

Bismarck Hockey Boosters Board Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
The Pier Bar & Grill

Call to Order

In attendance: Mikayla Jablonski-Jahner, Jackie Ressler, Nick Thompson, Layne Sedevie, Tyler Richter, Adam Dever, Jason Coffey

1. Parks and Rec Update

- a. None. Dylan not present.

2. Old Business

- a. November Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion by Richter to approve as submitted. 2nd by Dever. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Program Updates

- a. Executive Director - Mikayla Jablonski-Jahner
 - i. See ED Report.
 - ii. Need to start thinking about elections for next Board Meeting. Open positions include Hockey Committee chair, Treasurer, and President. Also Secretary and VP of Hockey committee
- b. Questions from Board on ED Summary
 - i. Socks: Were people afraid to order because of being unsure about size?
 - 1. Possibly, but Mikayla thinks more of an issue of members missing/not paying attention to emails and just planning to buy socks in-person at kickoff event(s).
 - 2. Could we look at offering a pre-order discount to further encourage that? Very possibly.
 - ii. Apparel: Comment that there were so many apparel options/opportunities this year, could that be limited in the future to create less confusion and push more sales to our own apparel store? Also, matching team apparel didn't seem to be well-coordinated by all teams/Team Managers.
 - 1. Mikayla noted that she tries to give retailers equal opportunity to market their products, as they are Org/community partners of BHB and it also provides families with options. Team managers were given information about matching team gear, some didn't communicate it as well as others to their teams, which is difficult to control.
- c. Hockey Director – Layne Sedevie
 - i. Trying to modify some things on the fly, to adapt to the program's needs. One example being Mite practices — Trying to allow for smaller groups and full-ice opportunities, splitting a single practice in

two halves, so teams have opportunity for more ice and less congestion.

- ii. Performance-wise, a handful of teams struggling, however most teams okay. Some ages/skill levels doing better than last year.
- iii. Planning to do the Summer Camp again this year, hoping to get those dates out earlier this year, so members can better plan.
- iv. Questions from board on Hockey Director Summary
 - 1. Discussion initiated by Thompson about equipment sizing and level of protection, specifically at the younger levels, where many families may be inexperienced about how equipment should fit — Many players have equipment that is too small and/or does not provide adequate level of protection for the current level of play. Discussed assembling a fitting checklist sent to teams by Team Managers at the beginning of the season. Also discussed that it could be a matter of inadequate funds needed to buy appropriate equipment. Could there be a sponsorship/scholarship opportunity for this type of thing in the future?
- d. Treasurer/BHB LLC Board – Tyler Richter
 - i. Met w/ FIBT on finances. After the meeting, Mikayla moved some money between CD's and Money Markets to put funds in better places to earn better interest rates. Richter discussed opportunities for other investing options that may earn more than the CD's and Money Markets. Richter was clear in noting that while there are other options, due to employment restrictions, he is unable to offer any kind of advice regarding these options, he can only present that there are other options available.
 - 1. Discussed that investments need to remain liquid and that we should look further into this and decide what the appropriate amounts might be to invest and minimum amounts to keep in cash.
 - ii. Discussion around Alcohol Sales during State Tournament.
 - 1. NDAHA does not allow alcohol consumption in a host facility during State Tournaments — Item dies.
- e. Past – President (Donation Requests)
 - i. Leftwich not present, topic presented by Ressler.
 - ii. \$4,000 approved of \$32,000 in requests.
- f. Fundraising Committee
 - i. No report.
- g. Hockey Committee – Dustin Hollevoet (not present)
 - i. No report.
- h. BHB LLC – Adam Dever
 - i. Looking to finish 2025 roughly \$30k down from last year. After discussions with staff, they attribute this in part to blackjack no longer

being available at the Tap-In and possibly people generally consuming less alcohol. E-Tab revenues continue to be strong at Tap-In.

4. Agenda/Discussion Items

- a. Jason Coffey Suspension/Removal from Board Position
 - i. Jason Coffey was given the opportunity to speak and present his position.
 - ii. Anonymous/written vote taken to decide whether Board Member Jason Coffey would be removed from the Board.
 - iii. Votes tallied: Board Member Coffey removed from Board.
 - b. Jackie Ressler appointed Matt Power to At-Large Fundraising Board position.
 - c. Future Board Meeting dates: 4/14/26, 5/12/26, and 6/9/26.
- 5. Member Comment:** See updated Guidelines for this section of the meeting.
- a. None.
- 6. Adjourn**

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