

TAYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR March 9, 2009

The March 2009 TAYHA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Bob Schommer at 7:00 p.m., Tina Ayde, Bart Kohel, Cole Leitch, Tom Lydon, Brad Mattson, Jeff Merth (late,) Hal Propp, Kris Reddy, Scott Reddy, Bob Schommer, Dave Smallidge and Nate Smith were present. 17 general members were also present.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BALLOT

Hall Propp made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2009 meeting, seconded by Jeff Merth, motion carried.

Bart Kohel made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2009 meeting, seconded by Kris Reddy, motion carried.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Bob Schommer opened up nominations at 7:05pm - noting that President, Secretary and 2 Directors at Large will be two year terms and Vice President, Treasurer and three Directors at Large will be one year terms for this election. Nate Smith made motion to have the one year term Director at Large positions be those winning in the election with the lowest votes, Brad Mattson seconded it, motion carried.

Elections will be April 13, 2009 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Line Room.

Please see below for a list of the nominations and candidate statements received.

A motion to approve Jeff Merth and Denny Schutz as the election committee was made by Cole Leitch and seconded by Hal Propp, motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

GOOD AND WELFARE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tina Ayde made a motion to approve the January 2009 treasurer's report, Cole Leitch seconded it, motion carried.

The treasurer's report for February 2009 was presented by Kris Reddy. Net income was \$-10,550, interest earned was \$107, and expenses were \$47,112. As of February 28, 2009 a combined balance of \$68,157 remained on account. Kris reported the concessions stand made \$21,000. Dave Smallidge made a motion to approve the February 2009 treasurer's report, seconded by Nate Smith, motion carried. The current month's report is available for membership review at the meeting,

and previous month's reports are available to view upon request. Contact Kris Reddy if you have any questions.

GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT

Denny presented the January 2009 charitable gambling report. Net receipts were \$45,947.91, gross profit after taxes was \$30,054.91, and total allowable expenses were \$30,298.29, resulting in a net profit for the month of \$-243.38. Jeff Merth made a motion to approve the report; motion seconded by Brad Mattson, approved by the general membership, motion carried. The current month's report is available at meetings for membership review. Previous month's reports are available to view upon request. Contact Denny if you have any questions on TAYHA's gambling.

Hal Propp made a motion to pre-approve the allowable expenses for April, motion seconded by Nate Smith, approved by the general membership, motion carried.

DISTRICT II REPORT

Tom Lydon reported that we filled our work assignments for District 2 during the playoffs- 7 out of 7 assignments. Thanks to TAYHA and Bob Schommer for hosting the playoffs at Tartan.

The District 2 Presidents meeting was held and there was discussion on proposed changes to waiver rules.

District 2 meeting March 22nd will be nominations.

MAJOR TEAM REPORT

Jeff Merth reported playoffs are over- TAYHA team results were: A Bantams: 1-2, B Bantams: 2-2, B2 Bantams 2nd place, A Peewee: 1-2, B Peewee: 2-2, B2 Peewee 3rd place.

Please complete the coach's evaluations and send them in.

JUNIOR GOLD REPORT

No report.

MINOR TEAM REPORT

Hal Propp did not have anything to report. Cole Leitch made a motion to present A.J. Smith with \$400 as a non parent coach with the C Bantams, seconded by Bart Kohel, motion carried. Jeff Merth made a motion to present Carl Krieger with \$100 as a non parent coach with the Mite level 3, Nate Smith seconded it, motion carried.

MITE TEAM REPORT

Scott Reddy reported the Jamboree was a success. He thanked the coaches and all those that helped during the jamboree.

Thanks to Scott for the great job.

GIRL'S TEAM REPORT

Nate Smith reported that this was the first year after 2 years as coop teams and it was a successful adjustment. The girls team results were- U10A: 4th place, U12: 2nd in district and 4th place in regions.

Thank you to TAYHA, Bob, Jeff, Tom Lydon, and Mark Mallory for the tournament.

Congratulations to the girls teams.

INDIVIDUAL TEAM REPORTS/OPEN FORUM

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Josh reported equipment turn in will be March 28th. If you need goalie equipment for spring see Josh.

REGISTRAR REPORT

Carrie Brown asked for teams to return books to her or with equipment.

ICE MANAGER REPORT

No report.

