



# Board Meeting

**East Metro Area Youth Hockey Association**  
**7 p.m. Sunday, January 14, 2023 | Blue Line Room at Tartan Arena**

The TAYHA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Brian Arrigoni at 7:04 p.m.

**Present:** Brian Arrigoni, Casey Regan, Mike Launderville, Bao Vang, Ann Hackman, Nikki Bennis Erik Petersen, Laura Kirchoff, Sean Cunningham, Brent Baar, Brett Lothian, John Maslowski

**Absent:** Kacie Schmidt, John Ellingson, Bill Burkhart, Brett Lothian, Shannon Larsen, Steve Moose Youngmans, Lea Kammerer

## TAYHA Meeting

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review of the December 2023 TAYHA meeting minutes.

Mike L. motioned to approve the December meeting minutes. Casey R. seconded. Motion carried.

### GAMBLING MANAGER REPORT (John M.)

Sales \$\$602,995.05

Prizes \$510,470.65

Lawful purpose expenditures \$48,965.79

Total allowable expenses \$48,968.04

Gross profit \$92,524.40

Net profit (\$5,409.43)

See report for details.

Mike L. motioned to approve gambling manager's report. Ann H. seconded. Motion carried.

Casey R. motioned to allow a pre-approval of all expenses for the following month. Mike L. seconded. Motion carried.

John M. presented the Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the years ended April 30, 2023 and 2022. It was prepared by Burke, Wheeler & Rolling, Certified Public Accountants.

### TAYHA TREASURER REPORT (Ann)

- She is reimbursing teams who are submitting receipts for up to \$100 for team building experiences
- Attorney bills up paid and updated
- She suggests we run a report on families who haven't yet fulfilled their hours for the season. We are having trouble filling concession stand hours and dipping into our profits to cover paid workers to open during busy times at the rink.
  - Casey R. adds that we can send out an email to remind families to sign up for volunteer hours as the season is coming to a close and before the association cashes checks.



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Mike L. motioned to adjourn the TAYHA meeting at 7:23 p.m. Casey L. seconded. Motion carried.

## Co-Op Meeting

The East Metro Youth Hockey Association Co-Op Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Brian Arrigoni at 7:24 p.m.

### **REGISTRAR'S REPORT (Nikki)**

Nikki reports all birth certificates were submitted by December 10. Three coaches didn't complete CEP training. They have been released.

Recent Friday Night Skate went well. Next one is February 9.

New: Polar Ice Arena will be open all summer. Is there anything the association wants to do to host programming?

Next Try Hockey for Free aligns with a national effort. Date is February 24.

### **DISTRICT 2 REPORT (Mike)**

- Another association is suggesting the removal of statistics for Squirts/U10 level. Currently, they are still available on the District 2 site.
- There are referee officials who are looking to work more scrimmages, so teams can add additional matches, if interested.
- Volunteer slots for District 2 Squirt C tournament (February 19 – 25) are ready to upload onto Dibs. Mike will add and make public.

### **RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT REPORT (Bao)**

- We launched the recognition program. We currently have 16 nominations for outstanding players, coaches and volunteers.
- We have drawn two winners for MN Wild tickets. We have 7 or 8 more sets for games in February, March and April.
- OF NOTE: Our 10U Girls received a special invitation to skate during the PWHL's inaugural home game. We received in-arena recognition in front of a record women's pro-hockey audience 13,000+ and online.
- Nikki B. is requesting East Metro-branded items to help promote the association at upcoming public events.

### **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Casey R.)**

- 10U Girls took home 4<sup>th</sup> place at their recent out-of-town tournament appearance in Hutchinson. They played three 10UB1 teams and one 10UB2 team.
- Will need to do some work this summer to confirm a partnership with White Bear Lake or another association for levels 12U and above. White Bear currently has many 10U players moving up.

### **GRIEVANCES (Erik)**

- No grievances to report



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## **MAJOR REPORT (Sean)**

- Teams are doing well and experiencing success
- Board members, we must set the example to monitor locker rooms on practice, game, scrimmage and skills nights

## **MITE TEAM REPORT (Kacie, as shared by Brian A.)**

- Erik P., thanks for cones and boards at Phalen Arena
- Mite 3 and 8U players will help sell Wild Programs at Xcel on January 15
- Reminder, Phalen Jamboree is January 19-21
- End-of-Season Mite Jamboree is March 1-3 at Tartan.

## **PRESIDENT REPORT (Brian)**

- Merit Chevrolet will donate another \$500 to EMAYHA if association can supply 20 contacts for outreach. If we can secure, Brian suggests the funds support recruitment and retention.
- Locker rooms must be monitored at all times by a Safe Sport certified individual. There was an isolated incident with Squirt players that was addressed with families.
- Jersey Day was still successful despite the game being rescheduled
- Tartan's freezer and fridge may be broken. School District will pay to replace.
- Asked Moose to order five white #24 jerseys to put up around the community
- No update on the merger
- Ramsey County has turned off Live Barn in arenas
- How will we showcase last year's district wins with banners or signage?

## **Adjournment**

Casey R. made a motion for adjournment of the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Sean C. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recording secretary, Bao Vang