

**AYHA
Board Meeting Minutes
December 15, 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	Darryl Coltey – Girls Tournament Director
Tim Guy – Ways & Means Director	William Willows – Past President / Registrar
Norm Van Diest – Information Systems Director	Brendan Greenwood

II. OPENING

The regular meeting of the AYHA was called to order at 7:30pm on Monday, December 15, 2008 at Davidson Brothers by Jeff Willis, President.

III. MINUTES

Meeting Minutes Approval - Minutes from the Board Meeting held on November 10, 2008 were approved with one clarification: The Press Box door needs to be repaired rather than the penalty box doors as stated in the minutes.

Treasure's Report – Bob submitted the financials through December 15, 2008. They were approved by the board. A copy is on file.

Committee reports:

Information Systems – The website is currently up to date with current information.

Facilities – Bill Willows is meeting with the city on Wednesday, December 17th to discuss the possibility of getting a new compressor at the rink.

Denise Conklin indicated the time clock may need to be replaced in the near future.

Registrar – Bill Willows advised there are 288 registered players. 260 players are registered with USA Hockey. Most of the players that are not registered with USA Hockey are in the Termite and Cross Ice program.

Coaching Director – No Report.

House League – Currently, the house league has a 1 to 1 ratio for practices and games. The January schedule will change to a 2 to 1 ratio.

There are a few minor house league players not registered with USA Hockey. A list will be given to the coaches to follow up on.

During house league games, the goalies cannot be changed from one team to another.

Marketing & Communications – Fred Volkman and Henry Vandermandin are working on sending out a “half year” flyer targeting the Termite and Cross Ice program.

The Post-Star has been publishing game scores with a player of the game in the Glens Falls Leader or Queensbury Citizens, an insert in the paper.

A “Volunteers Needed” link has been added to the website for those interested in contributing some of their time to help the organization be successful.

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Northstars – 40 teams were selected from the 80 who submitted applications to participate in the Girls Winter Classic tournament. 37 of the 40 teams have paid the tournament fees. A parents meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16th.

Tim Graham advised Ben Driscoll, of the Glens Falls City Council, will help with the Bed Tax. Lisa Gereau will contact Ben Driscoll to pursue.

Parent Education – The presentations are on hold for the month of December with the Holidays, Holiday concerts etc. Shandra Hayes will schedule time in January for the presentations to be made to the Northstars, “B” teams and house league teams.

Tournaments – Denise Conklin advised the “A” tournament is done. The Bantam “A” team won.

There are currently 9 teams booked for the “B” tournament, which is scheduled for January 23rd, 24th and 25th. The Squirt level is full. Still need 1 more team at the Mite, Bantam and Pee Wee level.

Scheduling – Ryan Wise advised the Glens Falls High School game scheduled for this week has been cancelled since many of the players are sick.

We lost ice slots at the Civic Center due to the Larry the Cable Guy show.

Sunday night ice time at the Rec Center ends at 8:30pm.

Henry Vanderminden inquired about the possibility of scheduling one game at the Civic Center for each of the minor house league teams. Ryan advised he would keep this in mind for next year. Most of the Civic Center ice slots are for 1 hour which is not enough time for a game.

The January schedule will be released by Tuesday, December 23rd.

Ace Coordinator – After the 1st of the year, it will be mandatory for all coaches to attend a practice with Steve Moore. Steve will email the coaches with the date and time.

Ways and Means – The following individuals won the cash raffle:

\$2,000 – Debbie VanAnden
\$1,000 – Marge Little
\$ 500 – Laurie Roberts
\$ 250 – Nancy Haas

A raffle will be conducted for a Chris Osgood jersey (the Detroit Red Wings goalie). The jersey will be displayed at the rink. Chris Osgood will personalize and autograph the jersey for the winner. Ticket prices will be 1 for \$2.00 and 5 for \$3.00.

Thank you to Glenn Merkosky for getting the jersey.

Concessions – No one under 15 yrs of age should be in the concession area.

Upcoming River Rats Game – The River Rats will play at the Civic Center on Saturday, February 7th. The Mite A team will skate between periods. Lynn Billington will be the contact person for tickets.

Meeting with City of Glens Falls – AYHA pays approximately \$70,000 in utilities to “use” the rink.

The city will begin looking into getting a new compressor for the rink.

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The current contract between AYHA and the City of Glens Falls expires in October 2009. The recommendation was made to form a committee to work out the details for a new contract.

Capitol Region Hockey Committee – Troy and Capital are merging. The group agreed that this area can only support 1 Triple A team.

AYHA was the only organization to see an increase in membership. All other organizations had a decrease. Jeff Willis thanked Henry Vanderminden and Fred Volkman for their hard work in making the increase in membership happen.

The recommendation was made to have all tryouts for all areas take place within a 1 or 2 week window so players cannot move from team to team.

Coaching Volunteer Hours – This year, head coaches will get 24 volunteer hours to distribute to individuals as they see fit.

Shandra Hayes would like to see the evaluators receive hours for their time during tryouts.

Unworked volunteer hours will be billed at \$15 per hour.

Hockey Across America – Jeff Willis requested for everyone to be thinking about ideas/ways to participate in hockey across America which takes place in February.

Pre-Sectionals, Sectionals and State Tournament Director Appointment – Lisa Gereau and Denise Conklin were appointed as Bantam Directors. Ryan Wise will need to know how many teams will be participating for scheduling purposes.

Zero Tolerance for Parents and Coaches – Tim Graham recommended forming a disciplinary committee for players and coaches that are repeat offenders. Jeff Willis will bring this topic up at the next Capitol Region Hockey meeting to see how other organizations handle.

Action Items

Action	Responsible	Due Date
Schedule on ice practice with coaches	Steve Moore	1/12/09
Schedule remaining education presentations	Shandra Hayes	1/12/09
Prepare for Osgood jersey raffle	Tim Guy	1/12/09
Mid-Season Recruiting Flyer for Termites and Cross Ice	Fred Volkman	1/12/09

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:30 at Carl R's Café off Exit 18.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Nizolek on January 6, 2009.