

**Escanaba Area Junior Hockey Association
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2020 6:00pm
Wells Township Hall**

Call To Order & Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Andy Johnson.

Board Members Present: Andy Johnson, Trevor Sholten, Sara Flath, Michelle Freel, Chris Korpi, Miranda Menard, Natalie Boyce

Absent: Kari Noel, Matt LaBonte, Mike Sands, Bob Martinson

General Membership: None

Secretary's Report: Miranda motions, Andy seconds, All approve

Treasurer's Report: Miranda motions, Trevor seconds, All approve

Division Director's Report:

IP (Blickham) - Nothing

Mites (Lasecki) - Nothing

Squirts (Lanaville) - Nothing

PeeWees (Lameroux) - Nothing

Bantams (Lasecki) - Nothing

Concerns of the General Membership: None

Old Business:

1. Renewing/voting on board positions - Andy (President), Trevor (Vice President), Michelle (Secretary), Sara (Treasurer), Natalie (Registrations), Miranda (Growth Coordinator), Kari (Concessions), Mike (Safe Sport, Coaching), Bob (Equipment), Matt (Sportsmanship), and Chris (Scheduling).

The following people should be removed as authorized signers on all EAJHA bank accounts at Upper Peninsula State Bank: Former Secretary, Miranda Menard.

The following people should be added as authorized signers on all EAJHA bank accounts at Upper Peninsula State Bank: New Secretary, Michelle Freel

Current President, Andy Johnson, and current Treasurer, Sara Flath, should continue as authorized signers on all EAJHA bank accounts at Upper Peninsula State Bank.

2. Rebranding/new jerseys - Will vote on colors and name/logo at next board meeting. Will include question on survey for association input. Will price up jersey information with Meijer Sign for next meeting
3. Award recipients and end of year banquet - Will email out to board members to vote on Hockey Mom and Coach of the Year. Could do at the end of summer on a week day at Gladstone Pavillion. Will set details at the July meeting.
4. High school scholarships - Luke Labre: Versailles (\$250); Luke Labre and Kyle Krutina: Herbert Kirstin (\$250); Ethan Silverstone: Provo (\$300); Kyle Krutina: Otradovec (\$100). Otradovec scholarship will be removed after this year.
5. Return to Hockey: As of today, Michigan is in Phase 5 of reopening the State. Rinks in Michigan are now allowed to open. MAHA has its own separate guidelines for rinks to open. First 30 days are for rinks to clean, sanitize, and get ready for skaters. Very unpredictable on what will happen this fall with Covid-19 and the Governor's orders. Under current order, our rink would be able to have 25% of its full capacity in the rink at a time. Follow MAHA and USA hockey on Facebook for updates. Most coaching clinics will be virtual this year. Players will need their own water bottles. May not have locker room usage this year. May effect the concession stand and open skate as well.

Need to send out a survey to association families asking if they plan to play hockey next year and if they have any facility or team concerns for the upcoming season in light of Covid-19. Trevor will create a survey on survey monkey to send to the families.

New Business:

1. Vote on color change to orange and black - All board members present approved. Andy spoke with Meijer Signs and KCL Embroidery on pricing quotes for new jerseys. Sublimated has been recommended for them to last longer.
2. Discuss logo change - Discussion on changing logo to an Eskymo or to just update the Hawk logo. Will vote on this next month.
3. Award recipients/End of Year Banquet - Will discuss details at August meeting given current covid situation.
4. Survey Results - Trevor presented results from the survey. 49 families responded out of the approximate 79 families within the association, covering all age divisions.

97.5% of families plan to participate in hockey while aware of the potential risks/limitations caused by covid-19. The main safety measures identified as "necessary" to return to hockey included: individual water bottles and sanitizing/disinfecting equipment, locker rooms, and facility. 2.5% of families responded that covid-19 has negatively effected their finances therefore their ability to play hockey.

77.5% agreed to both new colors and a new mascot, 5% preferred new colors but to keep the Hawk mascot, and 17.5% didn't want a change. Primary comment related to not switching the mascot was that it was non-school specific, since we have players from Gladstone, Bark River, etc.

5. Rink startup ideas - Andy will talk with Scott D to see what the plan is for hand sanitizer stations at the rink. Jeanne does a good job keeping the locker rooms clean. We could open up a second locker room for larger teams. Put "x" on locker room benches indicating 6' distance. MAHA will also provide us with guidelines to follow.
6. Outlook for the next year/impact IF there is no concession or Open Skate - Need to have figures to evaluate our financial position if we are unable to have concession. Eskymo games and Open Skates are our largest sale times and have different regulations to follow. In regards to concession, we may need to mark "in/out" doors, look at seating in warm-up room, install plexi glass at concession windows, and limit the menu to prepackaged foods only. Consider using window outside warm-up room. Ideas for other fundraisers if concession isn't an option: apparel sale, vending machines for snacks/drinks, increase number of raffle tickets per family.
7. Registration - Will open registration September 1st. Cost will remain the same. There may need to be changes to the registration page in regards to volunteer hours and raffle tickets.
8. Fall Hockey Camp - Natalie spoke with organizers with XCEL hockey camp out of Eagle River. This could possibly be a weekend or full day camp. Could bring in kids from other associations. Potential to bring in some extra money for our association. Mike was also going to see if Fedorov would be interested in doing another day clinic for us this fall.

Correspondence - Rent refund from Holy Name
Semi-Annual Distribution of Kirstin from First Bank

Standing Committee Reports:

Complex (S. Denome) - Nothing

Sponsors (A. Johnson) - First Bank informed Andy that they will be a sponsor again this year. Our team sponsors are listed on a board near the EAJHA office. Consider including a team photo with the sponsor name.
Andy will talk with Scott D. about updating the sponsor boards at the rink. Some are very old and aren't in business anymore. Would the township consider giving us a portion of the sponsorship if we help find sponsors?

Coaches (M. Sands) - Nothing

EAJHA Growth Coordinator (M. Menard) - Submitted grant for free radio advertising. Discussed seeing if Jack Hall would be interested in doing short write-ups/highlights from our hockey teams.

Scheduling (C. Korpi) - Is there a standard or protocol for choosing ice time? EAFSC inquired about time on Saturdays

Concession (K. Noel) - Covered under new business. Would like to get 2 new microwaves and a cash drawer.

Equipment (B. Martinson) - Nothing

Fundraising (A. Johnson) - Covered under new business

Referees (M. Larurilla) - Nothing

Sportsmanship & Behavior (M. LaBonte) - Nothing

Safe Sport (M. Sands) - Nothing

Registration (N. Boyce) - Covered under new business

CUPHL Report: Nothing

NIHL Report: N/A - will be removed from the next agenda

Adjourn: 6:50 pm by Andy Johnson

Next Meeting August 12th at 6:00pm at the Wells Township Hall