

AYHA
Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2008

I. ATTENDEES

Jeff Willis – President	Henry Vanderminden – House League Director
Lisa Gereau – Vice President	Fred Volkman – Marketing/Communications Dir.
Bob Wright – Treasurer	Ryan Wise – Master Ice Scheduler
Carol Nizolek – Secretary	Liz Mancini – Girls Administrative Director
Shandra Hayes – Boys Travel Director	Matt Mello – Concessions
Steve Moore – ACE Director	Tim Graham – Building Operations
Denise Conklin – Tournament Director	

II. OPENING

The regular meeting of the AYHA was called to order at 7:30pm on Monday, November 10, 2008 at the Glens Falls Recreation Center by Jeff Willis, President.

Jeff opened by thanking everyone for all of their hard work in getting the season off to a great start.

III. MINUTES

Meeting Minutes Approval - Minutes from the Board Meeting held on October 13, 2008 were approved.

Treasure's Report – Bob submitted the financials through November 9, 2008. They were approved by the board. A copy is on file.

Committee reports:

Information Systems – We need someone to back up Norm when he is away etc.

A suggestion was made to have links from the AYHA web site to other hockey sites such as the Drevitch camp, summer hockey info and Hockey Hut.

Facilities – Tim Graham advised the doors on the penalty boxes need to be repaired as well as the heat in the locker rooms. The circulator is not working right therefore, the heat keeps running. The decision was made to have Tim Graham fix the circulator, which will cost about \$200, instead of waiting for the city to fix it. It would be a minimum of 2 weeks before the city could fix it.

An advisement needs to be sent to the coaches to not adjust the heat in the locker rooms.

The light bulb over the goal closest to the main entrance needs to be replaced.

The locker rooms need to be kept clean. Steve Moore will send an email to all coaches advising it is their responsibility to check the locker rooms after each game to make sure they are clean.

Locker room assignments should be made for all visiting teams.

The heat over the bleachers will not be turned on as it is set to close to the ice, causing it to melt.

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

Fred Volkman – Pee Wee B
Squirt B – Scott Bowe and Henry Vanderminden
Bantam B – Mark Bulmer
Midget B – Mark Dore

House League – The current numbers are as follows:

18 Midgets
18 Bantams

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65 Minors – 5 teams (Squirt and Pee wee players and 12U girls)
43 Cross Ice
45 Termites

The termite skate scheduled for tonight, 11/10/08, at the Civic Center was cancelled at the last minute. A parent was at the Civic Center advising those that showed of the cancellation. This situation led to the discussion of the importance of having contact information for all players.

The Minor House League, Cross-ice and Termite jerseys are ordered.

Marketing & Communications – Fred is working on getting information to the Post Star. He would like to see game scores, player of the game and sponsorship information posted. Jeff is working with Mike Collar at the Post Star who agreed to give AYHA coverage.

Northstars – 40 teams were selected from the 80 who submitted applications. The tournament will rollover into Monday.

Parent Education – Shandra advised the presentation has been made to all “A” teams. The Northstars, “B” teams and house league teams still need to be scheduled.

Tournaments – Denise is on vacation. A decision was made to purchase ice from the Civic Center, so the Mites could participate on the same weekend.

Scheduling – No one wants the 9:00 - 10:00 pm ice slot. The suggestion was made to shorten each practice slot to 1 hour which would make the last ice slot earlier. No change will be made at this time.

The Midget B team is short 3 to 4 ice slots and has requested these slots be scheduled at the Civic Center. Jeff approved the request.

Ace Coordinator – Steve Moore indicated there is a need for consistency amongst the coaches during practices, drills, etc. The recommendation was made to have all coaches attend one of Steve’s practices.

All coaches need the following certification and a waiver can only be given once in a life time:

Mite – level 1
Squirt – level 2
Pee Wee – level 2
Bantam – level 3
Midget – level 3

Ways and Means – A cash raffle will be held on December 15th. All raffle tickets should be distributed to the players at this time. Tickets and money need to be handed in by December 10th.

Concessions – A slushy machine from Donahue Candy is being leased, with the option to buy. The suggestion was made to allow other organizations to use the machine during our off season to help cover the cost.

16 and over players will be allowed to work the concessions.

Pictures – Pictures are scheduled for December 1st and 2nd.

Parking Lot Expansion / Tree Removal – 12 trees will be taken down to expand the parking lot. A motion was made and approved to have a company owned by Kim Nelson take the trees down. In exchange, Kim’s registration fees will be waived.

Lessons Learned from Tryouts, Evaluations, Registration –

The coaching selection needs to be completed before the end of August.

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Ice time for tryouts needs to be scheduled earlier than 9/21.

A pre-registration drive needs to be started earlier (February). A board member should be present during all ice slots in March to take registrations.

More volunteers are needed for tryouts and ices lots that include registration.

Action Items

Action	Responsible	Due Date
Communicate with coaches on attending a practice	Steve Moore	12/15
Schedule remaining education presentations	Shandra Hayes	12/15

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 7:30 at Davidson Brothers in downtown Glens Falls.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Nizolek on December 8, 2008.