

**EVHA Board Meeting
January 14, 2015 at 7:30 PM
Apple Valley Community Center
Agenda**

Call to Order

Attendance: Scott Calvert, David Leach, Heather Sodomka, Brent Cameron, Jim Lombardi, Wade Bergland, Matt Cords, Mark Groebner, Doug Tritschler, Matt Johnson, Mike Schoonover, Dave Kisch, Tom Keating, Renee Swenson, Amy Hutsell

1.1 Visitors: Matt Harris from Bauer

2.0 Agenda Additions/Revisions

1. Gambling News... Bingo will now start at 7pm instead of 7:30pm so that it can end a little earlier and hopefully bring in more players. New Gambling Assistant Manager hired. Gambling Control Board came by Valley Tap for an impromptu inspection and we were fully compliant with rules/regulations. Rick Casper at Casper's restaurant wants to meet with Heather to discuss potential changing of the guard for pull tabs from their current organization to another one, like EVHA.

Review Gambling Donation to EVHA for \$50,000 – No questions or discussion, and this transaction was approved via email voting.

Review Gambling request for new Pull Tab booth at Bogart's – No questions or discussion

Board again approved a \$30K operating budget for the Gambling operations

2. Presentation of jersey options by Bauer Rep, Matt Harris. Sublimated Jerseys have no sewing or patches. Cheaper way to make a more expensive looking jersey. Any designs possible on the jersey. 75 days turnaround time. June is time when jerseys need to be ordered. Minimum order is 12 jerseys. Matt says most associations do not put names on the back of the jersey and instead do appliques or do not put names on the back of jerseys. Primary questions... 1. Do we need names on jerseys? 2. How many of each size is appropriate to buy to handle/cover all association requirements?. 3. How do we account for unpredictable team placements and the potential need for AV players or other players from out of the association? Matt thinks the best way to do it is to sublimated everything on the jersey except the name and then handle the name via applique. Jerseys tend to last approx. 3 years or longer. Socks are sublimated at well. Bauer is looking for Ice Time on Jan 26&27 for 4 practices in a row so that they can demo and market (and give away a few) MX3 hockey sticks. The board committee assigned to selecting new jerseys is comprised of Tritschler, Cameron, Swenson, Groebner, DeFauw, led by Tritschler. Questions were raised about whether Bauer is really, in the end, the most cost-effective vendor for new jerseys and Doug will be having discussions with other vendors. Doug will come to next meeting with additional

vendor pricing information and will also address the topic of HOW to best deal with new jerseys.

- Follow up discussion about jerseys for next year

3. Search for new EVHA Administrator ... Nothing has yet been posted in terms of job description and true hiring notice. Email informing EVHA members that the job is open will be sent on Thursday, Jan 15. Applications will be sent back to Matt Johnson and Mike Schoonover.

4. Plan recruitment of new board members... Nothing has yet been posted in terms of recruiting new board members. Mike offered to post a letter to the EVHA community letting them know that he will be leaving and that we could really use “new blood” on the board. Amy will establish a web-site based process for people to submit their applications for membership, which Mike will refer to in his letter.

5. Summer Learn to Skate clinic/camp with AVHA... A guy from AVHA contacted us if we would be interested in cooperating with their program. We said that we would be interested in participating. City of AV Parks and Rec will also be promoting. The program is only about 5-6 hours.

6. Shortage of Volunteer Opportunities... We will continue to send notifications of opportunities for volunteering and continue to let people know that they need to proactively attack their volunteer requirements. Every board member should try to think of ideas for work that can be done (clean out storage room, clean out old trophies at rinks, work volunteer req's at traveling team games, etc)

7. Discuss/Select new President and Vice President... Nobody jumped up for the opportunities, but we do definitely need to address and make decisions by next meeting.

8. Ice Divider Boards for Mites... Player development committee really wants the boards with the vision of saving money in the long term by avoiding high ice fees at the Pond. Could potentially share cost of boards with AVHA. Would also want to sell advertising for 5 year terms for \$750, on the boards, to the tune of approximately \$2000. Boards could be stored in far west end of Hayes (with the addition of access doors in normal rink boards). Need to assure that ice for Mites is ALWAYS (or as much as possible) at Hayes. Dave Leach made a motion to purchase the boards, with or without cooperation/financial assistance from AVHA. Brent Cameron seconded the motion. All votes were Ayes. No Nays. No abstentions.

9. Number of Tournaments (Leach)... This season, each traveling team was scheduled in 4 tournaments. Dave asked whether teams might be better served to be scheduled in 3 tournaments and then leave it up to each team to schedule an optional 4th tournament. No real strong consensus or desire to dictate to the association one way or the other was voiced by the board.

10. Discuss EVHA options/plans to honor Patrick Schoonover... Lombo proposed a Bantam tournament that is dedicated to the Play for Patrick foundation. Retiring #96 is something that will be done, and probably a ceremony of some sort. Amy proposed the idea of forming a small committee within the board to address how to maintain a focus on remembering Patrick.

11. Amy recommended that everyone on the board with a specific role take the time to write up a "how-to-do-this-job/task" instruction cheat sheet.

Review of identified monthly "To Do" items...

Plan Fundraiser/Raffle Night ... Cameron is continuing to work on planning. Has a booster club meeting scheduled for Jan 15th. Feb 8th is the date of the Raffle Night at Valley Tap.

EV Summer camp info finalized and communicated to association... DeFauw is planning a 3 week/12 session program.

Mite Coordinator to distribute remainder of Mite schedule

Order trophies for Mite jamboree

"Pull" payment number two from team accounts.

Regular Discussion Topics

Board/Committee reports

- Goalie Coordinator
- Volunteers
- Managers
- District 8 Update
- Apparel
- Fundraising
- Registrar
- Tournaments
- Mites
- Girls Program
- Hockey Operations
- Charitable Gambling