FUNDRAISING & SOCIAL EVENTS

Stacey reported the Silver Plate dinner was a success, and that Lake Elmo Inn would like to host us again. 211 people attended. The Silver Plate dinner resulted in a profit of \$11,535. Thank you to Stacey and the committee- Michelle Willkomm, Pam Pardo, Sandy Bartosh, Karen Smallidge, Amy Kissner, Angela Thieschafer, Chris Kulevich, Marilee Wallrich, Jackie Ossell, Kelly Knack, Chris Kelly, Chris Wintheiser, Danielle Roberts, Dana Larson, Barb and John Maslowski and anyone we may have missed.

One Stop Shop will be held in the Blue Line Room March 14th.

Bowling at Sun Ray is scheduled for April 10th 12-2p.m. pre-register with Stacey.

Bob Hartzell presented a fundraising opportunity with Prosperan Bank- watch for information on the website or contact Bob for more information- 651-288-2308.

CONCESSIONS

Thanks to all that worked in concessions this past season.

ARENA/JOINT POWERS/SPONSORSHIP

Brad reported the arena will close the week of May 11th and open the week of June 8th.

Summer ice is close to being sold out.

There was discussion on managing the shooting area.

Brad mentioned that District 2 left the Blue Line Room in good condition. Jeff Merth said District 2 will pay for the carpet to be cleaned.

Thank you to Brad and the arena staff for the great job during all playoffs. We received many compliments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer clinic information is out- check the website.

SKATE program has 130 students qualify. Thanks to Sara Borowiak and Alan Reither for helping.

Tom Lydon made a motion to purchase IPod shuffles, not to exceed \$100 for grand prizes, Nate Smith seconded it, motion carried.

Cole Leitch thanked mite parents and Land O Frost.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:20pm by Jeff Merth, seconded by Cole Leitch, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Ayde
TAYHA Secretary

Nominations received for 2009-2010 Board are as follows:

President

Bob Schommer *

Bart Kohel

Dave Smallidge

Motion to close president nominations made by Nate Smith, seconded by Brad Mattson, motion carried.

Vice President

Cole Leitch

Tom Lydon *

Motion to close vice president nominations made by Bob Schommer, seconded by Nate Smith, motion carried.

Treasurer

Kris Reddy *

Motion to close treasurer nominations made by Cole Leitch, seconded by Bob Schommer, motion carried.

Secretary

Tina Ayde *

Motion to close secretary nominations made by Kris Reddy, seconded by Bob Schommer, motion carried.

Directors at Large

Bob Hartzell

Dean Thompson

Brad Mattson *

Bart Kohel *

Cole Leitch *

Scott Reddy

Carrie Brown

Dave Smallidge *

Nate Smith

Hal Propp

Sara Borowiak

Josh Thieschafer

Connie Korf * (declined)

Tom Lydon

Doug Hersom

Jeff Merth (declined)

Stacey Kulevich

Motion to close director nominations made by Nate Smith, seconded by Brad Mattson, motion carried.

* incumbents

Elections will take place Monday April 13, 2009 in the Blue Line Room beginning at 7:00pm ending at 8:30pm

Dear TAYHA members,

My name is Dave Smallidge and I am running for President and Director-at-Large. I am currently serving on the Board as a Director-at-Large and I have been involved with the Tartan Area Youth Hockey Association for nine years. I have coached at the Mite, Squirt, Pee wee and Bantam levels, assisted with ice scheduling, instructed for off season and pre-season clinics, and currently have a Mite, a Squirt, and a Bantam playing in the association.

I believe we do many good things in TAYHA but I also see great opportunities for improvements. One of the things I would like to see as President would be upgrading, enhancing, and utilizing our website. The current website is either not as functional as it should be or it is not being used to its full capabilities. I have signed up for our E-mail list but have never received a single message. I will make sure that messages are sent to all TAYHA members at appropriate times such as: when the latest newsletter has been posted, when event and fundraising announcements are posted, and when volunteers are needed just to name a few. I will also make sure the Ice Store is utilized when there are hours of ice that are not being used. There is absolutely no reason to burn as many hours as we did this past season. If the ice is made available to anyone in the association it will get picked up. It doesn't matter whether it is a Major or Minor team picking up an extra hour or a Mite team skating alone instead of with one or two other teams, I'd rather see the ice used than sitting empty.

