

Stillwater Area Hockey Association Board Meeting Agenda



Monday, January 29 @ 6:00pm @ Stillwater Family Means

Board Members: Doug Schmidt, Justin Fatheree, Paula Walther, Ed Souter, Joe Garvin, Joe Williams, John Priester, Karla Lunan

Committee and Working Group Members: Jen Zanon, Alison Jones

Member Audience: Dan Engesser (interested in girls goalie coordinator). Courtney Schlinder (mite parent)

Meeting Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:04

Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes: Justin made a motion to accept the December 2023 meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Paula seconded the motion. The motion to accept the December 2023 minutes was approved by unanimous vote. Motion is passed.

Agenda Topics:

1. Gambling Update
 - a. Monthly tax return with the B2 and three LG form
 - b. Expense journal/check register
 - c. Inventory records/invoices
 - d. Copy of ME physical inventory
 - e. Reconciled bank statement
 - f. Fund loss report
 - g. Other correspondence docs, if applicable
2. 2023-2024 Budget Review and Discussion
 - a. Covering Regional Fees
 - b. Past Due Accounts
3. D2 Regional Hockey Tournament
 - a. Volunteers
4. D2 Update
 - a. MN Hockey School Waiver
 - b. Rule Changes for 24-25
5. 2024 Succession Planning

- a. Board Nomination Committee
6. Skate for the Roses Update
7. Board Member Report Out

Meeting Discussion:

Gambling update:

- Increased sales in December. Majority coming from Lakewoods and Muddy Cow
- NNT will have a pull tab machine, bar boxes and electronic tabs through March 2023.

Budget Update and Review

- Registration Fees will come in at the 1.1M that we anticipated.
- Received several invoices from Strauss that are being reviewed
- Banking Fees and Services charges are up
- Ice Expenses are up this year. All our rinks are paid through January.

Regional Cost

Previous years we've sent around 7-9 teams to regions. Estimated cost is about 10K in addition we also gifted each team 2 hours of ice.

Joe W made a motion for SAHA to cover gate fees as well as provide 2 hours of gift ice for SAHA Teams that advance to Region Play. Paula seconded the motion. The motion to cover gate fees and grant 2 hours of gift ice to teams that make it to Region Play was approved by unanimous vote. Motion is passed.

Past Due Accounts (prior to the 23-24 season)

For all past due accounts there will be immediate action taken which includes:

- Immediate suspension from all SAHA activities including District, Regional and State Play

Paula made a motion that effective February 10th all players with past due balances that have not made an attempt to pay or set up a payment plan will be suspended from all SAHA activities immediately including but not limited to Year-End, Regional and State tournaments. Justin seconded the motion. The motion to suspend player play from year-end, regional and state tournaments was approved by unanimous vote. Motion is passed.

Past Due Accounts (for current 23-24 season)

For families that are past due on current season payments, communication has started including:

- Emails were sent this morning for all members that are past due for the current year
- Mite families were sent an email January 9th requesting payments by January 15th
- Overdue fees were sent to all other levels indicating that they were past due.

Succession Planning for Board Member Positions -

Positions that are up for nomination this year include:

- President
- Secretary
- Director of Girls Hockey
- Director of off ice hockey operations and Community Affairs

In summary the Process for the Nomination includes:

- At the February meeting we will appoint the nomination committee for the open board positions.
- At the March Meeting nominations will be named.
- During March-April candidates will be campaigning for votes.
- At the April Board meeting election will be held.

District 2 Update

- Player fees for this year were \$62 next year the fees will go up
- Neck Guards must be worn by all players and must be BNQ Certified starting August 2024.
- Rule Change proposals are due at the April District 2 meeting. Some rules up for discussion include:
 - School Waiver
 - Fair Play Points
- Increase to D2 player fees. 23-24 fees were \$62 and we anticipate this will go up.
- Referees to date have had 200+ more games this year vs previous years.

Some feedback from the association at all levels includes:

- Very responsive
- Attendance is very good from refs.
- Refs availability is good
- "Quality/level/knowledge" of referees has declined vs previous years.

What is District 2s plan to grow and develop their referees? We would like to get back to high quality officiating.

Skate for the Roses

2024 Skate for the Roses was a tremendous success:

- Most importantly – great experience for the participants! Lots of smiling faces from the players throughout the weekend!
- Trophies:
 - 1st place – Stillwater U8-4
 - 3rd place – Stillwater U10A, Stillwater 10B1 Black, and Stillwater 15A Red
- The Roses leadership committee is always striving to improve the tournament. We have some learnings from this tournament around dibs and coordination across all levels that we'll bring into 2025
- Special thanks to tournament director Allison Jones for running a fantastic tournament. Great feedback from coaches and parents on the coordination and atmosphere! Also greatly appreciate Jen Zanon for jumping in before and during the tournament. And of course – thanks to all of the parents and coaches for volunteering their time to make the event special!

Goalie Rebates-

We've given reduced fees in previous years. This year we did not offer a reduced fee but are offering a rebate of \$250 for all goalies. All goalie rebates will be issue by the end of February

Board Member Report Outs

President

- N/A

Secretary

- N/A

Vice President

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Boys Director

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Girls Director

- Fantastic event on January 18 (now officially Josie St. Martin Day in Stillwater) at the Rec Center to honor Gold Medalist Josie St. Martin. Thanks to all of the SAHA community who turned out to celebrate
- In general - girls teams are gearing up for districts/regions/state tournaments. Excited for the stretch run!

Mite Director

- N/A

Treasurer

- Medical injury refund request was approved by board Paul

Adminster

- NA

Director of Off-Ice Operations and Community Affairs-

- N/A

Gambling Manager's Report – Patrick

December 2023 Total Gross Receipts	\$808,617.52
Net profit	\$12,974.56
Checking account balance	\$111,672.69
Savings	\$34,261.13.
Net Receipts	\$120,273.17
Total in prizes paid	\$688,344.35

Profits from SAHA gambling goes to the youth of St Croix Valley.

1. Paula made a motion to approve the lawful gambling report for December 2023. Joe G seconded the motion. Motion to approve the 2023 gambling report was passed by unanimous vote. Motion is passed.
2. Paula made a motion to pre-approve the allowable expenses of \$195,235 for February 2024 John seconded the motion. The motion to pre-approve the February 2024 allowable expenses was approved by unanimous vote. Motion is passed.

Next Meeting: February 26th @ 6:00pm Family Means Building in Stillwater

Adjourn | Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm Paula motion to adjourn the board meeting, Joe W seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous vote. Motion is passed.