

**New Mexico Amateur Hockey Association**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
01/09/2024 6:30PM  
The MAC

Members Present	Jason Foist, Kelly Boyles, Sabra Hensler, Stephanie Orr, Loretta Tafuro, Jasy Shiparski, Mattie Pacheco, Monique Priest, Margaret McNatt
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Members Absent	
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Guests Attending:	
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### Welcome/Approvals

Agenda Item	
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Call to Order and Welcome	NMAHA President Jason Foist called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm and welcomed attendees.
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Action Items	Roll call was taken.
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Approval of the Minutes	President Foist requested a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2023, Monthly meeting.  Motion to Approve: Jason Foist  Seconded by: Loretta Tafuro  All in favor - motion passed.
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### Committee Reports

Scheduler Report Mattie Pacheco	<b>General updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bantams need some additional games due to cancellations</li><li>• 12u Los Alamos game has also been cancelled- need to find new game</li><li>• Pee-Wee end of year festival and THFF are both scheduled for same day. We will need to move THFF so that the festival can run more smoothly- board agrees and will move THFF to March.</li><li>• This weekend is a busy weekend for games at the MAC</li><li>• Mattie would like donation letter so she can request donations for Pee-Wee end of year festival. So far, we have potentially 7 teams interested. Donations will be solicited for goodie bags, snacks etc.</li><li>• The Durango fund raiser- Dine in at the restaurant in Cuba generated \$250. The owners matched the total and are donating a total of \$500. Three levels participated and when divided up amongst those teams, each team will have raised around \$166.</li><li>• For festival- ask older kids if they'd like to volunteer for scorekeeping and penalty box. Many of those kids are looking for volunteer hours, so this would be a win win. UNM players may be interested as well?</li><li>• Families have been asking if there will be a skills competition at the Pee-Wee Festival.</li></ul>
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Scot Morin has said he would volunteer to help if needed, but can also provide information from years past so we can facilitate as well. Events would include things like- Speed Race, Targets, Goalie etc. Margaret can donate 12qty \$10 gift cards for competition winners if we have competition (thanks, Margaret!)

- Mini/Mite festival may get pushed back a little later. Current dates for other end of year festivals:
  - 6u/8u @ Los Alamos tentatively 2/10-11, but may get moved to 2/17-18
  - 14u @ Santa Fe- currently pending with SF 2/24-25
  - 12u @ NMAHA 2/24-25
  - 10u @ NMICE 2/17-18

#### THFF:

- Will move THFF to March 2<sup>nd</sup> to avoid conflicts with Pee-Wee festival

#### Off Ice Clinics:

- Need to help our kids build endurance and skills off the ice. This is becoming a weakness for our kids, especially the older group as they move into HS play.
- Kelly is willing to facilitate off ice clinics, but needs support in finding a space, driving registration and participation. Ideally, we could use the basketball courts at the MAC on days that the players do not have on ice practice, but the court is estimated to cost \$75 per hour. What can we charge, how do we charge to cover those fees so there is access to a space that's easy for everyone to get to AND accountability for players and families to show up to these needed clinics?
- Off ice conditioning should start 6 weeks before the season starts for HS levels
- Goal for summer activities should try and encompass something for everyone- all levels along with fund raisers like broom ball etc. Fundraisers can go towards helping us with ice costs during the season, especially if we'd like to schedule more ice time.

#### Off Season On Ice Clinics:

- Skills on ice need to be further developed as well. Coaches can only do so much 2x a week for an hour on ice- especially if ice has to be shared with other age groups.
- Need to advertise these to all organizations (SF, LA, NMICE etc.) to help keep costs low and grow hockey statewide.
- Off season clinics could include skills like: edge control, stick handling, speed etc.
- It is possible to get reduced ice price in the summer, so we should look into that and take advantage where possible.
- All Ice clinics would be collaborative with Warriors Hockey
- In addition to clinics, would be nice if we could figure out how to provide player evaluations in season- tough because of time constraints on coaches, but good idea for the future if we can figure it out. Can ask the players what their hockey goals are and help them focus on achieving those through their play and work on the ice in practice.
- Our upper-level kids need more focus and time, they are not prepared for the next level of competition, and it is very evident today. We also want to provide all we can to help keep from the team seeing the attrition at the higher levels that it is seeing now. Also a safety concern as they move up in levels.
- Can we ask the MAC to offer most Stick and Puck time as an opportunity for all players to get additional ice time in outside of practice?
- Need additional ice time for practices to really help achieve our goals. Ask Mattie to work with MAC now to see if we can get more ice time for NEXT season. Look into weekend practices as well to help get more days. Ex: Saturday mornings before Learn to Skate etc.

- When we think about HS next year, we may want to either have just a JV team or move to an 18u team...

#### General updates:

- Sports Engine still having some issues, but continuing to work through them. SE is showing payment, but also saying some funds are insufficient...
- Investment account grew \$12k for the year- yay!
- Investment account grew over \$3k just in December
- We have a few shares of stock with AB investor- going to leave them there and see if they can grow or as an option to invest later if needed.
- Quicken had an update and new cost is \$75/year up from \$64 in past years. Since this is the preferred software and also what LOEHA uses, we will stick with it
- Reimbursements from two festivals last year and grow hockey event have not been paid to us by LOEHA. Jason and Loretta working to get this resolved still.
- Need to brainstorm ideas to get snacks for THFF event (healthy snacks, goodie bags etc.)
- We should have a surplus of funds due to practice cancellations and jersey funds. Will double check, but so far looking promising!

*Motion to approve Treasury report as presented- Jason Foist*

*Second- Stephanie Orr*

*All Approved- Motion passed*

#### Fanwear:

- Fanwear was tucked away in December, so very low sales, but we do anticipate sales in January. Still offering discounted gear that is the older logo.
- New fanwear and gear available from vendor with great costs. Costs are low enough that we could have 50% markup and the goods would still be affordable to buyers. Items like badge clips, keychains etc. Would like to order a small quantity to sell at the end of year festival to see how they do to help raise funds for more ice time.

#### Rec Report:

- Managers are doing well but we need to encourage more communication between managers and coaches, especially for game attendance. If a coach is going to miss a game, please let the managers know. Can be advanced notice as well- does not have to be last minute or week of, can be as far in advance as needed. Same goes for managers who may not be at a game, so backup manager can be available.

#### High School Report

- Office clinics and off-season clinics to help strengthen team skills as discussed earlier.

Presidents Report  
General Items  
Jason Foist

- Banners**
- Banner costs are same as last year- good news. Need to order for 75 players, 18 coaches (5 of which are head coaches)
  - Total cost should be around \$600. Surplus from Treasury report can be utilized to help with this cost.
- UNM**
- UNM game scheduled for 1/26. Won't have time for scrimmage, so we will likely send 8u team who will get to stand with UNM team during national anthem on ice.
  - NMAHA may be given student pricing so we can all attend the game.
- USA Hockey**
- USA Hockey has emailed about state level player development event for Bantam and above. Would love to host it at the MAC!
  - Maybe we can look into offering scholarships for our players who would like to attend, but have financial hesitance due to cost? Cost has been around \$100 per player for the day in the past.
  - Jason will keep on this and hopefully have good news to share soon

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.  
Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm  
Location – The MAC

Respectfully Submitted

Jasy Shiparski