3,250 was raised from the raffle and will be donated to Dylan McDonnell. \$1,500 will be given to the McDonnell family for medical expenses and \$1,500 will be donated for research.

The NY State 19U Championships will be held at the Rec Center on March 13th, 14th and 15th. Eight teams will be participating as decided by NYSAHA. The finals will be played at 6pm on Sunday.

Parent Education – Next season, the presentations for both parents and players will be scheduled together during tryouts.

The Termite and Cross Ice players need a different, age appropriate, presentation. A suggestion was made to create a parent handbook for new parents.

A recommendation was made to have parents and players sign a code of conduct next season.

Tournaments – The Extreme Freeze B Tournament was held on January 23rd, 24th and 25th. There was some concern over coverage during the tournament. All B parents were required to make sure all areas of the games were covered even if an AYHA team was not playing.

For the next board meeting, Denise Conklin will put together a packet, including a “to do” list, outlining all of functions that need to be covered during a tournament.

A recommendation was made to change the volunteer hour requirement for travel teams to 8 hours plus tournament coverage.

Scheduling – Ice time for September tryouts should be scheduled as soon as possible.

Jeff Willis advised there has been some discussion about having one meeting for all Capital District area travel coaches to schedule local games for next season.

Ace Coordinator – As requested by Jeff Willis, Steve Moore reviewed the American Development Model offered by USA Hockey. At this time, Steve did not feel this program would be a good fit for AYHA as it appears to be tailored towards larger organizations with greater financial resources.

Concessions – The Board agreed that coaches will receive 24 volunteer hours to distribute as they see fit. The coaches need to advise Matt Mello who they will be given hours to and how many. Matt will create a form to distribute to the coaches to capture this information.

Information Systems – No Report.

New Business

Travel and Jerseys for 2009–2010 Season - There were some problems with the travel jersey sizes this year because some of the jerseys were ordered from a different vendor. A recommendation was made to pre-order 25 to 30 travel jerseys, in the most common sizes, as stock for next season

Another recommendation was made to have all players, even house league players, wear the same jerseys. For a house league game, the home team on the schedule would wear white jerseys and the “away” team would wear red.

Accounts Receivable – The Board discussed the demographics of the membership with respect to outstanding balances. A disproportionate number of travel players versus house league players are responsible for the outstanding balances. The Board determined that this must be addressed immediately due to the impending end of the season for the travel teams. The Boys Travel Director and Northstars Director were authorized to contact parents of players with outstanding balances and to inform them that they may not be eligible to participate in playoff tournaments if the balances are not addressed.

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2009 – 2010 Pre-Registration – Henry Vanderminde presented the new pre-registration form to the board. Pre-registration will be held on Monday, February 16th through Friday, February 20th. A second pre-registration drive may be offered sometime in mid March. In order to pre-register, membership fees for the current season must be paid in full.

As requested, a Midget Lite program will be offered for next season. Games will be scheduled around the High School game schedule with 1 practice being held during the week and games on Sundays.

Contract Update – The contract is in draft. A lawyer was contacted to review the contract as a ‘non gratis’ service.

Sectional Preparation – AYHA will be hosting the Bantam Pre-Sectionals on February 13th, 14th and 15th and the Squirt Sectionals on February 28th and 29th and March 1st.

One Goal Equipment – 20 bags have been ordered and will be shipped in August.

Action Items

Action	Responsible	Due Date
Create Tournament Packet	Denise Conklin	3/16/09
Create Volunteer Hour Form for Coaches	Matt Mello	3/16/09

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 16th at 7:30pm at Carl R’s Café.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Nizolek on February 27, 2009.