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ASHLEY VALLEY AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/11/2025

Time: 5:30pm

Place: Google Meet

The following are current officers for AVAHA Board of directors:

(\*Names crossed out were not present)

<b>President: Kyle Fuller</b>	<del><b>Vice President: Amy Doebele</b></del>	<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: none

Greeting and introduction.....President/VP

### Last Meeting follow up:

- October Meeting minutes added and approved without dissent.

### New Business:

8u patches: The board was waiting for all members to join before doing the closed door discussion. Shannon started off talking about doing 8u patches for the End of Year Banquet as we do for the older kids. The board agreed and approved to buy patches for them as well.

End of Year Banquet: Shannon also suggested doing a Hawaiian theme for the End of Year Banquet. Morgan suggested she get with Danielle and plan the End of Year Banquet for the league. She agreed and said that Danielle would be ok with doing that as well.

Scoreboard: Michelle emailed Morgan and Alaina about a week ago explaining that the scoreboard has been shorting out and giving us all issues. She suggested we should start thinking about replacing it soon. Morgan is suggesting that we split the cost 3 ways with Oilers, HS, and AVAHA. Michelle is willing to head up a Golf Tournament to raise money to pay for the scoreboard. Robert suggested we ask the sponsor to pay for it and we can leave their logo on for the next few years or work some kind of deal with them. Both options are being looked into.

Coach Stipends: Missy asked if AVAHA has a stipend plan for coaches traveling to games without a player on the team. The board discussed different ideas and talked about what would

be in our budget. Ultimately the board decided to approve \$100 a day for out of town games up to \$300 dollars for a weekend. Morgan will make a Google form for coaches to fill out and be reimbursed.

- Motion to add a coach stipend into the AVAHA polices was approved without dissent.

County update: Kyle mentioned the meeting he had with Melanie and the County Attorney. They discussed year round ice and she explained that we should go to the Commission if we are wanting year round ice. They also discussed the adult drop in program. AVAHA has explained that the program can't be run under USA Hockey because the program is open to anyone and the participants are not rostered. AVAHA has asked the county to open an ice time for the adults to drop in where they can collect the funds. The County Attorney did not approve this and so the program will have to stay under AVAHA. Western Park agreed to take participants' payments for the drop in in order to cover the ice costs. Kyle will speak with the County Attorney about helping us create a waiver that the Adult participates can sign during the drop in time. He also mentioned that they were in the green both weeks since the switch. Along that same discussion Morgan mentioned that she spoke with Melanie a few days prior to this meeting and Melanie explained she was planning to present the commission with the idea of running the ice year round. Morgan told Melanie she would help come up with a scheduled plan to help the process. Robert asked if we had heard back from USSD1. Morgan explained she talked to them about a week ago and they are still in the process of the feasibility study. She explained to the board her knowledge of what that entails. Both parties are confident it will come back and show positive- in support for a facility for year round ice. Morgan is asking the board to send ideas about what we would create in order to utilize the ice throughout the summer.

Clinics: Morgan suggested not bringing in another clinic during the winter months but to plan it in the spring and summer months to utilize the ice more. There was discussion around USA hockey vs. waivers for the off season programs. Kyle said he talked to the Rocky Mountain Districts Risk Management rep and suggested that we contact him for more information on how to run the programs.

Accounting/Venmo: Morgan brought up a situation that a Member Organization in the state is having surrounding financial issues. The board discussed different ways to be sure our accounting is transparent with multiple people understanding the finances.

Robert brought up the pros and cons of using Venmo. Since AVAHA has started using Venmo AVAHA has brought in a lot more money because the platform is so convenient to use. We don't want to take away the convenience of payment for parents or tournament sales. As of now Venmo has to be attached to one person's SS# in order to have an account. This creates a headache for the treasurer each year the treasurer changes. The board will look into other options but until a new viable option arises AVAHA will continue to use Venmo the way we have been.

Next season's team structures: If the county agrees to do year round ice or early ice AVAHA can hold tryouts for the Travel teams at an earlier date. The different ideas about how to structure teams were tossed around. The board wants to make a solid plan about what we plan to do for

next season before a new board comes on. The biggest reason for this is this board and the prior board has gone through a big learning curve when it comes to the tryout process and roster rules. This topic is being tabled for now with the understanding that we will have a finalized plan to be voted on by March which is the last meeting for this board as a whole.

Robert (as the HS coach) brought up the idea of the Uintah Utes leaving Utah High School Hockey and just playing teams under AVAHA. Discussion around the pros and cons of that decision was discussed. This is something the High School group is going to consider and will plan to re-evaluate before next season. Morgan said she will declare them in February just in case they choose to do that. Robert suggested AVAHA incorporate an in-house program for 16u and 18u age groups. AVAHA is willing to do this.

UAHL updates: Morgan mentioned that UAHL has voted her in as the League Coordinator for the remainder of the season. She updated the board about the information she has around the End of Year Tournaments.

**\*\*\*Closed door session.....Shannon\*\*\***  
**Robert and Kyle agreed to address this issue.**

**Open floor: none**

Meeting was adjourned.