Another thing I believe we can improve on is the elimination of paid coaches when there are qualified volunteers. With charitable gambling donations falling and fees rising we still spent over \$16,000 this past season paying coaches for four teams which affected fewer than 70 of our 443 players. I would much rather spend that money on dry land and on ice training equipment that can be used by every player in our association. Since player development is key to the TAYHA Philosophy and Mission Statement, I would like to see our money put to use to benefit *all* of our players instead of just a small percentage. In cases where a suitable volunteer cannot be found, we can then look into paying a coach, but it should be as a last resort. I have been around our association for a long time and I am aware of numerous highly qualified individuals who could fill all of our coaching needs.

We have made great strides in the Girls Program over the past few years and need to see that it continues. I will make sure that support for events that benefit and showcase our Girls teams such as the Whitecaps game and Try Hockey for Free Day will continue in order to increase exposure for our Girls Program throughout the community.

Please call or e-mail me with any questions or suggestions you have to improve our association.

Thank you and please come out and vote on Monday, April 13th.

Dave Smallidge
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651-303-2161

TAYHA Election Information for Bart Kohel

Hello - My name is Bart Kohel and I am running for President (or director) of Tartan Area Youth Hockey Association.

I have loved hockey ever since I was a kid, still playing occasionally today. I started directing youth sports through Oakdale Athletic Association (2001-2005 – T-ball and Machine Pitch Baseball) and then transitioned to the TAYHA Board (2006 – Present). During my time as a youth sport director, I always worked hard to ensure that the events I hosted were well organized and focused around the players. Some events I organized include the OAA year end machine pitch baseball tournament and the Tartan Cup for the last 3 years. The reward for all of my efforts was the smiles on the player's faces when they arrived at the ball field or rink and the joy their teams shared if they performed well.

If I am elected as TAYHA President, I will create a focused effort on 3 key aspects for our players: Player Development, Consistent Game Tactics, and Increased Opportunity for Feedback.

Player development will start with re-establishing a player development program for ALL levels (from Mites to Jr. Gold at all levels A to C) within our association. Revitalizing this effort will assist with increasing TAYHA's players skills, providing with greater opportunity for improvement and increased knowledge of the skills required to be a hockey player.

Combining player development with consistent practices and game tactics will help our players develop as a team, increasing our team's competitiveness while teaching players how to play. To be successful in this effort, we need to get our coaches to agree on a common game (attempting to align it with our high school's program wherever possible), establish a common method of teaching the game to players during practices (increasing their game knowledge as they progress through our program), and hold coaches accountable for teaching the players so they are prepared for game situations. During this process, we will create a "TAYHA Game Book" which will help our player's transition from team to team or coach to coach as the game will remain the same rather than having each coach teach a different way of playing the game to our players every year.

Finally, to ensure our board's effectiveness I would like to provide parents and in particular players with an opportunity to provide increased feedback to our board. Many people are presently afraid to provide feedback to the board, which should not be. We need to work more closely as a unified group of individuals to reach our future organizational goals while increasing our player's passion for hockey. To accomplish this, we need everyone's support.

As my level of involvement in the hockey programs increased, so has my interest in becoming more involved in the development of our hockey players within the TAYHA organization. My previous experiences (both professional and as a volunteer) have prepared me to be a good candidate for TAYHA. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Please come out and show your support by voting on Monday, April 13 between 7:00 and 8:30 at the TAYHA Blue Line Room. Thank you for your consideration.

Bart Kohel
Phone 651-578-1218

Hello, my name is Cole Leitch.

I am running for Vice President or an at-large position with TAYHA.

I have been on the TAYHA board for 4 years. I have coached in TAYHA for 5 and half years – squirts, peewees and bantams. I have also coached in the Oakdale Athletic Association for football and traveling baseball for 6 years. I currently coach baseball for the 7th/8th grade at Skyview Middle School here in Oakdale.

During my time on the TAYHA board, I have enjoyed being the Minor Director, Sponsorship Director and currently the ACE Coordinator. I have also brought into our association the Land O' Frost Sponsorship which sponsors all of our 10 and under teams. I am a certified Level 4 coach and will be receiving my Level 5 this summer.

