

**MORRIS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER – 7:06 call to order by Jordan**

**Attendance: Jordan Staples, Darron Carr, Matt Solemsaas, Tina Kuseske, Jill Winther, Linda Engebretson, Kaley Thoennes, Ron Staples, and guest (Rod Koehler)**

**Darron exited at 7:45pm.**

**GAMBLING REPORT:** Linda Engebretson *Approval of Gambling Report –*

*EOM Balance: \$\*\*\*\*\**

*Net Receipts: \$\*\*\*\*\**

*Lawful Purposes: \$\*\*\*\*\**

*Allowable Expenses: \$\*\*\*\*\**

*(Best month on record for pull tabs with etabs)*

*Darron month, Matt 2nd - all in favor. Motion carries*

- *Compressor Bill Approval - \$17,686.84 left to finish out the cost of the compressor. This is paid through the gambling account. Matt Motion, Tina 2nd. - all in favor. Motion carries.*
  - *But one compressor still isn't working appropriately, so unsure what will come of this yet.*
- *Meat Raffle @ Big Whitey's Saturdays thru March @ 3 - 5 PM - Need Volunteers*

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Fundraising (Capital Improvement Project)
  - *Account balance: \$\*\*\*\*\**
  - *Total Pledges/donations: one small donation + account interest*
- Committee(s) updates:
  - *None*

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Member/Guest Presentations (5 min) -

*Close General Membership Meeting*

**BOARD MEETING**

*Open Morris Hockey Association Board Meeting*

**PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS:** Jordan Staples

- *Morris Area School Agreement - No update*
- *Annual Meeting - Board Member Terms - 6pm and regular meeting to follow*
  - *Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising (Tamera - will not continue, Katelyn - was filling an interim role and has expressed interest to continue, Kaley - will not continue)*
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**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

*Approval of Minutes for February*

- *No changes. Jill Winther Motion, Darron 2nd - all in favor. Motion carries.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

*Approval for Treasurer's Report*

- *End of Month Balance: \$5,806.17*
- *Transfer Funds - LCC. Need to transfer. Pizza fundraiser is going in, along with the pizza cost & player development fund into Joint account. Along with final motion to transfer funds to joint account to cover remaining costs. Total transfer from LLC is \$4,500.*
- *Motion to approve transfer of funds from LCC to MHA of \$4,500. Darron Motion, Matt S. 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- *Motion to approve transfer \$12,000 from MHA to Joint Account. This dollar amount was decided at Joint meeting. Tina Motion, Jill 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.*

- Motion to approve report as presented. Jill Motion. 2nd Kaley. All in favor. Motion carried.

**MANAGER LCC REPORT:** Ron Staples

*Approval of LCC Report*

- Balance: \$\*\*\*\*\*
  - All advertising (dasher board) has been received.
  - Ice is officially off. Been cleaning every evening. Expo sets up tomorrow (3/14) and starts Friday and Saturday.
  - Matt Motion. Jill 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Moving ice off/spring expo commitment
  - Open up the floor for feedback and discussion. Jordan - we have been discussing ice-off since January. March 3rd was a date that Ron had selected for compressors and needed to push a couple dates back in order to get Mite/Mini end of the year party.
  - Bantams were eligible to use Morris rink Monday, Tuesday that week.
  - Spring Expo has been going around 10-15 years. It's been at the LCC a majority of the time.
    - Vendors have other weekends booked well in advance and wouldn't get vendors to commit if we moved dates of this Expo. There's a mix of local and non-local vendors. Some of these vendors are local sponsors. KMRS/KKOK radio station manages this.
      - Is it possible to move Spring Expo to be able to coordinate this?
    - Keeping ice 2 weeks longer (approximately \$3k in utility expense) in Morris and having Benson rink to utilize for the team to continue to practice. Benson will keep ice as long as they can and the maintenance is different than in Morris.
    - The discussion started that we need to support the culture of the hockey program. And it was brought up that the culture needs to start around our Board table. This began the discussion on some of the difficulties we are facing in our association structure. Darron stood up and exited the meeting after stating there's more to come in April that will come to head against board members.
      - Rod Koehler noted that this should not be happening within the board structure and individuals on the board need to support all discussions on the board.
      - It's important to have difficult conversations and make diplomatic decisions.
      - More discussion on board member structure will continue

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- County Meeting (April/October) – None - No comments, may or may not be meeting in April. Only thing would be to complete a fire line/leak inspection.

Note: Will continue to have 3rd party come in to clean glass.

- Rink Improvement Proposal (5-10 year plan) - *Update*
  - 1. Bleachers, 2. Viewing Area/Meeting Rooms Addition, 3. Dryland area
    - Matt - has reached out to two places for bleacher quotes. Jordan continues to have the existing quote he received. Thinking we need to continue to move forward based on timeline. Tina Motions to approve \$59,803 for purchase of bleachers and rubber matting. Jill 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Mini Mites/Mite Jerseys - *Joint Discussion*
  - Ashley continues to work on jersey's in locker room 5.
  - April 14th will be the year-end party at the LCC. Can utilize this time to hand in last minute.
  - Consider looking into sponsorship for jerseys.

**From Emails since last meeting –**

**ADJOURN –** Jill Motion. 2nd - Tina. All in favor. Motion carries.

**NEXT MEETINGS –** Joint Board Meeting– April 7th @ 7:00 PM @ Benson, Morris Board Meeting April 10th Annual Meeting @ 6:00 PM & Regular @ 7:00 PM @ Morris