



Mahtomedi Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting

Date: May 21, 2023

Called to Order: 8:04PM

In Attendance: Alex Rogosheske, Brandon Sampair, Kelly Taff, Krissy Wright, Kevin Bidon, Tim Boberg, Luke Juhl, Tom Larson, Tom Leonard, Nate McClanahan, Garth Pawluk, Brent Sorenson, Luke Spannbauer.

Absent: Abe Appert.

Prior Meeting Minutes Approval: April 2023 meeting minutes approved with corrections. Motion made by Alex Rogosheske, Second Brandon Sampair. Unanimous. Motion passes.

New Business/Member Feedback:

- No new business/member feedback

President's Report (Alex Rogosheske)

- **New Board Member – Kevin Bidon**
 - Spoke directly to everyone on the board w/the exception of Tom Leonard re: Dan Bonne resigning, not finishing the year of this term; kids are no longer playing hockey; need approval to replace him with Kevin Bidon.

MOTION made by Krissy Wright to approve Kevin Bidon to the MYHA board for the 2023-2024 Season. Second by Brandon Sampair. Unanimous. Motion passes.

- **2023-2024 Board Member Elections**
 - Introductions of new/current board members; overview of how meetings are run; explained the process.
 - The following board positions have been assigned for 2023-2024 season.
 - President – Alex Rogosheske
 - Vice President – Abe Appert
 - Secretary – Kelly Taff
 - Treasurer – Krissy Wright
 - D2 – Tom Leonard
 - Junior Gold – Nate McClanahan
 - Bantam – Brent Sorenson
 - Peewee – Tom Larson
 - Squirt – Kevin Bidon
 - Mites – Luke Juhl
 - 6U/8U & Recruiting – Luke Spannbauer
 - Girls Director (10U/12U/15U) – Garth Pawluk

- Player Development – Tim Boberg
- Director Coaching & Fundraising – Brandon Sampair

MOTION made by Brandon Sampair to approve the board positions for the 2023-2024 Season. Second by Tom Larson. Unanimous. Motion passes.

- **New Registrar – Alethia Schwagel Gamez**
 - PJ Boeke (MYHA parent), Mikalynn Hauer (retiring Registrar), and Kelly Taff assisted in the recruitment/hiring process; paid position, \$2,500 per season; will need board vote/approval.
- **New Bantam AA Head Coach – Mike Narrow**
 - Coaching Committee of Alex, Brent and Brandon interviewed five (5) applicants (all non-parent) for the Bantam AA Head Coaching position; selected Mike Narrow; he is a 2011 Mahtomedi graduate; current Boys HS Varsity Lacrosse head coach; alumni Mahtomedi HS Boys Hockey program; passionate about hockey; vested in the community; paid position \$5,000 per season; will need board vote/approval.
 - Previous head coach, Billy Wagner (4 years) took a job out of state.
 - Onboarding will be done w/Brent Sorenson, Bantam Level Director

MOTION made by Luke Juhl to approve Alethia Schwagel Gamez, Registrar and Mike Narrow, Bantam AA Head Coach for the 2023-2024 Season. Second by Garth Pawluk. Unanimous. Motion passes.

MOTION made by Brandon Sampair to pay Alethia Schwagel Gamez, Registrar \$2,500, and Mike Narrow, Bantam AA Head Coach \$5,000, and each assistant Bantam AA coach(s), \$2,500 (maximum of two (2)) for the 2023-2024 Season. Second by Kevin Bidon. Unanimous. Motion passes.

- **Ice Scheduler(s) – Joan Demars, Nate Demars**
 - Joan and Nate are retiring after the 2023-2024 season; limited interest in this paid position; Alex spoke to two (2) applicants; both were not interested
 - Roseville is also looking for a new ice scheduler this season; three (3) applied; Alex to reach out to see if there is any interest in our ice scheduling position.
- **Traveling Jerseys (Boys)**
 - After many edits and design suggestions, Alex sent an e-mail to the board with the final jersey design; different designs for the dark/light jerseys; previous jersey design in place for the past (6) years; boys traveling program only; Squirt through Bantam.
 - Marauders (Girls Mahtomedi/Roseville Girls Co-op) separate jerseys; no change to Mites/Intro to Hockey/U6/U8 Jerseys; no change to Junior Gold jerseys this season.

