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ASHLEY VALLEY AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/16/2025

Time: 5:30pm

Place: Google Meet

The following are current officers for AVAHA Board of directors:

(*Names crossed out were not present)

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

Additional Attendees: none

Greeting and introduction.....President/VP

Last Meeting follow up:

- Motion to approve November meeting minutes- motion was seconded and carried without dissent.
- Morgan brought up the state championship banners being remade. The banners would be around \$75 to remake. We can not do the rosters on them because we do not have a record of who the teams were, only years and divisions. The board agreed on remaking them as long as someone was available and wanted to head up the project. AVAHA's volunteers have a lot going on so if someone wants to take on the job we will give them the money to do it. Walt said he would take it on but without the rosters it seems to lose its sentimental value. So it may not be worth our time and money. The board decided to start fresh and hang tournament banners we have and ones we gain from here on out. Would be willing to reconsider if someone addresses it and wants to do the work.
- Rocky Mountain Hockey School clinics were discussed. Different teams seemed to get different benefits from it. The overall comments were positive and most of the coaches appreciated the new perspectives and fresh ideas. It is something AVAHA wants to continue next season. The board felt it was very cost beneficial in the end.

- Morgan discussed changing the website platform but hasn't had time to commit to converting just yet. The board used the time to discuss moving from Box to a Google One subscription to save on cost as well as gain more benefits that the board would use. The board members will all get a gmail account that they can pass on to the next board member who takes their seat. Then all the files and documents will be in one spot. This will give everyone a continuous email season to season for fundraising and the other positions to go directly to. Morgan will tackle this project of switching over.

New Business:

- Board positions were discussed. The chairs of President, Treasurer, and Registrar will be opened. The new board will be taking over in April 2025. If the person running for the chair of the President has not served at least one year on the board then the current VP-Kyle will be placed as President and the new board member will become Vice President. The chairs that will be opening are Registrar, President, and Treasurer. Morgan is willing to open the secretary chair because she is also the scheduler. It was decided to put out the chairs and see who applies to evaluate each position. If the appliques are willing to adjust we can do so.
- Danielle updated the board on the plans for the end of year banquet for the travel teams. It will be held in March. Metals and trophies are ordered and we will do dinner. The new board will be voted on at the banquet as well. House parents are allowed to vote but they will need to come down to vote in person. However the banquet party will be for Travel teams only.
- The in house league is ending next week so the board is holding a pizza party for them. The board members plan to attend to gain feedback and meet everyone.
- The in house program was discussed. It was suggested that the younger in house, be separated into teams in the beginning of the season and stay that way throughout. Coaches and Managers are needed desperately in the program. That will be a goal next season to organize those people ahead of time. Shannon also mentioned adding a volunteer fee so that parents will volunteer for the in house. It would be \$50-\$25. It was mentioned that \$25 may not be enough of an incentive to help, but too high of a cost could deter people from signing up. The board also discussed adding a non voting member of the board over the in house program. The current board is made up of seven chairs and it is necessary to keep an odd number for voting purposes. They would be involved in the board meetings. Non voting members are appointed by the board. The board wants to find ways to get more coaches. Possible incentives for adults and or student coaches. Possibly covering all coaches' adult league drop in fees. The board is thinking of ideas to improve the in house program for next season and will be discussing ideas throughout the spring/summer.

- There was a player complaint about a coach holding standards to some but not all. Walt is planning to address it with the coach. The board also talked about managers possibly taking attendance next season so there is a record.
- Kyle brought up buying a skate sharpener. Walt asked if Western Park is offering skate-sharpening. The board isn't really sure of the policy on that. It's possible there are only some employees that know how. If AVAHA buys a sharpener we would have to charge for it. Western Park in the past has not let people bring in their sharpener for players to get skates sharpened. Walt is going to talk to WP to get clarification on that and we can decide what we want to do.
- Danielle also suggested that Walt mention the issues with WP employees and locker room check outs.
- There was a closed door discussion about updates with a 10u player.
- AVAHA has submitted team declarations to UAHA.
14u A, B, B, house, girls house
12U A, B, B, house, girls house
10U A, B, B, house, girls house
8u/6u rec house
- Meeting was adjourned.

Section Reports:

VP/Coaches

Secretary/Managers

Safesport

Treasury

Fundraising

Western Park Morgan asked how the ice was at Western Park. It seems it has improved but overall it would be helpful if WP employees had more training. The logos we sell are not visible. AVAHA would look into helping with that if needed. Walt is going to bring this up to Western Park as well.

Open floor:

None