

**AYHA  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2008**

**I. ATTENDEES**

Jeff Willis – President	Henry Vanderminden – House League Director
Lisa Gereau – Vice President	Fred Volkman – Marketing/Communications Dir.
Bob Wright – Treasurer	Norm Van Diest – Information Systems Director
Carol Nizolek – Secretary	Steve Nolan – Coaching Director
Shandra Hayes – Boys Travel Director	Ryan Wise – Master Ice Scheduler
Steve Moore – ACE Director	Liz Mancini – Girls Administrative Director
Darryl Coltey – Girls Tournament Director	Bob Pollaro
Denise Conklin – Tournament Director	Linda Hill
Matt Mello – Concessions	

**II. OPENING**

The regular meeting of the AYHA was called to order at 6:30pm on Monday, October 13, 2008 at the Glens Falls Recreation Center by Lisa Gereau, Vice President.

**III. MINUTES**

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

**Treasure's Report** – Bob submitted the financials through October 13, 2008. They were approved by the board. A copy is on file.

**Screening** – NYSAHA is requiring all adults that come into contact with the children be screened. Board members, head and assistant coaches, and team managers need to be screened. The screening is good for 3 years and costs \$13.

**Tree Removal** – Jeff will be meeting with city on Wednesday or Thursday (October 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>) to discuss further.

**Volunteer Hour Policy for Board Members** – Volunteer hours for Board members are waived.

**River Rats Game Preparation** – AYHA will be selling raffle tickets for an Albany River Rats jersey and Telescope director's chair. Volunteers are needed to help sell raffle tickets and will need to be at the Civic Center 30 minutes prior to game time.

Squirt A players will be on the ice between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period for a 5 minute shootout.

**Travel Tryout Update** – All travel A team rosters have been announced. Bantam A played their first game. Travel B teams will play in the Patriot League.

Travel jerseys will be ordered 10/14/08 and will take 2 – 3 weeks for delivery.

The first 13 home travel games are “free”. If any team goes above the 13 games, a fee will be assessed.

**Coaching Selection** – A motion was made and approved (none opposed) to appoint the following individual as head coach:

Fred Volkman – Pee Wee B

A motion was made and approved (none opposed) to appoint the following individuals as assistant coaches:

Jeff Schermerhorn – Pee Wee A  
Bob Rizzo – Pee Wee A  
Tim Brockway – Bantam A  
Scott Fitscher – Bantam A  
Eric Hafner – Bantam A

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Jerry Murphy – Squirt A  
Eric Tulus – Squirt A  
Rick Schermerhorn – Squirt A  
Scott Keen – Squirt A  
Dean Williams – Mite A/B  
Dennis Aarons – Mite A/B  
Doug Wildermuth – Mite A/B

**Updates for the Red Line** – Fred recommended the same format be used for each Red Line. For example, presidents message, events, house news, travel news etc.

Bob Wright will do an email blast of the Red Line.

**Registration Drive** – For next year, Fred recommended AYHA have a table at the school open houses in the fall. One was done this year at the Oliver W. Winch Middle School in South Glens Falls. Five players registered during the open house and many inquiries/questions were asked.

**Age Classification** – The decision was made to allow players to play at one level above their USA Hockey age classification on a case by case basis. The initial request will come from the coach. The player will then need to be evaluated with all other players and final approval must be obtained from the board.

**Charles R. Wood Foundation** – Grant request will need to be submitted by April 1, 2009 to be reviewed by the Foundations board at the spring meeting. When applying for the grant, need to focus on the financial assistance AYHA provides; scholarships, financial aid etc. A copy of AYHA balance sheet / financials will need to be submitted with the grant application.

**House League** – To date, there are 133 registered house players.

Termite coaches: Jeff Willis and Henry Vanderminden  
Termite hockey mom: Krystal Quinlan  
Cross Ice coaches: Glenn Merkosky, Jeff Willis and Doug Wildermuth

Fred will pick up the equipment trailer on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> for the Termite open skate scheduled at the Civic Center for the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed at the Civic Center to help dress/fit the children with equipment. The trailer will be picked up at the Civic Center on Sunday at 4pm.

Minor evaluations are scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Rec Center. Henry needs volunteers to help with the evaluations.

Steve Moore advised the 8 equipment bags ordered from Dr. Blades are here. Steve will have the bags at his house for pick up.

**Committee reports:**

**Information Systems** – The new website went live about 2 weeks ago. The calendar section will be used for “off ice” events, such as pictures etc. Ice time will not be posted in the section.

Norm requested all sponsorship information to date be forwarded to him to add to the website. Eteamz will still bring you to the [www.adkockey.com](http://www.adkockey.com) website. Norm will look into deactivating the Eteamz website.

**Facilities** – No report

**Marketing & Communications** – No report

**Northstars** – Daryl advised the 19U roster is full with 20 players. 14U and 19U are tournament bound.

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The 12U level will play between 20 – 25 games. This is a young team therefore, will not be tournament bound but will play in the Winter Classic. The decision was made to invite the 12U girls to play with the house league and vice versa – the house league girls to play with the Northstars.

Jerseys will be ordered on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and will take 3 to 4 weeks.

**Parent Education** – Shandra needs a projector for the presentations on October 15<sup>th</sup> for the Squirt travel and October 18<sup>th</sup> for Pee Wee and Bantam travel.

The same presentations will be scheduled for the Northstars at a later date.

Shandra is in search of the Zero Tolerance video. If anyone has the video, please give to Shandra.

The decision was made to let the travel coaches decide on a dress code for their respective teams.

**Tournaments** – Squirt A - Need 1 more team for the tournament; Pee Wee A – filled.

Denise will look into scheduling the Squirt, Bantam, and Pee Wee B tournament, with a 3 game guarantee, for January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center.

**Scheduling** – The schedule for November 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> will be released on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The remainder of the schedule will be released on November 4<sup>th</sup>, after the house league evaluations.

**Ways and Means** – No report

**Action Items**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Release of November Schedule	Ryan Wise	11/04

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 10 at 7:30 at the Glens Falls Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Nizolek on November 6, 2008