MOTION made by Nate McClanahan to approve the new jersey designs for the MYHA boys traveling teams for the 2023-2024 season. Second by Luke Juhl. Unanimous. Motion passes.

- **Ice Contract**
 - Discussion on ice contracts; Alex e-mailed out the Ramsey County Ice Contract; overview of the following:
 - **Ramsey County**
 - **WBC** – Thursday, Friday, and all-day Sunday
 - **Harding** – 500 hours (sublet from Woodbury); not everyone’s favorite rink, but only ice available in the metro area.
 - **Phalen** – will get some practice ice hours
 - Ramsey County is charging MYHA \$14k total for capital/access fee; reduction from past years; \$27k in capital savings.
 - **St. Croix Rec Center**
 - 75 hours; contract ends in 2 years; St. Croix is owned by City of Stillwater; Alex has a call into Stillwater City Council.
 - **Tartan/Polar**
 - Continuing discussions; no formal contract; will continue to get hours from them as they are released.

- **Highland Ice Arena**
 - Will get hours at Highland this season as ice is released.

MOTION made by Luke Juhl to approve the five (5) year Ramsey County Ice Contract (w/six (6) month opt out) Second by Brent Sorenson. Unanimous. Motion passes.

- **2022-2023 End of Season Survey**
 - Alex sent out the End of Season Survey summary to all board members.
 - Overall feedback from past years was similar; exception with more negative feedback re: coaches; ice times; rink locations; if you hear people complaining on coaches; we have a shortage; suggest they volunteer.
 - **Evaluations**
 - Average amount of feedback; most said the evaluation process was fair; some comments that teams were picked before evaluation were completed; that is untrue.
 - **Scott Stephen - Squirt Fall Warm-Up Camp**
 - It is more expensive; we use it as a Fundraiser; raised \$7k from it.
 - **Rink Fundraising Question**
 - “Would you help fundraise to get a new rink?) 60% said no; but then there was several comments and negative feedback complaining on the rink locations and practice times; this is very frustrating to hear; we are fortunate to have the rink contracts we have today; in the metro area.
 - Time to complete the survey; Garth would like it to be open longer; more reminder e-mails.
 - **Fundraising**
 - Tim suggested 50/50 fundraiser: 50% to rink, 50% to association
 - Garth recommended selling calendars; where there is a cash winner each day of the month; Alex advised we do not individual team fundraising ; limit it to Charitable Gambling and the Squirt Fundraiser; can research willing to look at doing one additional fundraiser; not several.
- **Location of Board Meetings**
 - Board meetings will be held at Forster’s Dugout Bar for the 2023-2024 season.
 - Continue to support Quinny’s & Forster’s Dugout.
 - Next meeting is June 11th; will discuss By-laws/Fundraising/Budget/Registration.

Vice President's Report (Abe Appert) (Absent, text update)

- DEC
 - Clean up in process; going well; need to talk w/City of Mahtomedi/school district about others who use the DEC.
- DIBS
 - Offering DIBS for one family that still needs them; DEC clean-up of the shed; re-stringing of the nets; confirm if nets should be purchased from Strauss or somewhere else.

Treasurer (Krissy Wright)

- **Finance/Budget**
 - Krissy e-mailed out the final Budget to actual for 2022-2023 Season; ended on a positive position due to gambling covering \$65k of ice bills; \$10k of coaching; \$10k of Misc. expenses.
 - Working on the budget for the 2023-2024 season; most likely will see a \$100-\$200 increase in registration fees; goal is to have \$150k-\$175k in the bank at the end of a season.
 - Ended the season with \$77.8k in cash; current \$50k cash on hand; started signing up for 2023-2024 tournaments.
 - Recommend that we have a separate ordering window w/Lettermen's to sell jerseys/socks separately vs running it through MYHA books; exception may be practice jerseys.
 - Discussion on coaching expenses for season, which teams, how much?
 - Continued discussion on proposed registration fees for the season.

