

Blackhawks Hockey Association			
Board Meeting			
Wednesday, April 15, 2015			
Board Members Present:	Andy Lindus, President Brian Stevens, Past President Scott Woodington, VP Gina Rens, Secretary Rebecca Paulsen, Treasurer	Craig Campbell, Member Jesse Bohatta, Member Scott Finstad, Alternate	Aaron VanRanst, Member Joe Cunningham, Member Dan Dietzman, Member
Others Present:	Jon Zevenbergen John Bresina		
Members Absent:	Mike Delong, Member	Pax Rasmussen, Member	
Location:	United Civic Center		
Called to order:	7:03pm		
Secretary's Report:	One correction is needed to the minutes from the 3/11/15 meeting. Craig will continue to be D2 rep, but is stepping down as coaching committee chair.	Motion: Scott Woodington 2nd: Brian Stevens Favor: All Against: None	
Treasurer's Report:	The YTD P&L is in the black before tax return. Positive cash flow for the year with balance at \$4242.87. There is just shy of \$30,000 available for summer, which is enough for as long as we net positive for Syttende Mai, June Bug Days and the golf tournament. We have a total of 4 scholarship applications - Luke Meyers, Nikki Gabbert, Mickayla Custer and Lindsay Veenendall. We will split available funds equally. Rebecca needs grades for 2nd semester grades for last year's recipients	Motion: Brian Stevens 2nd: Craig Campbell Favor: All Against: None	
Syttende Mai:	Softball Teams: We don't have enough teams, yet. We need 10 to be profitable. Muellers are running with the tournament and someone will connect with them recommending that they call the New Richmond and Hudson leagues to get contact information and try and recruit teams there. Field Prep: Board members will do field prep before the next board meeting on May 13 th and hold meeting after. Meet at the rink between 4:30-5:00. Soda/Beer: Andy will work with Pax and Muellers. Picnic License: Lance Albrightson got it last year. Brian or Andy will talk to Lance. At least two people need to sign and be on premises at all times. If we need more than 2, it is \$10 pp. Pax took care of ordering all of the food. Rebecca will get \$600 to Lions (\$300 for each location). Andy will prepare a brat pre-order form and send to board so we can gather advance orders and deliver to businesses Thursday and Friday.		

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June Bug Days:

The association will do the brat stand and the bean bag tournament. We will not do the dodgeball tournament. For the bean bag tournament, the June Bug committee will take care of all the advertising, set the fee, provide the bean bags and the boards. The association will just sell beer and gain profits from that. Tournament will be on Saturday and we will need workers from noon until 8pm. Gina will get workers. Will be held outside of the rink unless weather dictates we be inside the rink.

Motion: Dan Dietzman
2nd: Joe Cunningham

Favor: All
Against: None

Open Forum:

Girls Fall League: Zevenbergen asked permission to hold the girls' Sunday night fall hockey. It starts at 5:30 on Sunday nights for 6 weeks. Had 3 teams and made \$1,000 profit. Request was approved.

Concession Trailer Use: Zevenbergen asked, on behalf of youth soccer, for permission to use concession trailer. Zeb will coordinate and transport. Last year the door broke during their use, but they paid for and fixed it. Request approved as long as they pay for any damage.

State Tournament Feedback: Zevenbergen encouraged everyone to submit feedback about the state tournaments attended.

Tournament Dates: Zevenbergen requested dates of December 11th through 13th for U10/U12 tournament next season. He also suggested considering doing one day for Mites and one day for U8. There will be no formal U8 team, just some possible tournament opportunities. Consider changing next year's Peewee tournament so that not back-to-back with Peewee state tourney, which we are hosting next year. See if we can get tournament registration and payment online – there are fees associated with that. It's important to set tournament dates set early. The tournament committee will prepare dates and bring to 5/13 meeting for approval.

Membership: Dan shared ideas for boosting membership. Stated he would like to set Jamboree date for Jan 6-7 (probably meant 1/9 to 1/10). We need to confirm that isn't play down weekend. Send flyers out to school right after Labor Day. Consider adding more registration dates. Consider setting registration dates now so we can hand out flyers at parades. Maybe distribute at school open houses. See if Nillssens allows bag stuffers. Discussion about doing a "try hockey for free day" – determined it's a big commitment and we don't have equipment after we've given it out to Mites. Mahtomedi does it and hires someone to do it. Consider delaying the start of the Mite season.

Registration: Aaron will come up with registration dates before next meeting. Discussed the possibility of doing online registration. Problem is collecting payments. Can do the registration online and do payments offline. Concern about people following up and paying after registering. If we can get concessions card reader working, we could collect payment there. The internet works fine, but may have a limited number of connections. There's a possibility we could use the Linksys network for concessions since no one can get on it and it would have its own private network. Bresina might pick up a newer router for lobby/entry.

Lease: Brian has not heard back from village who was supposed to send a draft contract. Brian will follow up with them.

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**Open Forum
(cont):**

Annual Meeting: Scott W. asked about purpose of annual meeting and noted low attendance this year. Discussed moving the date up closer to the end of the season and before weather gets nice. A suggestion was made move to fall before season is starting and before too many games are scheduled. Determined we should at least set the date now and get on people's calendars. Considered doing it on a weeknight. John B. heard that all state tourneys are going to move up a week and will be the first 2 weeks of March. The suggestion was made that we would get more attendance if we offered work hours to show up or entice them some other way. No final determination made.

Brat Stand: There was discussion of bringing back the Friday afternoon brat stands - offer work hours to get our name out there and offer work hours and earn some profits. Discussed just offering a handful of dates through the summer, especially high traffic dates like 4th of July weekend. Discussed trying different spots than the one in town, such as revisiting the option of having it at the fireworks store who paid us to set up there, so we made that money on top of what the brats pulled in. Closer to the freeway might be better than in town when all of the other food options are by the freeway. Someone will connect with the fireworks store to see if that's an option. Will discuss at the next meeting. If board decides to move forward, Gina will send out worksheets for Friday brat stands to see what dates we can get workers from 8am to 4 or 5pm.

Committees:

Fundraising: Andy will chair. Rebecca, Pax and Scott F. will participate. Will meet before next board meeting to come up with ideas about summer brat stand.

Building and Grounds: Pax will chair. John Bresina, Craig, Aaron and Scott W. will participate.

Coaching: Craig will be the D2 rep. Brian, Scott F, John Bresina, Scott W, Craig, Joe and Dan will participate.

Concessions: Gina will chair. Cindy Hurtgen and Kim Rasmuson will participate. Need a new popcorn machine.

Mites/Membership: Aaron will chair. Andy, Dan and Scott F. will participate.

Tournaments: See if Ryan Veenendall wants to do it. John Bresina will participate.

Identify any non-board members who want to participate on any committees.

Adjourned:

8:35p

Motion: Scott Woodington
2nd: Rebecca Paulsen

Favor: All
Against: None