



# Board Meeting

**East Metro Area Youth Hockey Association**  
**7 p.m. Sunday, February 18, 2024 | Blue Line Room at Tartan Arena**

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

**Absent:** Nikki Bennis, Casey Regan, Ann Hackman

## TAYHA Meeting

The TAYHA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Brian Arrigoni at 7:01 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review of the January 2024 TAYHA meeting minutes.

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

### GAMBLING MANAGER REPORT (John M.)

Sales \$616,643.30

Prizes \$532,682.95

Lawful purpose expenditures \$46,183.49

Total allowable expenses \$54,417.02

Gross profit \$83,960.35

Net profit (\$16,640.16)

See report for details.

John E. motions to approve gambling manager's report. Mike L. seconded. Motion carried.

John E. motions for the pre-approval for the allowable expenses for the month of March. Mike L. seconded. Motion carried.

John E. made a motion to accept John M.'s donation to the general account in the amount of \$10,000. Kacie S. seconded. Motion carried.

John M. updated board that The Cherry Pit in St. Paul is newest location for charitable gambling, starting April 1.

Mike L. motioned to close the TAYHA meeting at 7:19 p.m. Kacie S. seconded. Motion carried.

The TAYHA Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

## Co-Op Meeting

The East Metro Youth Hockey Association Co-Op Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Brian Arrigoni at 7:19 p.m.



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## **CONCESSIONS & DIBS (Shannon)**

- Shannon will invite Oakdale's Taco John's to donate taco meat for walking tacos at Mite Jamboree. They supported last year.
- Shannon is allowing some families to donate their service hours to a fellow team member's family
- Volunteer hours will be totaled and reviewed by the end of March and personal checks may be cashed after March 31.

## **RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT REPORT (Bao)**

- We are still rolling with STAR SPOTLIGHTS, our social media feature of outstanding players, coaches and volunteers. Its ignited meaningful engagement from our followers and families.
- We will draw the final winners of MN Wild Tickets by the end of March.
- With the season wrapping up, Bao's gaze is pivoting toward recruitment.
- Bao suggests distributing a survey to capture feedback from families at the end of the season, given the Board can review questions in advance.

## **MAJOR REPORT (Sean)**

- Priority is to work with families who have outstanding balances and collect payment before the end of the season.

## **MINOR REPORT (John E.)**

- Looking ahead to next season, we will need to assess the number of eligible goalies at the PeeWee level.
- Families are interested in Junior Gold, could this be another option for our families?

## **DISTRICT 2 REPORT (Mike L.)**

- Merger is complete
- Redistricting is an ongoing discussion
- Waivers:
  - School Waivers, starting next season:
    - There will be no school waivers for any Mite families
    - No school waivers for players above Squirt/10U
    - Association can consider school waivers only for first year Squirt/10U players
    - Those players already waived out will be grandfathered
  - Discretionary waivers:
    - Association has the final say and only able to grant one year at a time
- Bill B. suggests meeting with District 2 to ask support of EMAYHA by not signing waivers, particularly when EMAYHA declines to sign waivers.
- Reminder that neck guards will be mandatory starting in August 2024. Moose states thousands are being ordered for Strauss and will have inventory available for players by the deadline.

District 2 Squirt C Tournament taking place at Tartan Arena. Volunteers are signed up. Leaders are ready.



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Bill B. expresses disappointment over the possible abrupt ending of a season in single-elimination playoffs.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Brian/Bill)**

- Exploration continues to consider feasibility of dryland area at local arenas
- Lea K. will take over scheduling of Spring League
- Confirmed with Committee to review wages of gambling staff that a wage increase will be complete in the near future
- The next few months will consist of closing books as separate entities
  - Bill has held separate meeting to complete this process for JCNSP
  - Brian will discuss TAYHA's process with Ann and Casey R.
  - Fiscal year end is April 31, 2024
  - New board members will start May 1, 2024

## **MITE REPORT (Kacie):**

- Outdoor jamboree was great!
- End-of-Season Mite Jamboree is March 1-3 at Tartan
- Mite 3s are starting to play full ice games
- Mini Mite attendance is strong

## **Adjournment**

Mike L. made a motion for adjournment of the EMAYHA meeting at 8:20 p.m. Erik P. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recording secretary, Bao Vang