Secretary (Kelly Taff)

- **E-Mail Blasts**
 - Continue to coordinate with everyone on e-mail blasts. Board members provide the content, and I will edit/format and send out.
- **Team/Individual Pictures (VanGo Photo, Shakopee, MN)**
 - Positive feedback with VanGo Photo; only signed a one-year contract; will need an approval for another one (1) year contract.

MOTION made by Kelly Taff to approve a one (1) year contract with VanGo Photo, Shakopee, MN for team/individual pictures the 2023-2024 season. Second by Brandon Sampair. Unanimous. Motion passes.

- **Spring Fling/Wildwood Fun Fair – June 2, 2023**
 - Prizes/give-a-ways are ordered for the Spring Fling/Wildwood Fun Fair; updated the recruitment flyers; Kelly and Luke Spannbaauer to run; will get HS Boys/Girls Varsity/JV players to assist.
- **Chair Positions - 2023-2024 Season**
 - Confirmed that all are back this year w/the exception of Amanda Boberg, Volunteer Coordinator (DIBS); Sara Amberg; Social Media Coordinator; currently looking for their replacement(s).

District 2 (Tom Leonard)

- **D2**
 - D2 issues with how registrations were set up w/Roseville/Mahtomedi co-op; Nick Frattalone, previous D2 Rep will assist Tom with the transition.
 - Minnesota Hockey Officials Association (MHOA) officials are leaving D2
 - Refs for league games are going up \$20.
 - Change w/how we pay referees for scrimmages; they want to be paid at game time/on site; Team managers will have to track this; hoping this will get better quality referees.
 - Will push for a U19 team as long as numbers are there.
 - Rule changes are due in June.
 - MYHA hosts the Bantam C tournament; D2 has indicated if the schedule is not out thirty (30) days in advance; fines will be placed.
 - Open positions for D2; applications due June 4th; reach out if you know if anyone is interested.
 - Roseville hockey coach, Michael Brasel murdered in May 2023; MYHA to donate \$100; will need approval.

MOTION made by Tom Leonard to approve \$100 donation on behalf of the Roseville Hockey coach that was killed. Second by Alex Rogosheske. Unanimous. Motion passes.

Director of Coaches/Fundraising (Brandon Sampair)

- **Coaches**
 - See President Report re: new Bantam AA Head Coach, Mike Narrow.
- **Fundraising**
 - No update.

Director of Player Development (Tim Boberg)

- **Fall Camp/Squirt September Skate/MEGA**
 - Connect with Brent to transition; discuss goalie clinic.

Junior Gold (JG) (Nate McClanahan)

- **JG16/J618**
 - Will reach out to the JG Coordinator; friends with John Wegscheider; tournaments open up in June; inquired if we sign up and back out, are their refunds; advised that most will not refund; some may, depending on timing of the cancelation.

LEVEL DIRECTOR REPORTS

Bantam (Brent Sorenson)

- No update.

PeeWee (Tom Larson)

- No update.

Squirt (Kevin Bidon)

- No update.

Mite Program (Luke Juhl)

- **Mini Mites/Mite 1/Mite 2/3**
 - No update.

Girls Program (Garth Pawluk)

10U/12U/15U

- No update.

Redpath Legacy Gear Coordinator

- E-mail will be going to out return equipment, meeting with Mikalynn to review.

6U/8U & Recruitment: (Luke Spannbauer)

- **Spring Fling/Wildwood Fun Fair**
 - Set for Friday, June 2nd; Kelly Taff and Luke Spannbauer to run the hockey booth; Kelly to get Boys/Girls HS players to help w/volunteering.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Made by Brandon Sampair, Second by Brent Sorenson.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25PM

Minutes Submitted by: Kelly Taff, MYHA Secretary