As the Vice President of the TAYHA board:

- Concentrate on recruiting more kids into our association. I love the “bring your friend to skate” program and I will be a big proponent of continuing that program.
- Keep developing the girls program, as well as **our** whole association.
- Set up a Development model and procedures to TAYHA.
- Develop **each** and **every** player in our association.
- More materials, information and training to help all coaches.
- Bring a “coaches” meeting (volunteer obviously), held once/twice a month where **all & any** assistant & head coach can come and talk about new drills, concepts, get input about anything to do with their TAYHA team.
- A commitment to improving communication with members.
- Ensure decision making is done with the interest of ALL families.
- Maintain a fiscally responsible board.
- Recruit more volunteers to help our association.

I do appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule. Voting will be held in the Blue Line Room on April 13th at 7:00 to 8:30pm. I hope to see you there and don't be shy to vote for me.

Thanks,
Cole Leitch

My name is Bob Schommer and I have been nominated for re-election as President of Tartan Area Youth Hockey.

I have been in the association for 11 years and served as President for the past 2 years. Prior to that I was a board member for 3 years, have been TAYHA's District 2 representative, the goalie development coordinator, and part of the tryout committee. I have also coached mites, squirts, peewees, and bantams. I have a son who has gone through our association and played on the Tartan Junior Varsity this year, and I have another son who will be a second year squirt next season. I also have a daughter who is a senior this year at Tartan and has spent countless hours watching her brothers play, volunteering her time at the arena, and working many hours in the concession stand.

Over the past two years I am very proud of what we have accomplished at TAYHA. The Board of Directors and I have worked hard during difficult economic times to keep our association great.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Bylaws have been changed to enable us to operate more efficiently and effectively
- Attracted quality coaches at many levels
- The Blue Line Room and video equipment was made more accessible for teams to use
- The girl's co-op was discontinued and our girl's program continues to grow and be successful
- We created a new fundraising coordinator position
- The relationship with the boys and girls high school programs is strong
- We implemented the Xcel Energy/Metrodome program where parents can work off the cost of hockey by staffing a concession stand at these locations.
- We have been fiscally responsible and managed our spending to keep fees as low as possible
- About 400 kids developed and played the great game of hockey

I think it is extremely important during these tough economic times to have consistency at president. I am able to look at the big picture on what is in the best interest of our whole association and make decisions accordingly. I am also very accessible to our members and always willing to listen and answer questions. Here are some of the priorities we will continue to work on if I am re-elected:

- Keeping our fees reasonable for our members
- Continuing to look for new fundraising opportunities.
- Attracting new players into the sport.
- Getting more parents actively involved in our association.
- Continuing to develop all of our players
- Looking at our website to get more functionality and ease of use

Please vote for me on **April 13th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Line Room**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 651-578-3586 or email me at Bobschommer16@hotmail.com. Thank you for your consideration.

TAYHA Members,

My name is Hal Propp and I am running for Director-at-Large. I am currently serving on the TAYHA board as the Minor Director. I have been involved with TAYHA for six years. I have coached at the Mite and Squirt levels along with being a proud parent in the stands.

As the Minor Director, I organized the C teams. I formed an evaluation committee that evaluated the players to form balanced teams. I was the contact person for any issues that arose during the season.

In addition to fulfilling my duties as the Minor Director, I have been working on expanding the shooting area in the Bubble to become a dry land facility. I worked with Acceleration MN to donate synthetic ice, plyometric platforms, Russian boxes and a slide board to the association. I am currently working with Brad, the arena manager, on the placement of the equipment along with a way to secure the equipment to prevent it from getting destroyed.

As a Director-at-Large, I would like to complete the work on the dry land facility. This includes training coaches on how to properly use the equipment. With this dry land facility and proper training, players can develop into better hockey players.

I believe that along with a good training facility, good coaching also helps the development of the players. I think it is important to give our coaches the tools to help develop our players. As one example, on the TAYHA web page there is a Coaches Corner that is currently not being used. Coaches could post their drills to share with other coaches. We could also attach links to other sites where they could find new drill and coaching tips to enhance their coaching skills.

I am willing to put in the time and effort to take the hockey association to the next level.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Please remember to come and vote on April 13th.

Thank you,

Hal Propp

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*TAYHA General Membership meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday April 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tartan Arena Blue Line Room.** Attendance by all parents, coaches, and managers is encouraged.*

In the event that a meeting has to be rescheduled a notice will appear on the TAYHA web site.

For Tartan Hockey information visit our web site at www.tayha.org