

White Bear Lake Area Hockey Association
Monthly Gambling Meeting
(Open to All Membership)
August 8, 2012

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2. Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Kevin McFarlane

Pat Jackson motioned to approve meeting minutes from May. Steve Snyder seconded. Motion carried.

Net Profit (\$27,164.05)

Pull-tab sales are down \$12,833 from May

Net Profit \$ 43,024

Paddlewheel sales are up \$630 from May

Net Profit \$ 920

Bingo sales are down \$1,215 from May

Net Profit \$ 551

\$ 44,276

Cash Long/Short: (219.00)

Shortage Numbers

WB Bar +18 Saks -34 Stadium -203 Jamesons +27

Payout %: 82%

Continue to look at ways to decrease shortages and payout percentages, including guidelines to sellers, communication of statistics, practice changes, consistent monitoring and discipline, as needed.

Shortages are due to \$5 and \$3 games – Chris is watching this

Allowable Expenses (September 2012)

- Routine

Lawful Purpose Expenditures (September 2012)

- Routine (City of WBL taxes)
- Routine (City of Vadnais Heights)

Stadium Site

- We have signed a new lease with the new owners of the Stadium

Department of Revenue

- The Annual Certified Cash Count and Inventory was conducted on August 1st

Minnesota Unemployment Insurance

- After appealing the unemployment files by 3 previous employees, Chris Olson found that our Association is still responsible for paying these previous employees unemployment benefits. The total for Quarter 2 is \$408.01

Employees

- 2 employees quit last month, Cheryl Nelson and Carolyn Hadfield. The proper paperwork has been submitted to MN Gambling Control

New Business

Brian Cunningham made a motion for the Gambling Lawful Purpose to pay for the jerseys for the 2012/2013 season. Chris LeClair seconded. Discussion included Chris Olson asking why jerseys and not ice payments? Pat Jackson questioned if this would be over & above ice payments? Chris Olson clarified how the payments are made and where the money goes, Jeff Martin explained that this is how cash reserves are developed. Request was made to determine if the recent payment was for past due ice bills and that the board would like to see statements. After discussion Brian Cunningham withdrew his motion suggesting that we wait to see what our financials look like after registration and possibly renew his motion at that time. Chris Olson stated that there may be an increase in taxes and that the funds may not be available.

Question was raised regarding the Jameson's site, Chris stated that the site is closed and not expected to re-open.

Pat Jackson asked Chris Olson if she had been notified from her vendor regarding a possible issue with the Bingo cards, Chris reported she had not been contacted but would check on this matter and report back.

Pat Jackson motioned to approve the allowable expenses for September for the second time and October for the first time. Sue Arcand seconded. Motion carried.

Pat Jackson motioned to adjourn gambling meeting. Shawn Pogreba seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

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2. Meeting called to order at 7:25 by Kevin McFarlane
3. Approval of agenda. Pat Jackson motioned to approve the agenda. Sue Arcand seconded. Motion carried.
4. Meeting minutes from July. Pat Jackson motioned to approve. Sue Arcand seconded. Motion carried.
5. Secretary's Report: Sue Arcand
 - Fall Camp flyer completed and posted on web site. Spreadsheets will be updated and sent to Directors and Coordinators for review and approval as registrations arrive.
 - Several members have expressed interest in the Sponsor Coordinator position, upon re-instatement of the Association Non-Profit status interested parties will be contacted again. Hoping to have someone in place very soon.
6. Treasurer's Report: Jeff Martin
 - July P&L presented
 - Bank balances were: Concessions: \$61, R. Sund: \$4535, General Acct: \$42,354, Tournament: \$3,671, Savings: \$9,363, Peacock \$1,185 .
 - Member requested registration breakdowns and received 2 questioned which one was correct and stated that members have a right to see it before registration. Member asked if registration costs go through board approval and are they voted on? Jeff confirmed that indeed the board reviews and approves budgets. Jeff attempted to explain budget to member and stated that while costs were reduced in many areas we were unable to reduce registration costs for any level except Mite & Clinic and still stat afloat.
 - Member questioned why boys tryouts cost and girls don't, it was explained that tryout fees cover most of the tryout ice for all levels, traveling has twenty times the ice for tryouts, the fee is for the chance to make a higher level team

7. Vice President's Report: Dennis Olson

- Golf outing was a success, over 100 golfers and approx. \$3,000 was raised
- Dennis made a motion for \$1500 in funds to be approved for the Concession stand for the August tournaments at the WB Sports Center, Pat Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Member questioned revamping concessions, Dennis stated that yes, August will be a test month, hoping to turn this around, the Hipp will likely stay open, the WB Sports Center is questionable. Member then questioned if Vадnais concessions would be possible, Pat explained that the entire Vадnais management is very involved and probably not a possibility
- Chip Shoppe brochures will be available at registration; Dennis wanted to again state that this is an individual fundraising opportunity for families.
- Possible fundraising opportunities include local companies who have approached the Association including Subway, Applebee's

8. President's Report: Kevin McFarlane

- Non Profit status – the amended return has been sent in, waiting to hear from Attorney General's office
- Concessions – we need to have someone get certified and we need to pay lease payment. Pat Jackson will provide license.
- Manager Coordinator and Sponsorship Coordinator still needed, it is critical to obtain sponsors as the funds to the General Account subsidize many things, without sponsor funds we will face financial shortfall
- Scholarship Applications are being received and will be reviewed in the near future

D2 Representative: Kevin Larson

Kevin was unable to attend the last D2 meeting, nothing to report

9. Director's Reports:

C Level Director: Brian Cunningham

- Brian explained his request for reimbursement of attorney fees in the amount of \$4,428 referencing State Statute 317a.461 subdivision 7. Brian then made a motion for the approval of reimbursement of these fees. Pat Jackson seconded motion.

