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ASHLEY VALLEY AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 31st 2025

Time: 6:00pm -(7-8:00pm coaches meeting)

Place: LedgeStone Hotel-Vernal

(*Names crossed out were not present)

The following are 24-25 current officers for AVAHA's Board of directors:

President: Walt Wooton	Vice President: Kyle Fuller	Secretary: Morgan Richardson
Treasurer: Danielle Cipriano	Registrar: Cherei Miller	Safe Sport: Shannon Uasilaa
Fundraising: Ari Smuin		

The following are 25-26 incumbent officers for AVAHA's Board of directors:

President: Kyle Fuller	Vice President: Amy Doebele	Secretary: Morgan Richardson
Treasurer: Juliet MacKay	Registrar: Kelsey Papez	Safe Sport: Shannon Uasilaa
Fundraising: Ari Smuin		

Other attendees: Daniel Richardson,

Coaches meeting: Cory Cable, Sage McNeil, Cajun Laub, Bob Briggs, Jack Cipriano, Jack Baron.

New Business:

This is the first meeting for the new board members for the 2025-26 season. The board did introductions for those that haven't met in person before.

The house league was discussed. Next season the board would like to make sure to incorporate a beginning season meeting in hopes to gain more volunteers and help new parents know about our program. There were many parents who were not aware of how things worked so AVAHA wants to work on communication to them. The house league was a major stress on the league with lack of volunteers, so we would like to incorporate a volunteer fee to encourage volunteers. It was also suggested we add a page for the house league into the policies. Many ideas were mentioned: including the house league when doing the fundraiser, offering an open skate pass, creating a 6U travel option, possibly offering two sessions, and what volunteer fees should be. The decision was made to table the house until the next meeting to consider all the options.

Morgan, Cherei, Kelsey, and Juliet will set up a time for a Crossbar meeting to learn the new site and program. Morgan and Juliet have been working on it. This will be mostly training for the registration/program side of things.

Morgan brought up the topic of keeping the Adult League. The Adult League went negative in the budget last year and it was hard to manage. She suggested if AVAHA keeps it we make it an incentive for coaches to let them have it for free, or we get rid of the program altogether. If AVAHA doesn't manage the Adult league they would need to go through Western Park, and there would possibly be an insurance issue.

It was motioned to keep the program and allow all AVAHA coaches to attend Adult league for free.

- **Motion carried without dissent.**

Daniel asked to clarify if Safesport crosses over from sport to sport. Cherei and Shannon said it did but they need to submit the certificate to USA Hockey.

Amy suggested adding to our locker room policy explaining the key check out process.

The coaches came in at 7:00pm and the coaches meeting began.

Introductions were done, all coaches present, have plans to coach next season and they each talked about their availability for next season and what they wanted to coach.

Cory Cable wanted to discuss the option for the 14U Bantams double rostering with High School. If AVAHA allows the Bantams to double roster with High School this ensures that we won't have to make any cuts to a large roster and can split it into two teams. Cory brought up possible scheduling conflicts and asked how it would work. Morgan will work with adjusting the schedule where we can and be sure to not double schedule over tournament weekends. With UAHL possibly moving to central scheduling we will just need to communicate our situation with them. Players would only pay one ice fee for double rostering. There were some concerns around which team would be priority and it could possibly hurt one side or the other with scheduling conflicts.

Motion to allow players to roster on Bantams and High School but only charge one ice team fee.

- **Motion carried without dissent.**

Each coach got to speak and mention pros and cons of the season. Cajun brought up making the tournament schedule to coordinate better with other teams so parents with multiple kids can not be in different towns the same weekends. As a positive he mentioned how his team came together by the end of the season. Sage agreed with both of those comments. Bob said the 10uB it was challenging with the match ups, some games being blow outs but that it got better over the season. There was discussion about why that was. Morgan mentioned next season that is what

the UAHL is trying to correct. Morgan also made everyone aware the seeding tournament would be October 17-19th, over fall break.

As a positive, Bob said he liked the RMHS clinic and that we should do that again. Other coaches agreed and AVAHA will try to get them to come earlier in our season. Morgan will reach out and try to get it set up. Cory Cable also liked the RMHS and suggested a checking clinic that is offered by Cosmon. Morgan said she would get the info and add it to the agenda for the next meeting.

Year round ice was asked about. Ari brought up Utah Hockey Club offering grants to help build rinks around the state. Ari shared the link and Morgan will forward to ask people to comment on the post and encourage UHC to consider the Basin for their grant. Jake mentioned that the concrete is probably not built to handle year round ice, and that we should maybe move more to an inline skating option for the summer.

Goalie practice was discussed. Cory committed to start fresh at the beginning of the season. He would like to do one or two practices early in the season, but he can not commit to the whole season. Kyle commented that he learned a lot from Cory when he helped him with goalie practice and it would be helpful to all coaches to attend a goalie practice to gain knowledge and understanding of the position for their own teams. Goalies are very concentrated in one age group and goalie focus will be needed next season. Jordan said the mites grew a lot this season. 8U parents want to make sure that 8U can join in the goalie practices. Cory commented that the skill level is so spaced between 8u and the others that they need their own coach at that age so they can coach to the right ability, but there is room for them to attend the on the ice slot. It was reiterated that we need to find ways to support the goalie program so more players have experience.

Jack mentioned the growth made on the squirts team. They were very competitive, but would really like to do a skating clinic at the beginning of the season so the year starts off strong.

Cherei wanted to mention to coaches that if they have problems with players or parents that they should reach out to the board so AVAHA can be sure to document it. This is just in case it is needed later in a disciplinary committee.

Cory asked about how we will be handling tryouts. Kyle said he would like to repeat what AVAHA did with the 10u teams last season. It was a fair process and worked well. But would make a couple of changes to the score sheets. Coachability of players, and player coach dynamics were discussed. There were questions and ideas about how to incorporate that next season. Kyle plans to table the discussion for now and think of ideas to add to the same tryout process for the 25-26 season.

Daniel said it was a great year, and thought that Jake allowing 10u players to play up on his 12u team was really helpful to those moving up. Jake agreed and talked about Sunday practices being helpful when they mixed the age divisions because it helps the younger players see a higher level of play.

Jake asked if a player wants to only try out for the White team will that be an option. Kyle brought up the tryout process again and how we will work that in. There are some logistics to discuss and think about before we get to tryouts.

Jake also brought up the lack of parent volunteers. He said his team manager was very stressed because there were so many parents on that team who didn't want to volunteer or help. It was suggested to encourage the managers to create a schedule for parents to participate in games so it's not always the same parents.

He also brought up situations when players are not getting on the ice for practice on time. Cajun brought up a solution to lock the locker room at the beginning of practice and the player has to go to the bathroom to get on a base layer. It was said taking attendance was a good idea if managers are willing to do it. It was suggested to add something into the contract about being late to practice and what consequences would be. Morgan will add it into new seasons contracts and get approval with coaches prior to tryouts.

Cajun asked if he could start dryland again, even if it is somewhere else then the place we rented last season. Morgan will add it to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss.

Meeting was adjourned.