

## **Minnesota River Bulldog Hockey Association**

July 16, 2025 @ 6:30pm

**Board Members Present:** *Noah Rasmussen, Kari Braun, Laura Hulsebus, Alyssa Baker, Andy Burns, Dani Syverson, Jill Stauff, Brittany Orde, Crystal Fries, Eric Conrad*

**Non- Board Members Present:** *Brielle Swenson, Leslie Heilman, Greg Westerman*

### **List of individuals that vote on gambling items:**

*Brielle Swenson, Andy Burns, Noah Rasmussen, Leslie Heilman, Greg Westerman, Laura Hulsebus, Danielle Syverson, Kari Braun, April Slager, Eric Conrad, Crystal Fries, Brittany Orde, Jill Stauff, Alyssa Baker*

### **Call to Order and Roll Call-** *Laura Hulsebus.*

- Approval of Agenda/Minute- Motioned by Andy Burns, Second by Jill Stauff

### **Committees Reports**

- Association Team Coordinator- no update
- Registrar- We have 189 registered for summer ice. Still working on the registration for the season. Please get me your USA Hockey number and complete your tasks (background check/safesport).
- Fundraising- no new update.
- Volunteer- Checks have been cashed.
- Marketing- no new update
- Sponsorship- no new update
- Concessions- no update
- Referee Coordinator- no new updates
- Ice Scheduler- no new update.
- District Rep- no new updates.
  
- Tournament Committee Chair- no update
- Equipment- see below
- Clothing- Received a check for \$108 from summer clothing sessions. Finalizing details with General Sports on jerseys. Will be putting out communication on jerseys soon. Planning to open fall/winter clothing links throughout the next few months.
  - Update: Jersey order window is open through July 21st. Fall/Winter clothing windows are planned.
- Website- no update

### **Old Business-**

- No old business was discussed.

### **New Business-**

- Mite Jamboree Date- February 21 & 22, 2026

- Update Registration Prices. Discussion of Mites 3&4 being together or separated for the 2025-2026 season.
- Conversation of making the association aware of roles and how they operate.
- Hardship Request Deadline: It was decided that September 15, 2025 will be the deadline for hardship applications.
- Board Liaison Assignments:
  - Try Hockey for Free liaison Dani Syverson
  - Safesport Coordinator liaison Jill Stauff
- Hockey Day 2026- This was discussed and planned for January 31, 2026. Conversation was made to preplan Hockey Day 2027 earlier. Crystal Fries will work on planning for Hockey Day starting in spring 2026.

## Officers

- President-
  - Vice President- Laura was present in place of Brielle. Discussed our board emails receiving solicitations from other vendors or associations on events. It was discussed that we would share what is appropriate with the appropriate verbiage based on the event. Looking at ways to share this with families.
  - The goal for registration to be open will be in mid August.
- Treasurer-
  - Treasurer Noah suggested we look at our registration cost and proposed we look at the amount and see if we can increase over time to match our ice cost.
- Gambling-
  - Gambling Manager Kari Braun presented report form LG1004 page 1 for June 2025. The membership reviewed items 1-7 and all related documents and a motion made by Laura Hulsebus and a second by Brittany Orde was made to approve the report as read, Motion passed unanimously. Gambling manager Kari Braun presented completed and signed report form LG1004 page 2 for authorization of preapproval of allowable and lawful purpose expenditures for July 2025. The membership reviewed and approved the expenditures with a motion by Laura Hulsebus and second by Brittany Orde. Motion passed. (Insert motion information- motion from Greg/Second from Laura.)
- Hockey Operations Committee –
  - Language will be updated in the handbook for 2025-2026 and going forward on the process for players wanting to try out for other teams in the association.
- Open Forum-
  - It was proposed that we raise registration fees another \$150 for the 2025-2026 season. We would then reduce the volunteer hours from 50 to 40 hours for family max and 30 to 25 hours for single player.
  - Gambling manager Kari stated that she is working through the annual audit. Is also working on getting Lakeside set up for the fall. Bulldog Association will be a part of the Nicollet County Fair. We will be there for the two derby evenings and a beer tasting event. Volunteer hours will be sent to the volunteer coordinator to be posted.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment-  
August 13, 2025 at 6:30p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Andy Burns, second by Laura Hulsebus. The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

#### MONTHLY RECAP

##### Equipment

Committee Name: Equipment

For Month End: June 2025

The biggest 'win' for your committee last month

- Held a try hockey for free event and had a good turnout.
- Held an equipment checkout/exchange. 4 families showed up and were able to get their player fitted and checked out.
- We will now be charging a \$75 flat rate fee for equipment rental that covers equipment rental through the regular season and summer ice. These funds can be used to purchase new equipment as we have a lot of old, unusable equipment. This will apply to mite 2-4 unless the board decides to start charging mite 1 as well.

What can be improved for next month

- A lot of equipment needs to be thrown out as it has faulty velcro, cracks, and wear and tear beyond use. It was challenging to get some kids sized up and rented out having to sort through so much unusable equipment.

What is your focus for next month

- Get an association-wide email sent out detailing upcoming changes to equipment rental.
- Hold an association-wide equipment turn-in event after summer ice ends with the exception of the few families who rented out gear this summer. This will allow me to sort through equipment and throw out what is unusable, take a completely new inventory, and figure out what needs to be purchased so we have enough equipment in good working condition for our families to rent.

What are the revenue & expenses for last month:

- All of the mites who checked out gear this summer were first year mites so they were not charged a rental fee, so there was no incoming revenue from this.

Do you have any requests for your committee, or items that need approval?

- When we have these try hockey for free events, do we have to have neck guards for the skaters?

This is a USA hockey event and they are mandatory for everyone that gets on the ice.