



## **Apple Valley Hockey Association**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Sept. 14, 2022

#### **Board Members Present:**

Matt Czech, Emily Hindal, Andrew Spencer, Brad Shear, Jodi Oster, Brian Gibson, Katie Ivey, Ginger Lemke, Luke Korkowski, Dain Blacker

**Board Members Absent:** Jimmy Mullen, Jeremy Pries, Kevin Morris, Randy Olson, JT Anderson, Eric Robb

**Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Spencer**

#### **Open Microphone**

**- Eric Carlson & Brian Christianson:**

- The City of Apple Valley Parks & Recreation Director & Arena Manager presented the Parks Bond Referendum concepts and next steps.
- Background: The Parks & Rec Advisory Committee is engaging the community to explore if there is support for a Parks Bond Referendum that would:
  - Update our parks and trails
  - Reinvest in our recreational facilities (Community Center, Senior Center, AVFAC, Hayes Arena, AV Sports Arena)
  - Create new park master plans (Alimagnet, Kelley, Farquar, Redwood)
  - Provide protection and enhancement of our natural resources
- From the feedback already received, they have developed multiple, community-driven concept plans, and they're asking the community to review and comment on the park masterplan and recreational facility upgrade concepts
- The goal is to take 2 concepts down to 1 concept in Nov/Dec and then determine how much the city is willing to invest.
- The City is asking residents to share what changes they want to see in Apple Valley's park and recreation system. Feedback can be provided through October 2022 and more details are on the website at: <https://www.ci.apple-valley.mn.us/864/Parks-Bond-Referendum>

**- Joe Hindal & Chase Noland:**

- 2 Pee Wee hockey players attended the meeting to make a request for a donation to help fund their Cooperstown, NY tournament trip for their baseball team. They expressed how this is a large expense for families and it's a great life experience for the players. There's currently 5 hockey players on the team. The cost per player to attend is over \$2K. There's several sponsorship levels, with varying levels of signage for our association within each. Funds are due in April/May.
- The board discussed and recommends talking with the VAA President to discuss options for reciprocal advertising throughout the entire VAA, with a donation. Once that information is provided, the board will re-group and make a decision on a donation.

**- Emily Hindal:**

- We have an opportunity to rent a theater for a showing of the new movie Hockeyland. It's \$800 per weekend showing for 100 kids at Marcus Theater in Rosemount. We'd likely need 2 showings.
- Motion to approve up to \$2K toward the Hockeyland movie showings by Oster; second by Blacker; Approved.
- Will open registration ASAP.

#### **Approval of the Aug 10th, 2022 Minutes – Spencer:**

- Motion to approve the August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes by Hindal; second by Shear; Approved.

#### **Gambling Report – Spencer:**

- Motion to approve up to \$50K in proceeds for September by Oster; second by Shear: Approved.
- Mezcalito is up and running as of Sept 1 as a new gambling site.
- Celts will be starting Oct 1 as a new gambling site.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Korkowski:**

- Compilation for year-end is ready for review and will be done next week.
- AVHS Boys Hockey Booster Club donation of \$10K will be provided, as in years past.

- AVHS Girls Hockey Booster Club donation is TBD and we'll discuss at a future meeting.

#### **Recruiting and Retention Update – Lemke:**

- First session of Intro to Hockey is Saturday, 9/17. We have 20 participants registered and volunteers are scheduled. Eastview is not partnering with us on this event.
- Try Hockey for Free is scheduled for Saturday, 11/5. We'll partner with Burnsville & Eastview.

#### **D8 Update – Spencer:**

- Just had a President's meeting and teams have been declared.
- Enforcing waiver rules was discussed by Rak.
- Women's only coaching clinic is Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Many of the coaching clinics this season will be on Zoom.
- The district is looking for playoff hosts.

#### **HDC Update – Spencer:**

- Registered all 3 girls teams and we'll need to watch our numbers and re-evaluate if some leave.
- Watching U12 & Pee Wee numbers. Some may not be registered yet.

#### **Level Updates:**

- Goalie: Gibson
  - o Most have registered. There's one goalie not registered and we'll reach out to him.
  - o Have a few more equipment exchanges.
  - o Goalie clinic last night went well.
- Girls: Korkowski
  - o We have some that haven't registered and we anticipate 6 players may not register.
  - o There's 3 tryout dates, then a scrimmage for the final date.
  - o We've sent a message to determine who has interest in playing goalie for U15s.
  - o We will coop with Farmington at U15s and are working to determine who will waiver in and how it impacts # of teams.
- Mites: Blacker
  - o We have a lot of first year kids this season.
  - o We had some sign up in the incorrect association and we'll help them to get it corrected.
  - o Will look at scheduling a Mite parent meeting.
  - o Looking at options beyond Westwood for first year player equipment, due to inventory issues.
- Squirts: Robb
  - o N/A
- Pee Wees: Shear
  - o Will look at the registration list to determine if we need to reach out to anyone.
  - o Jerseys may be a little late.
  - o Out of state tournaments have been submitted to D8.
- Bantams: Czech
  - o Everything is looking good.
- Junior Gold: Spencer
  - o A Head coach has been hired.

#### **Actions/Next Steps/Misc– Spencer:**

- Working on a plan for parent meetings.
- A meeting is scheduled for Monday to meet the new Registrar.
- Background checks & SafeSport training must be completed ASAP.

#### **Meeting Adjourned – Spencer:**

- Motion to adjourn at 9:08 pm by Czech, second by Hindal - Approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wed. Sept. 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm at AV Community Center. Meetings move to a monthly cadence starting in October.