



Board Meeting

East Metro Area Youth Hockey Association
6 p.m. Sunday, June 9, 2024 | The Wild Boar

Present:

Brian Arrigoni, Casey Regan, Kacie Schmidt, Bao Vang, Mike Launderville, John Maslowski, Connor McHugh, Bill Burkhardt, Sean Cunningham, Laura Kirchoff, Brent Baar, Shannon Larsen, Erik Petersen, Steve "Moose" Younghans

Absent:

Nikki Bennis, Ann Hackman, John Ellingson, Brett Lothian, Lea Kammerer

TAYHA Meeting

The TAYHA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Brian Arrigoni at 6 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review of the May 2024 TAYHA meeting minutes.

Mike motioned to approve the May 2024 meeting minutes. Kacie S. seconded. Motion carried.

GAMBLING MANAGER REPORT (April 2024 by John M.)

Sales \$1,032,117.30

Prizes \$893,210.47

Gross profit \$138,906.83

Lawful purpose expenditures \$38,396.28

Total allowable expenses \$64,273.59

Net profit \$32,236.96

See report for details.

Mike L. motioned to accept the Gambling Manager Report from March 2024. Kacie S. seconded. Motion carried.

Mike L. motioned to pre-approve allowable expenses for July. Sean C. seconded. Motion carried.

Mike L. motioned to accept \$50,000 in donations from the Gambling Account. John E. seconded. Motion carried.

Mike L. motioned to end the TAYHA portion of the meeting. Casey R. 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 6:20 p.m.

PRESIDENTS' UPDATES (Billy & Brian)

Merger: The board discussed the appreciation of everyone involved and the years involved to get the merger finalized, effective July 1, 2024.



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Members expressed the need to set a time to discuss the budget process. Relative to the budget, members anticipate our financial position playing a role on how we launch registration, what's included, and at which price points.

Members say a priority next step is a call for coaches and to plan a more structured parent meeting for families to meet coaches, board members, connect with other families.

Pre-season was discussed. The Board will engage and deploy multiple programs to get kids back on the ice and ready for the season.

Casey R. motioned to approve the engagement of Scott Steffen, Read and React (goalie training), North St. Paul Skate School and Cole Leitch for warmups and skills workshops through the season. Kacie S. seconded. Motion carried.

For jerseys, Strauss will follow up with pricing and options.

RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT REPORT (Bao)

- Reintroduction of Connor McHugh as a non-voting member of the Recruitment and Retention committee. He's enthusiastic, willing to roll up his sleeves to build a positive experience for player and a current Mite hockey dad and coach.
- Oakdale's Summerfest is coming up on June 27.
 - Goals:
 - Celebrate our youth hockey families and build pride from the athletes walking the parade and also the ones who will be along the route.
 - Promote and advertise our association to prospective and former families.
 - Get families to TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE in July and August.
 - Next steps:
 - Invite association to walk in the parade
 - Collect/create or purchase all items

Nick Bergman

Members expressed their commitment to support the children of hockey dad and coach Nick Bergman, after his untimely death.

MAJOR TEAMS REPORT (Sean C.)

- Lea K. is working on solidifying tournaments.
- We are planning for the following levels of play:
 - Two Bantam teams
 - Three PeeWee teams
 - Four Squirt teams

GIRLS REPORT (Casey R.)

Board reported that conversations with prospective partners are still ongoing.

MITE DIRECTOR (Kacie S.)

- Need a date to relook at cleaning closets and go through goalie equipment

DISTRICT 2 (Mike L.)

- Bylaw and rule changes:
 - D2 games will be played under curfew rule.
 - D2 league games: home teams should wear white.



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- Games that are played in 60 minutes (like Squirts or 10U) warmup duration will be updated to three minutes rather than five.
- Reminder that neck guards are required for all players by August 1, 2024

Adjournment

Sean C. motioned to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Brent Baar seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting is 6 p.m. Sunday, July 14 at Wild Boar.

Recording secretary, Bao Vang