

## EMHA Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 15, 2022 – 7:06 Called to Order

Present: Teri Chambers, Pam Lockwood, Carla Meier, Jon Cook, Jeremiah Sherman, Randy Meier, Aiko Schneider, Matt Bendall

**Financials:** Currently, \$61,365.53 in the account. Still owe: Jason Lyon a check for \$24k for February ice, \$2k+ Oxford Donations (Tate Memorial Fund), \$1600 Flint Inner-city Registrations. Coaching Grants \$2000 (Meier team will use for goalie coaching), A-Frame Awards for last year and this year's trophies. \$3000 for the banquet...may need to change depending on venue. Refs for House for February and March. \$1265 reimbursement for the mites. (ADDING – HS Alumni donation of \$2500.) Still on track for projected End of Year balance to be \$18k.) Fighting an IRS fee since the managers didn't get their ledgers in on time...\$1280 bill. Asking the accountant for help since they forgot to file the extension.

Side note: 3 mid-season ledgers still missing – 12's, Powers Prep, U16

**Try Hockey for Free – March 5, 10:30am** – Jeremy, Teri, Allison, Carla, Jon, Randy on Ice, some 07's potentially – Set Up Morning Of

Jerseys have arrived. Teri will check with Perani's on gloves.

11 registered for Try Hockey for Free. Keep promoting!

### **Banquet – Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Approx. 400 Guests, Food Quote from Sullivan's - \$7 per person. (\$1500 total) Supplying linens for \$157. Confirmed for that date.

Dort Federal wants to charge us for \$5500 arena 2 PLUS: electric drops, tables, chairs, microphones, security – could total up to \$7000-\$8000. Maybe the Firebirds Foundation could help? Bendall will reach out to Jeremy Torrey tomorrow 2/15 to see if he can do any better and possibly match where we used to be.

Teri will do cake. Decorations ready to go. Teri will email tomorrow about report cards etc. Along with coach and manager award nominations.

**Coaching Apps – Due March 15<sup>th</sup>.** Make a decision during April meeting – decision for fall 2022-2023

*Bendall:* There are already three applicants for 2011 team...2 applicants want to start this spring. We need to vote on who the coaches will be soon. We cannot field 3 teams. More likely two. Josh Clements (current coach), Travis Perry and Kevin Smithwick have all applied. *Randy Meier:* According to Josh Clements - Travis has reached out to some of his players to be on his team. Talked to his goalie about coming to his team. Tampering?

*Jeremiah Sherman:* I've been thinking about putting an application in as well for that team - what if we take the kids and combine them and then decide which coaches are best for each travel team.

*Bendall:* We will not tell Josh Clements he cannot keep his team. Existing coaches, historically, keep their team and the secondary team gets next picks after an initial current team tryout. We will start with seeing if Travis and Smithwick will combine forces. I will reach out to them and see how to proceed.

No 2013 coaching apps yet. 2008, 2007 Orange – nothing heard yet.

Randy Meier has applied to be the Bantam House coach can he start getting ice/holding skates. Yes – but you cannot declare yourself the coach. You can say you are helping to form a team until March 15<sup>th</sup> and we see if there any other coaches applying.

**Girls Team:** Survey sent...12 responses so far...a couple other people reached out. A few said they'd be willing to be a coach or assistant coach or manager. Mixed bag of age groups. Teri thinks there could a 10U or 14U or 16U. Have whoever is interested in coaching – reach out to Bendall and we can get interest. Girls only skates. Girls drop in. Host a day for girls only?

*TABLED UNTIL 3/15: Jared Hoffmeyer proposed raising the mite price \$100 more so they can add one more sheet of ice per week. On the agenda for next meeting.*

#### **Mission Statement:**

Pam Read: Our mission is to provide a positive youth hockey experience for players of all talent levels and ages. Our focus is to teach fundamental hockey skills and to develop well-rounded athletes by mentoring, developing, and shaping character, promoting good sportsmanship, respect, honesty, and loyalty. What is taught on the ice will follow the players for a lifetime!

Pam will email hers to all.

Carla will email hers as well.

*Added 2/16/2022 from Carla Meier:* It is the mission of the Eastern Michigan Hockey Association "EMHA" to provide development, integrity, competitiveness, and team concepts for hockey players of all ages and skill level. We take pride in mentoring these players through character building, leadership, and respect. With these strong fundamentals we are able to build a strong in-house program which enables us to have strong and competitive Tier 1 to Tier 3 level travel teams in each age group. Our organization strives to help make hockey affordable for ALL youth in our community through fundraising and support from local contributors along with supporting The Flint Inner City Youth Hockey Program both financially and volunteering.

The EMHA believes that participation in properly coached sports helps to build self-esteem, promotes teamwork, develops the body and mind and coupled with these core principles; Community, Growth, Integrity and Respect will lead our youth to be outstanding young adults in Our Communities.

We will combine or vote for the final one.

Pam noticed things not working or outdated on the website. Proposed hiring someone to do a complete overhaul. Teri and Allison can make most changes if there is a list. Paying someone not necessary yet.

**Next Meeting, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 7pm**

**Meeting Adjourned 8:01**