



ANOKA AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

October 30, 2023

Motion to call meeting to order: 7:00 pm

Minutes taken by: Becca Patrick

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Members present: Mark Rice, Ashley Christensen, Joe Super, Jay Wagamon, Cory Schmidt, Mike Schouviller, Matt Satzinger, Melissa Thalín, Audra Wander, Becca Patrick, Tom Chrest, Mike Hansen, Jason Lindberg

Ancillary members present: Kim Brotkowski, Brandon Rykkeli, Stephanie Reichow

Members absent: TJ Lyon

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Next board meeting: Monday November 27th, 2023

Guests present: Sean Lafferty, Olivia Nedved, Karma Waste, Jennifer Good, Nicole Bellavoine, Kol Huffman, Keith Narr, Jeff Gould, Brittany Doering, Kim Madrid, Alissa Hamacher, Steve Hamacher, Eric Carlson, JP West, Colleen Donovan

APPROVE MINUTES

New business:

- ~~Jennifer Good - Guest association parent~~
- ~~Sean Lafferty - Guest association parent~~
- ~~Olivia Nedved - Guest former AAHA player and Green Giants goalie~~

Meeting minutes for September - motion to approve by Ashley, second by Audra. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion done via email by Becca Patrick to pay up to \$18,000 from the gambling account to pay the September ice bill. Second by Mike Hansen. Motion approved unanimously via email - email sent to Simone and Kim to pay accordingly.

Motion to pay up to \$63,000 from gambling for October ice bill, second by Audra Wander. Approved unanimously via email.

ANCILLARY MEMBERS REPORT

Gambling Report/Gaming Committee Report (Simone Schara)

Drawing for the raffle calendars in December has been approved by the City of Anoka.

Motion to approve the gambling report, motion by Ashley, second by Matt. Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve up to \$130K for gambling for Nov. motion by Matt approved by Ashley.

Ice Schedulers Report (Brandon Rykkeli)

D10 schedule finalized. November practices will be posted by Wednesday. AA bantams hosted a scrimmage fest to use ice and it went well - recommend doing it in the future (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Xmas has lots of available ice)

Registrar's Report (Stephanie Reichow)

Roster sign off on Saturday completed.

Treasurer & Finance Manager's Report (Kim Brotkowski)

Motion to approve finance report for September - motion to approve by Mike, second by Cory. Approved unanimously.

D10 & President's Report (Tom Chrest)

D10 meeting. D10 will host these regional tournaments Bantam AA & B at Anoka, Pee wee B and 15U at Fogerty, 12U at Princeton. State tournaments for 19U, 15U, and 12UB all at Fogerty.

Every team must have a locker room monitor before and after ice times. Squirt and 10U allowed up to 10 coach controlled scrimmages, but must fill out CCS form at least one day prior to scrimmage. Form found on D10 website. Mandatory Head Coach meetings Oct 30 and Nov 1st. 6 and 7:30 at Fogerty.

Traveling / Boys (TJ Lyon)

n/a

Traveling / Girls (Matt Satzinger)

Roger's Tryouts went great with a few improvement suggestions for next year.

Jerseys are still MIA. Currently have a few teams using last year's jerseys and a combination of scrimmage jerseys.

Lots of direct communication to coaches on requirements and current status of the season have been sent out.

Girl's Co-op newsletter was formed and sent out with the help of Melissa.

Co-op Managers have the ability to order Royal Tornado gear. Need to extend the due date so that I can communicate it to managers. I will work with Steve.

Request for additional \$500 for non-parent coach for U15 motion by Jay, second by Jason, approved unanimously.

Would like to propose a hockey operations committee to be formed in the future.

Mites (Jay Wagamon)

Mite evaluations are done and working on creating teams. The new laser timing system worked well. We will have 1-A, 2-B, 1-U8, 2-C and 3-D teams this year. SnackBOX, Remedy Wellness, Northern Valley Machine and Wagamon Brothers have agreed to Sponsor the Mites for a 2 year sponsorship deal. Committee for jamboree - looking for a new committee

Tournaments (Cory Schmidt)

Bantam Tournament was sanctioned by MN Hockey
Still working on trying to fill tournament openings for girls and Peewees.
Updating Team Manager Contacts and Collection of USA Hockey Roster.
Gamesheet codes season codes were distributed to boys and girls teams (thanks Matt).
Tournament Schedule forms were completed and submitted to Gamesheets.
Working on the Casey Orn Tournament Ideas. Looking for someone to help with a banner.
Communication with Mike for Tournament Volunteers.

