



EPHA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

April 8, 2024

Call to order at 6:05 Monday, April 8 // Eagles Nest

ROLL CALL

Present: Day, Engelstad, Gerszewski, Heller, Hendrickson, Hilden, Huestis, Kiecker, Langaard, Pike, Richards, Rink, Sarazine, Tucker, Waltman, Walters, Erickson

Additional: Barry, Heggstad

Absent: Persian, Terwilliger, Hedlund

MINUTES

No March Board Position Meeting Minutes to approve.

HIGH SCHOOL COACHES REPORT

- Girls Coaches Report // Persian NA
- Boys Coaches Report // Terwilliger NA

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Charitable Gambling:

- Total Gross Receipts: \$375k
- Total Net Receipts: \$56k
- Total Net Gain: \$15k
- Additional locations are being investigated.

2024/25 Elections

- New Board has been seated into positions and transitions are in progress. Contact info for new members has been posted to ephockey.com.

2023/24 Surveys

- Annual Association survey is in development and scheduled to be sent in late April.
- Final player evaluations have also been completed by coaches. If you have not received your survey, please reach out to Ryan Richards.

General Updates:

- Girls' co-op was a success and will be analyzed and considered for 24-25
- MN Hockey Leadership Conference – May 2024. Representatives will attend and share out at May meeting.
- Work on reviewing jersey vendors has begun with the need for jerseys to be ordered by July 1.
- Team leveling review has started. Numbers are positive and with some need for additional goalies, specifically at the peewee level.
- Discussion on hosting a Board Meet and Greet for members of the hockey community to:
 - Meet and greet with board members
 - Share your ideas and suggestions directly with the board
 - Networking with fellow hockey enthusiasts

This event is open to all adult members of our hockey community. Don't miss this chance to connect with the faces behind the scenes and be part of shaping the future of our association. Scheduled for May 20 at Davanni's, Eden Prairie.



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OLD BUSINESS // ACTION ITEM UPDATES, REPORTS

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NA

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Programming:

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- Discussion on funding and implementing a Try skating for free for girls – age 5-8/10 that includes on-ice games, races, skills, drills and fun with EPHA girl's hockey helpers. This event would be open to girls of ALL ABILITIES (especially newbies) to learn to skate. Post-event meet and greet, free snacks, prizes, bracelet making, hair tinsel stations and much more! Sponsors are being secured but will not cover the full cost of the event.
- **Motion to approve \$500 to support funding for the 4-event series. Motion by Huestis, second by Rink, all approved.**

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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Home Tournaments

Shelly Heggstad

Ice Scheduler

Jason Barry

Past President

Sarah Hendrickson

Vice President

Ryan Richards

Treasurer

Ross Hedlund

Registrar

Michael Heller

Coaches

Mike Sarazine

Sponsorship

Cully Huestis

Growth

Jessica Engelstad

- Working on confirming tournament schedule, level offerings and fees.
- Ice scheduling is in progress with EPCC and most tournament dates are booked. Ice opportunities will be firmed up as high school schedules are released.
- Helping support needs of partners including the Red Line club utilizing the Eagles Nest. Working with Lacrosse association to send a blast to our membership, they will in turn reciprocate.
- Player feedback surveys have been released and feedback has been positive.
- Scheduling for tryout ice has started and is waiting to be finalized.
- Tryout committee work being incorporated into the Player Development Committee work.
- Association financials are positive with a handful of key expenses coming up in the near future for ice, insurance and audit fees. (Shared by Chad Erickson)
- Discussed when registration should open in August and reminder it's dependent on finalized P&P and budget. Discussed pros and cons of discounting early registration.
- Conversations taking place with coaches to determine who is returning and would like to be a candidate for next season. Some gaps will need to be filled and proactive conversations are in taking place to do so.
- Bid to move boards and improve dryland space came in much higher than expected. Alternative options are being investigated.
- Season sponsorships are being reviewed for 24-25 interest.
- Waiting for ice to be confirmed before event work commences for Try Hockey for Free, Termites, etc.



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- Eden Prairie is confirmed as a 2024 location with Little Wild and will again be led by Coach Krmp.
 - Grant season is coming up and will be reviewed and applied to for financial support.
 - No updates
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 - No updates
 - Supporting co-op discussions and finding coaching candidates.
 - Moving forward with preliminary Learn to Skate series.
 - Working with Akua on future DEI partnership opportunities.
 - Equipment returns are slow but steady.
 - We have grant money set aside for new helmets and other key equipment needs. These need to be purchased soon.
 - New netting for junior nets is on back order (until November) but we are looking for a new source.
 - Jersey and apparel conversations are in progress.
 - Tournament registration dates are moving up and scheduling will start sooner. As an association we are looking into a better financial process for scheduling.
 - Documentation to support position alignment, handoffs and support is in progress.
- Player Development**
Aric Day
- Communications**
Charlie Gerszewski
- Commissioners/Volunteers**
John Pike
- Mite Director**
Mike Tucker
- Girls Director**
Maria Waltman
- Diversity, Education, Inclusion**
Rosie Rink
- Equipment & Apparel**
Kira Hilden
- Travel Tournaments**
Eric Langaard
- Secretary**
Patty Walters

Motion to Adjourn Heller, Second by Langaard.

ADJOURN at 8:50 pm.

Next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13, 6 pm - Eagles Nest.