



# Board Meeting

**East Metro Area Youth Hockey Association**  
**7 p.m. Sunday, October 8, 2023 | Blue Line Room at Tartan Arena**

The East Metro Youth Hockey Association Co-Op Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Brian Arrigoni at 7:01 p.m.

**Present:** Brian Arrigoni, Bill Burkhart, Erik Petersen, Casey Regan, Laura Kirchoff, Sean Cunningham, Mike Launderville, Brent Baar, John Ellingson, Brett Lothian, Steve Younghans, John Maslowski, Shannon Larsen, Kacie Schmidt, Bao Vang, Ann Hackman

**Absent:** Lea Kammerer

## TAYHA Meeting

The Co-Op meeting was suspended to conduct the October TAYHA meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review of the September 2023 TAYHA meeting minutes.

Mike L. motioned to approve September meeting minutes. John E. seconded. Motion carried.

### Gambling manager report

Sales \$604,701.50

Prizes \$518,684.32

Lawful purpose expenditures \$12,229.50

Total allowable expenses \$40,691.67

Gross profit \$86,017.18

Net profit \$33,096.67

See report for details.

Mike L. motioned to approve the gambling report. Casey R. seconded. Motion carried.

### General membership Open Forum

Members inquired about Bantam teams and at which levels were declared to District 2. Brian A. shared that there are 35 Bantam registrants (two goalies) to make two teams – a B1 and a C. They are guaranteed a spot regardless of how high school tryouts go.

Parents seemed unsure if players were closer to a B2 level rather than B1. However, final declarations were already due to District 2 on September 22 and ice scheduling process has begun. Another note, the upper level Bantam team has a new outside coach, Brock, who has yet to assess the team and their level of play. He will participate in the warmups, tryouts in the weeks ahead.

Next steps: Board to discuss with the new coach, let him evaluate the players during warmups/tryouts and determine what steps, if any, need to be taken with District 2.



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Another inquiry from membership included the new volunteer process. Upper level families are asked to submit \$300 checks, dated 3/31/2024 to cover any unfilled volunteer hours by the end of the season. Board reiterated that the checks will ensure parents help with the many events we have throughout the year to make the season successful.

New dibs opportunities will be added to the sign up site – like Try Hockey for Free, Spooky Halloween skating event, concessions and more!

Casey R. motioned to adjourn the October TAYHA meeting at 7:34 p.m. Mike L. seconded. Motion carried.

The October TAYHA meeting was adjourned.

## Co-Op Meeting

The closed Co-Op Meeting was called back to order at Brian by 7:35 p.m.

### **PRESIDENT REPORT**

- Four discretionary waivers were denied and families signed up for EMAYHA, showing the system works.
- MN Hockey considers a request to redraw of boundary lines, which held up the EMAYHA merger. At a recent two hour zoom call, District 1 presented a PPT presentation on the proposed areas.

Of note, EMAYHA has as limited affiliate agreement with Langford. Langford can take C players.

Proposal sent to MN Hockey:

- Give Como area to Langford
- Give West St. Paul to Highland
- Sean C. motions to keep Como area within EMAYHA (and service the area better) and allow Highland to service the West St. Paul area. John E. seconded. Motion carries.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

- Ann H. shared she's shoring up any loose ends as she transitions back to Board treasurer. Bills are paid and up to date.
- There is \$5,000 reserved for scholarships. Seven players have been supported, as decided by a special scholarship selection committee, for a total of approximately \$3,000.
- New Blue Line room rules require any outside group (other than Board meetings) to pay a flat fee of \$25. It was noted in the first month's ice bill.



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- If scrimmage refs are needed, there is a cost and individuals will be paid directly. Use paper check. Teams will need to reserve refs and ice time. Work with Lea, the scheduler, to book.
- Recommendation: get a check written, signed by Ann H. and team will hand to scrimmage ref on event day.
- Mike L. proposes a Manager's meeting within the next week or so to go over iPads, refs, game sheets, etc.

## **DISTRICT 2 REPORT**

- USA Hockey numbers are still missing for some board members
- A new class of referees are being trained. About 90 refs are active and ready to be assigned games, in addition to 30 more new trainees. Looking positive for all upper level teams to have ref representation for games.
- Codes for games will be distributed by middle to end of October.

## **GREEN GUIDE**

- Sean C. initiated a possible change to a rule in The Green Guide concerning players practicing with a team above their registered level.
  - Ex. If a coach's younger player is also at the rink, can they go on the ice with parent coach and/or sibling?
  - Current discipline is that a coach will be suspended. Rather, can we soften the language to say this is "not recommended"?
- Brian A. suggests we consider the situations case by case and will consider revising the Green Guide rule related to this issue next year.

## **RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT REPORT**

- Presentation of marketing strategies to increase recruitment, onboarding and retention efforts. (Bao V.)
- Request for \$19,000 over fiscal year to develop and deploy tactics. They include monies to build team culture, support for registration fees, creation and acquisition of marketing materials, etc. See email attachment for additional details. (Bao V.)
- Immediate grants to pursue to offset total cost to association include MN Hockey's Pass the Puck and Family Mentorship program
- Erik P. motioned to allocate \$5,000 to the Retention and Recruitment efforts, to get it off the ground, from the general fund. Casey seconded. Motion carried.
- Upcoming Events:
  - October 14: Mite Kickoff at Ugly Putters
  - October 15: Try Hockey/Try Skating for Free at Tartan Arena
  - October 28: Pig Roast and Bocce Tournament at B Dale's Club in Roseville
  - October 29: Spooky Skate at Polar Arena



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- November 4: Try hockey/Try Skating for Free at Polar Arena

## **GIRLS REPORT**

- Casey R. shared that 10U practice started this week. There are 15 players. He hosted a family meeting at his house where he laid out the expectations for the year.

## **BOYS REPORT**

- John E. shared tryouts went smooth.
- John E. motioned to name Peewee C head coach as Tony Heindenrich, Squirt C head coach as John E. Mike L. seconded. Motion carried.
- Sean C. motioned to name the following individuals as head coaches:
  - Squirt B1 head coach is Bill Burkhart
  - Squirt B2 head coach is Kacie Schmidt
  - Peewee B1 head coach is Rick Kieger
  - Peewee B2 head coach is Erik Petersen
  - Bantam B1 head coach is Brock Finn
  - The Bantam C level head coach is to be named at a later dateJohn E. seconded. Motion carried.

## **MITE TEAM REPORT**

- Kacie S. requests \$200 for some additional equipment. Looking to order tennis balls and 12 ringettes for the mites, especially the mini mite group.
  - Casey R. makes a motion to allocate \$200 for equipment for Mite players. Sean C. seconded. Motion carried.
- Mite Kickoff Event Ugly Putters: 3 – 5 p.m. Saturday, October 14. Would love to see board members stop by and say Hi to families!
- Evaluations are November 4 and 5.
- We're signed up for Cottage Grove Mite Jamboree

## **APPAREL/EQUIPMENT REPORT**

- Tabled for next board meeting: Request to purchase 150 new yellow/green reversible pinnies. (John E.)

## **ICE MANAGER REPORT**

- Goalie clinics are 10 sessions throughout the season. Who's leading? \$120/hour.
  - Yes. Even if our coaches will lead some of them.
- Lea recommends ice scheduling software Avivo, which costs \$1,200/year.
- Erik P. motioned to allocate \$1,200 for a new ice scheduling program. Brett L. seconded. Motion carried.

## **Adjournment**

Erik P. made a motion for adjournment of the meeting at 9:05 p.m. John E. seconded the motion. Motion carried.