

MMYAHA

February 7, 2024

Monthly Board Meeting

Present; Bryan Polzin, Samantha Wilke, Jennifer Perket, Rachel Dura, Alex McDonald, Annie Campbell, Ashley Behrens, Cheryl Gerondale, Kevin Koch, Hunter Manns, Paul Aftanas, Bobbi Baty, Nate Baty, Rachel Raygo, Tyler Cahill

Bryan called the meeting to order at 5:31

Approval of January Minutes; Jennifer motions to approve, 2nd by Alex, all approve.

Public Comment – Alex McDonald announced that this year will be the last year they organize the Chummy. There will still be plenty of money in the fund to provide player scholarships for a long time. Please help work this tournament, it is a great tournament that helps Thunder players directly. Registration closes March 1st. Once registration is done, any players that are under 18 with the association will need locker room attendants. The youth players will have a separate locker room from adult players. Thunder will be in charge of concessions, minor officials will also be greatly appreciated.

Officer Reports

President – No report

Vice President – The large white board on wheels and a shelf unit were donated by Collins Aerospace when they closed. The white board is great to use for tournaments and we appreciate the kindness.

Treasurer – \$78,060.94 in the general checking. \$34,260.43 in the concessions account. \$56,599.75 in the savings account. \$29,464.67 in the CD. Pink out donation is \$8115. Booze pull - \$700, Concessions \$662, Stick pick \$176, donations in concessions \$170, Gun \$330, Pink raffle \$1900, Blue raffle \$3086, 50/50 \$485, sweatshirts \$40 and Gun \$550.

Athletic Director – Goalie practice Monday had 5 nets and 9 goalies. We need more shooters. Paul thinks a one hour goalie practice would be helpful next year. Howie's is willing to put our logo on marking pucks for games. The dot is wearing off the non marking pucks and they are harder and harder to keep track of.

There was a complaint brought up from a parent about lack of communication to the team. The parents were in the dark that the 2nd year PeeWee's were joining practice. Paul and Hunter both feel this was a huge benefit to all player on the ice. While coaches need to be able to run practices as they see fit without parent intervention a follow up meeting will be held with Rules and Regs and all bantam parents to help solve the issues.

Girls AD – no report

Rules and Regs – No Report

IP director – Try Hockey For Free application was submitted and we were awarded a grant for \$1000 to reimburse for our time and effort. We need to look into policy options to remove or suspend people

from Sports Engine chat that are being rude or disrespectful to others. We also need to look into policy so tournament directors/ team reps can assign families to concession shifts when no one signs up.

Director of Hockey – No report

Registration – 142 players total this year, up from last year when the total was 138. Ashley and Annie had a meeting with the Crossbar representative. A lot of organizations are switching from Sports Engine to Crossbar. Crossbars system is much more user friendly and has more capability for us to utilize. We will be locked in on last years price of \$69 monthly or \$828 yearly. We need to address if we want to stay with Sports Engine or transfer to Crossbar. Jeniffer makes a motion to switch to Crossbar, 2nd made by Alex, all approve. We will be utilizing Crossbar for the 2024/2025 season.

Great Lakes Hockey League – Tyler would like to put together a Marinette team for the Great Lakes Hockey League (GLHL). This is a Senior A league and Marinette is basically centrally located in their territory. The GLHL has been around for a very long time and the teams involved have been an asset to their area. Local businesses have expressed interest in sponsoring the team. Other teams typically bring in 200-1000 fans per home game they sell tickets for \$5-8. There are 10 home games and 10 away games in the regular season and a year end tournament. Thunder would be asked to run beer and concession sales. This could be a huge benefit for the Thunder association as well as the community. We will continue the discussion going forward on how to best help one another. The stance right now is the team should pursue their own 501C3 and we would work as partners.

WAHA – There is a workshop coming up, Hunter and Derek Schingick will be attending. Brackets for State will all be set soon.

Ref in Chief – Trying to improve ref scheduling in the future, this year has been a struggle and Hunter has had to utilize the Michigan groups often to fill games. Hunter is looking into a system to COOP with the Michigan groups. The whole season has been a struggle to find refs and with the new invoice system. Cooping could help ease some of these issues in the future.

Concessions – Marinette PD is asking if we will run concessions for the corn hole tournament that they are hosting.

Events – War in the Woods boxing will be April 27. Do we run concessions or do we just take on beer sales. Do we run double dubs? It is extremely difficult to fill concessions in the off season.

Sponsorship – Dasher boards are all up. Everything Ice in Pennsylvania was the source. Polycarbonate sheet 1/8 thick for future ordering. High School went through 100 programs, PeeWee will need 120 next time. 20 new sponsors for this year, \$28,975 sold, \$24,450 collected. Can we look into other options for our apparel partner? Taxi Inc. banner has been missing and was overlooked, It is up now. Still working on the Thank You cards. We are out of spots on the boards so reached out to the city about adding sponsors behind the bench feedback was positive.

DIBS – Country Concert is February 17, we do not have enough people signed up. Annie sent out an email, if we do not get help this event will be a fail! SIGN UP!!! Annie also needs the times for the RV show to put into the calendar.

Team Reports

High School – No report

Bantams – We had Chicago Winterland tournament, the team took 3rd place and held their own. The whole team went to the Ice Wolves game. The team dropped the ball on communication for the pink out basket so will be making a direct donation to the family.

PeeWee A – The team lost playdowns in sudden death over time. The home tournament made \$4,743.

PeeWee B – no report

Squirt A – 14-14 They won their playdown game, home tournament coming up this weekend.

Squirt B – 18-14-3 Won both of their playdowns games!

Mites – Thank you to the board for helping deal with parent issues that arose. Appleton tournament went well. The A Team did well the B team struggled a little bit. Some games have been cancelled due to inclement weather or team sickness. Escanaba Jamboree went well but they played a lot of games and they were very tired. The kids are all progressing and have grown substantially throughout the season.

Trophy Case – We may need to look into adding a second case to the other side of the bleachers also.

Amend bylaws – The bylaws need to be amended to change to fiscal year to July 1 – June 30. Motion by Sam to approve, 2nd by Bryan all in favor approved by unanimous vote.

End of Year banquet – We will announce a date soon.

Board Positions – There will be two vacant positions this year, information will be announced on applications soon and voting will be done at the annual meeting in April.

Danglefest – Asking \$7600 for a profit of \$4,975. A locker room policy needs to be addressed and put forward before the board will approve.

Public Comment – None

Agenda items for March

Annual Meeting, Danglefest, registration, crossbar, trophy case

Adjourned at 8:34