Recruitment & Retention (Ashley Christensen)

Fall Cyclones ended and any equipment being returned was collected.
Mini-Cyclones families were communicated with about the equipment pick-up the morning of November 4th from 8:30-10:30 am. We currently have 100 skaters registered. I have posted two positions for DIBS hours that day. Help from the board on that morning would be greatly appreciated as well otherwise more DIBS hours may need to be posted.
Our previous Santa was contacted and can no longer help us due to health issues.

Equipment & Facilities (Joe Super)

- Finalizing jersey arrival/distribution. Can report situation/issues as needed
- Coaches/managers/board apparel ordered. Looking at 2 week turnaround
- Cleaning/organizing/updating storage, coaches room, dryland room
- Finalizing projection/touch screen option for hospitality room
- Reviewing options for sound dampening for upstairs dryland room

Done via email: Motion to request up to \$250 for hospitality room improvements, including:

- Purchase & installation of materials for additional electrical outlet in ceiling (install by Jason Wander)
- Purchase & installation of materials for ceiling projector mount (install by Jason Wander & Joe Super)
- Installation of HDMI wall input (install by Joe Super). HW donated
- Installation of projection screen (install by Joe Super). Screen donated
- Installation of podium with interactive display (install by Joe Super). Podium donated

Second by Matt S, approved unanimously via email

Fundraising & Communications (Melissa Thalín)

Bantam 50/50 Raffle
Invited SKATE (Nicole B.) to sell merch or hold a fundraiser at all our 23/24 tournaments, jamborees, grandparent's day
Brainstormed ways to increase SKATE's Vertical Raise fundraiser

Girls Co-op October Newsletter (first 2023/24 edition created and sent)

Girls Co-op caps ordered through Hat Trick

Extended girls co-op store hours after noticing communication gap

Attended several declaration meetings

50/50 Raffle - Motion to approve raffles for bantam tournament, second by Audra. Approved unanimously.

Requesting approval for \$50 for bantam stickhandling pucks, motion by Melissa second by Audra. Approved unanimously.

Requesting approval for \$80 for resistance bands for dryland room, motion by Melissa, second by Becca, approved unanimously. Dryland room equipment up to \$80 this month to be paid from gambling funds

Player Development (Jason Lindberg)

Sign up genius for dryland sign up. Non subscription does not allow you to schedule in advance more than a few months and enough time slots. Motion to approve up to \$300 for sign up genius motion by Jason, second by Matt. Approved unanimously.

Tryouts (Mark Rice)

Tryout engine service crashed the last night, but other than that, no issues with tryouts.

Volunteers (Mike Schouviller)

Posted Dibs for Try Hockey for Free. Coordinated with Cory on Dibs required for the upcoming Bantam Tournament. Coordinated with Bantam Team managers on plan for posting Bantam dibs and requirement for each team to have 40 hrs of volunteer time to receive a discount. Posted Bantam Tournament dibs.

Sean Lafferty - parent in the association.

December 4th - 6 pm / 7:15 pm Sophies Squad will be coming to the arena with a focus on mental health. Asking for a donation to Sophies Squad in the amount of \$200.

Olivia Nedved and Karma Waste - Green Giants U14 requesting donation for U14 Green Giants trip to Florida.

Requesting \$500 donation plus 1 ice time hour - per skater. Ice time in March.

Jen Good would like to set up a mentorship program, between bantam/peewees and squirts/mites.

Squirt C team representative.

Kol Huffman would like a floor scrubber for the dryland room, regular upkeep - Joe to follow up

Eric Carlson would like to discuss the hockey neck guard based on recent events in the state with accidents and neck guards - We will ask the rink, otherwise Jen Good and Eric Carlson offered to purchase a stop the bleed kit for the rink if the rink will not purchase them

Mark will be updating the policies with Melissa

Done via email: Motion by Becca Patrick to pay September ice bill from gambling funds - requesting up to \$18,000 be paid to ice arena from Gambling.

Colleen Donovan in District 10 in attendance to review our waiver policy. Association presidents need to sign waivers in any situation, regardless of who is waiving out or i. District 10 approves all waivers, and no waiver will happen without their approval.