Discussion included many topics: MN Hockey Rules, State Law, changes that have been made due to these actions. Michelle Merth questioned whether a grievance was filed with MN Hockey or with D2. Current board was not aware that that this was possible, the board members who were seated last year stated that this was not given to them as an option by anyone.

Brian stated after questioned that yes, he may incur more attorney fees in which he will pay for out of pocket. Board and membership requested this be documented in the meeting minutes.

Kevin McFarlane requested that Brian table his motion to allow time to research discussion items.

Dennis Olson explained why the route taken was determined to be the best way. Pat Jackson gave more information regarding the audit and the lack of documentation.

Member suggested books be audited more frequently-Jeff Martin stated this would cost the Association \$8,000 or more.

Roll call voted was called for:

Brian-yes

Shawn-yes with stipulation regarding policies and procedures

Jesse-no

Sue-yes

Pat-yes

Steve-no

Jeff-no

Dennis-yes

Motion carried.

- C grading will be held October 6 through October 9th, volunteers needed
- Bylaw vote at registration was in favor of adopting the new by-laws
- Brian questioned who is responsible for tracking current coaches CEP status, it was stated that the registrar is responsible

Player Development: Shawn Pogreba

- Shawn would like to see some type of policies and procedures be established for the board to use a guidance.
- Mite Coordinator has been selected, Vince Fusco will be taking on this role again this season
- Clinic Coordinator still open position, Shawn may have to take this on if no one steps up.
- Goalie Coordinator stepped down, Shawn will be looking to fill this position again
- Acceleration is waiting on selection of Pee wee coaches to start season planning
- Hybrid Goalie Equipment was contacted for a quote, Shawn is waiting to hear back from

Girls Director: Steve Snyder

- Tryout dates are set
- Working on Fall Camp

Jr Gold Director: Pat Jackson

- Nothing to report.
- Jeff Martin asked if a 16U coach had been found, Pat stated no, not yet

Traveling Director: Jesse Fiddle

- Tryout dates are being worked on, a portion is on the website
- Working on Fall Camp
- A and B Pee wee tryouts will have 50-60 skaters due to the A & AA teams, Jesse may need to change the process
- Jesse stated that both the A and AA teams will play in the WB Moose tournaments
- Motion made by Jesse Fiddle to approve the following coaches:
 - A Bantam: Pat Christopherson
 - B1 Bantam: Dan Schwartz
 - B2 Bantam: Mike Wakefield

A Squirt: Mike Smith
B1 Squirt: Bryce Menk
B1 Squirt: Rob Thilman
B1 Squirt: Chris Klien
B1 Squirt: Jay Kodytek

Sue Arcand seconded motion

Discussion included the question whether the Squirts would be tiered, Jesse stated that yes, that was the plan. Also questioned was is tiering is not allowed would these still be your coaches, Jesse stated that no, he will only have 2 B teams if tiering not allowed
Motion carried.

10. Open Forum

- Tiering at B Squirt level;

An e-mail was sent to Kevin regarding members concerns about this and Kevin confirmed that tiering was the route decided on, D2 was then contacted, Michelle Merth was in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Jesse Fiddle explained to members the thought process behind this decision, Peewees and Bantams from other associations have practiced tiering. He had meetings with coaches, president of WBLAHA and other associations, he stated this is tiering NOT stacking. There is not the option of B1 and B2 separation at the squirt level.

Member questioned whether the top 22 skaters would be playing against the bottom 22 skaters, yes this would happen.

Michele Merth read from the Minnesota Hockey rule book that any association with 2 or more teams at any one level must be selected evenly. It is not her or D2 saying this it is a Minnesota Hockey rule. Michele stated that she does not selectively enforce rules. A problem was brought to her attention and she researched the rules and will enforce this with fines etc. if this is done.

Pat Jackson questioned what we are doing here, these are squirts and they still need development.

The debate was what do the rules allow – Michelle stated the rules simply do not allow this and that there will be sanctions and fines.

The D2 Rep for WBLAHA needs to motion to allow this at the next D2 meeting, another association must second the motion.

Minnesota Hockey feels strongly that Squirts is and should remain a development level no matter what individual associations think.

Pat Jackson stated that rules are rules and that the D2 Rep needs to take this to D2 for clarification.

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

None

13. Discussion

None

14. Meeting Adjournment

Pat Jackson motioned to adjourn meeting. Dennis Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm