

**AYHA**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 27, 2009**

**I. ATTENDEES**

Jeff Willis – President	Denise Conklin – Tournament Director
Lisa Gereau – Vice President	Matt Mello - Concessions
Bob Wright – Treasurer	Liz Mancini – Girls Administrative Director
Carol Nizolek – Secretary	Norm VanDiest – Information Systems Director
Ryan Wise – Master Ice Scheduler	Betty Murphy – Member
Henry Vanderminden – House League Director	Karen Mosher – Member
Steve Moore – ACE Coordinator	

**II. OPENING**

The regular meeting of the AYHA was called to order at 7:30pm on Monday, March 16, 2009 at Carl R's Café by Jeff Willis, President.

**III. MINUTES**

**Meeting Minutes Approval** - Minutes from the Board Meeting held on February 9, 2009 were approved.

**Treasure's Report** – Bob submitted the financials through March 15, 2009. The P&L Sheet was reviewed and approved by the board. A copy is on file.

**Committee reports:**

**Way and Means** – No report.

**Facilities** – No report.

**Registrar** – No report.

**Coaching Director** – No report.

**House League** – The Gazzillo Cup games begin this week (March 16<sup>th</sup>). The 5 Minor House league teams will compete in the Gazzillo Cup, as well as 4 Cross Ice teams. Henry Vanderminden will email Ryan Wise the Gazzillo Cup rules. A standings poster for the Minor House games will be posted in the warming room.

Next season, the intent is to have the Mite and Squirt level house league players skate together and Pee Wee level players skate alone. Registration numbers will play a part in the final outcome.

The next Pre-Registration drive will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8pm at the Rec Center. Volunteers are needed to cover the pre-registration hours. There are approximately 150 players pre-registered at this time.

**Marketing & Communications** – No report.

**Northstars** – The NY State 19U Championships were held this past weekend (March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>). West Seneca and Brewster played in the finals. Brewster won in three overtimes.

6 Girls are going to evaluations this weekend.

Liz Mancini would like to see AYHA bid on hosting the 14U tournament next season.

The Girls Winter Classic Tournament may be in jeopardy next year if ice is not available at the Civic Center.

**Parent Education** – No report.

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**Tournaments** – Denise Conklin put together a “Tournament” packet and distributed copies to the Board. The packet outlines all of the functions that need to be covered when hosting a tournament from booking teams to decorations.

A suggestion was made for AYHA to consider hosting the Patriot League Tournament in March 2010.

**Scheduling** – Glens Falls High School contacted Ryan Wise to request the high school practice time for next season be changed to 3:30 – 4:45. The Board agreed that this change is not favorable for the kids as it may reduce ice time and force the last practice to finish later.

**Ace Coordinator** – The Squirt A team had a great experience at States in Niagara Falls. Steve Moore thanked the Board for paying the entry fee for the team.

An outdated consent to treat form was used by some players. Steve recommended waiting until the beginning of the season to complete the forms to avoid this from happening in the future.

A recommendation was made to scrutinize ice utilization during practices to maximize the skating for the kids.

**Concessions** – Matt Mello advised as of Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, everything in the concessions will be ½ price.

**Information Systems** – A suggestion was made by Norm VanDiest to have a hockey party or hold the AYHA annual meeting at Lake George Escape Camping Resorts. July and August is pretty busy at the resort but an early spring or late summer date may be available.

**New Business**

**Squirt Sectionals Update** – The Squirt Sectionals were held at the Rec Center on February 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. Adirondack came in 1<sup>st</sup> place with Massena placing 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Karen Mosher, the Tournament Director, provided a summary of the tournament:

- Tournament expenses were under budget by approximately \$350.
- All raffle items were donated by area business. The raffle raised \$315.
  - Karen will send thank you letters to the sponsors, which will include a team picture and tournament results.
- In lieu of charging an admission, donations of food items were requested. 92lbs of food was collected and \$81.10 in monetary donations were made to distribute to those in need in the area.
- A “Thank You” letter was received from Schenectady Youth Hockey for hosting the tournament.

**Elections** – The date needs to be set for the upcoming elections. Ryan Wise will handle the mailing of the ballots to all active members.

**Coaching Selection** – Coaching applications need to be submitted by June 1, 2009. The coaching selection will be made at the June 2009 board meeting. All coaches will need applicable certification. The suggestion was made to not allow first year coaches to coach a travel team.

**Spring Northern Zone Meeting** – The meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, in Lake Placid. Liz Mancini, Mylene Coltey, Matt Mello, Ryan Wise and Steve Moore expressed interest in attending the meeting.

**Action Items**

Action	Responsible	Due Date
None.	N/A	N/A

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the GF Rec Center.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Nizolek on April 27, 2009