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ASHLEY VALLEY AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## Meeting Minutes

Date: January 22, 2026

Time: 5:30 pm

Place: Google Meet

The following are current officers for AVAHA Board of directors:

(\*Names crossed out were not present)

<b>President: Kyle Fuller</b>	<b>Vice President: Amy Doebele</b>	<b>Secretary: Morgan Richardson</b>
<b>Treasurer: Robert Karren</b>	<b>Registrar: Kelsey Papez</b>	<b>Safe Sport: Shannon Uasilaa</b>
<b>Fundraising: Ari Smuin</b>		

Additional Attendees: Lisa Cable

Greeting and introduction.....President/VP

### Last Meeting follow up:

December meeting minutes added and approved without dissent

Scoreboard: The scoreboard seems to be working without any noticeable issues. Robert and Melanie (Western Park) have sent a few requests for information and bids for a replacement scoreboard so that we can explore budget/fundraising options, but have not received any yet. He is going to reach out again & have them by the next meeting in case we need to explore that going forward.

Adult League Waiver: Kyle has been in communication with the county attorney about the requirements needed for Western Park to host Adult League. Adult league is covered under AVAHA's General Insurance Policy. Kyle confirmed that Western Park is not going to require Adult League participants to sign a waiver, based on our general insurance policy.

### Section Reports:

- Coaches
- Managers
- Safesport
- Treasury
- Fundraising

**Schedule/U AHL - Morgan confirmed that all tentative dates for State Tournaments have been added to each team's calendar.**

**New Business:**

Calendar Fundraising questions: Lisa Cable asked the Board if there is a shortage in tournament registration funds, following the Calendar Fundraiser. Morgan presented our current Profit/Loss spreadsheet and explained that even though our Calendar Fundraiser was very successful and all teams met the target goal, the calendar fundraiser does not cover the full tournament registration budget. Any shortage in tournament registration fees is supplemented by additional fundraising efforts through corporate sponsorship banners. Lisa also asked if the \$30 registration fee for Frozen Basin tournament if parents aren't involved in volunteering for the tournament is being used to supplement the tournament registration budget. It was explained that the \$30 Frozen Basin registration fee was implemented in an effort to incentivize parents to volunteer and help with the tournament. It was not imposed as a method to supplement the tournament registration budget. Lisa suggested the board explore additional volunteer outreach methods to increase volunteer engagement with parents in the organization. The board appreciated Lisa's suggestion and Amy suggested that the board explore different outreach methods to increase volunteer participation (talking with other leagues around the state and inquire about their volunteer outreach methods and participation). Some options that were discussed and will be further explored are:

- Volunteer recognition announcements via social media (Volunteer of the Month, Top Volunteer of Year), tier system
- Volunteer incentives for big events (home tournaments), raffle tickets
- Having a dedicated "Volunteer Coordinator" appointed by the board to help team managers engage and request help with team activities
- Increase volunteer fee payment during registration, that would then be reimbursed to the parents at the end of the season based on the hours volunteered
- Having team managers create a schedule for volunteer hours.
- Volunteers that exceed their requirement hours would receive a discount equivalent to that amount for the next year's registration fees
- Challenges between teams & opportunities for players/parents to earn swag
- End of year survey at banquet to parents asking for feedback on volunteer (what is holding parents back from volunteering)

The Board is going to keep this item on the agenda for future meetings to continue exploring increasing volunteer involvement.

Coach Penalty Education: Morgan suggested more communication & training with the coaches to ensure that they are aware of implications of certain penalties that may be imposed. Kyle suggested posting a message to the coaches to make sure they are reviewing their Gamesheets after each game to be sure penalties are entered correctly. Kelsey is going to continue notifying coaches when she receives notices for misconduct penalties so coaches are aware of how many games the player needs to sit for. Misconduct penalties are not auto-redlines in Gamesheets (unlike Match penalties), so it's the coaches responsibility to know when the player can be rostered.

Projected Numbers for next season: Kelsy presented preliminary numbers for teams for next season, based on age & feedback from the In-House teams. Current prelim numbers appear to allow for 2 travel teams per age group. Morgan brought up the idea of increasing our In-house program in a manner comparable to city league baseball league, more local teams, with maybe only 1 accelerated travel team per age division. The board will explore options as more data is available for registration numbers, and more information is available for extended ice season.

Banquet Budget: Shannon requested \$3,500 budget for food and supplies for the end of year banquet. We have a \$500 gift certificate to Contour Custom Meats that we will use to get pork.

- Motion to approve \$3500 budget was approved without dissent.

**Open floor: none**

Meeting was adjourned.