



**SCYHA Board of Directors Minutes**

**Date: Tuesday, April 26th, 2022** (General Membership Meeting)

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Location: St. Augusta American Legion**

**Roll Call:**

**Voting Members Present:**

**Non-Voting Board Members Present:**

**Voting Members Absent:**

**Guests:**

**Acknowledgements and Appreciations:**

**Secretary Report:**

**Additions/Corrections to the agenda:**

**Motion to approve Minutes:**

**Apr. 20th, 2021 General Membership Meeting Mins.: 1<sup>st</sup>:**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:**

**Executive Board Meeting Summary:** Will be given verbally at the meeting.

**Gambling Report:**

**March 2022 Gambling Report to Members:**

**Howie's**

Net Pull Tab Revenues	\$4,060	
Electronic Pull Tab	\$31,701	
Electronic Linked Bingo	(\$248)	
Meat Raffle Receipts	\$2,246	
<b>Net Profit before Taxes</b>		<b>\$17,787</b>

**MT's**

Net Pull Tab Revenues	\$22,754	
Electronic Pull Tab	\$62,633	
Bar Bingo Receipts	\$1,462	
Electronic Linked Bingo	\$332	
Meat Raffle Receipts	\$5,029	
<b>Net Profit before Taxes</b>		<b>\$44,588</b>

**Pesty's**



**Meat Raffle Approvals:**

ST CLOUD YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
MEAT RAFFLE PROFITS FOR TRAVEL TEAMS  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GAMBLING ACCOUNT TO GENERAL FUND  
PER APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 26, 2022

MEAT RAFFLE DATE	TEAM		HOWIE'S AMOUNT
03/04/22	Howie's	Squirt B2	\$300.00
TOTALS			<u><u>\$300.00</u></u>
CHECK PAYABLE TO SCYHA			

**OTHER MEAT RAFFLE CHECKS TO BE ISSUED:**

	SITE	PAYABLE TO:	
03/11/22	Howie's	North Crest Gymnastics	270.00
03/18/22	Howie's	Riverblades U10 A	300.00
03/25/22	Howie's	Riverblades U12	255.00
03/04/22	HR Pesty's	Tanner's Team	\$300.00
03/11/22	HR Pesty's	CMGA Booster	\$600.00
03/18/22	HR Pesty's	Apollo Football	\$450.00
03/25/22	HR Pesty's	St Cloud Youth Basketball	\$360.00
03/03/22	Shooter's	North Crest Gymnastics	\$255.00
03/05/22	Shooter's	School Boys Basketball	\$240.00
03/10/22	Shooter's	School Boys Basketball	\$255.00
03/12/22	Shooter's	North Crest Gymnastics	\$210.00
03/17/22	Shooter's	School Boys Basketball	\$300.00
03/19/22	Shooter's	School Boys Basketball	\$300.00
03/24/22	Shooter's	Silver Gymnastics	\$270.00
03/26/22	Shooter's	Apollo Football	\$210.00
03/31/22	Shooter's	School Boys Basketball	\$360.00
TOTALS			<u><u>\$4,935.00</u></u>

**Motion to Approve:**

**1<sup>st</sup>:**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:**

**President's Address:** Jared Smith

**D5 Report:**

-Riverblades Rep: Cory Oberg

**Age Level Coordinator Reports:**

**JR Mite/Mites:**

- Verbal official summary given in the meeting
- Coaches meeting conducted
- Husky Pups/Try Hockey

**Squirts:**

**SQUIRT A:**

**Head coach, Jared Smith:**

Very young team. About half 1<sup>st</sup> year Squirts on the team. They had its ups and downs. Struggled against the larger association teams that were older and had deeper numbers. All in all, I'm confident that this group got better. The team focused a lot on skill development and skating. We had a dedicated and knowledgeable group of coaches. The team had 3 tourneys: Brainerd, Grand Rapids, and Fargo. All of them were well-ran and competitive. The team especially liked the Fargo tourney. No trophies won for this group this year. They Finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the District, losing a tough game to Buffalo to end the season. Finished the season under .500

**SQUIRT B1**

***Team Manager, Brian Fussy:***

Team was competitive in almost every game. Team had to battle illnesses after Christmas but got back in stride by the middle of January. Finished 2nd in district regular season and playoffs. Would be nice to get another player to have 2 full forward lines and 2 d lines. It was good to get some goalie practices on the schedule... this was long overdue in our association.

Coach controlled scrimmages. This was confusing this year and got more attention by the lack of refs in multiple districts. I learned D10 has totally different rules for them. It was difficult to fill out the schedule. It would be nice for the district presidents to discuss and have common rules for these.

In addition to deer hunting weekend and the day after Christmas, we learned our team does not want any games on Super Bowl Sunday afternoon. Also please no photo sessions during deer hunting week for future reference.

Spring Lake Park Tournament:

- run well
- overall good competition except first game
- poor start times - (Friday morning game, also had a 8:00 am game and would have had more if we did not win)
- won consolation

### Wayzata Tournament

- run well
- we were competitive in all games we played but there was some stiff competition
- decent start times
- finished 4th

### Fargo Tournament

- run well
- lots of fun with pin trading
- outdoor game very cold - lacked warming tents - some kids freezing before they got on the ice
- recommend attending this tournament for future years
- good competition - we were competitive in every game
- won consolation in our bracket

### ***Head Coach, Josh Zwilling:***

I thought all the tournaments were great and we had a great group that bonded right away! the first tournament we had in Spring Lake Park we played a Roseville B1 "Select" team. that was the only game we were blown out in all year, and they blew everyone out in that tournament. I guess they had been on the ice practicing a full month before we even had our teams assembled. So not really sure why they were in that tournament.

As far as the schedule goes we did have a lot of boys miss for hunting and xmas so maybe less stuff those weekends would be good in the future. I know at the beginning of the year I made it clear when districts was and asked families to take their spring break trip accordingly and that went well. we had everyone there and a lot of them still traveled. Tory was great with me not asking for any practices before Wed of that week. She did a nice job honoring scheduling requests.

I guess my only real complaint is with District 5. Brian and I had reached out to them for clarification a couple times on a few things and never got a response. We were just completely ignored. So I guess if it was up to me i would want to see a change in who's running things there. I know we are not the only ones that experienced this.

### **SQUIRT B2**

#### ***Head Coach, Craig Boyle:***

In all it was a really good season. We had our issues, We had our up and downs, We had frustrations, and We had a very interesting group of kids to say. The amazing thing was that even though each had their own challenges. We were able to put a group of kids out on the ice for each game that really complimented each other's style of play. Being able to do that, Is what helped us to be very successful this year. Now, I did not keep track and I am going of memory. But I think we ended up with 34 games. No more than 10 losses with a couple of ties. We would have ended up with 3rd or 4th in the Brooklyn Park tournament if it was run right. This one, I would not go back to. A 2nd place finish in the New Ulm tournament. A 2nd place finish in the Willmar tournament. And for the grand finale, a 1st place shoot out win in the district tournament. In all, all the players are in a better spot than when they started the season. Not just as hockey players but as little men. We had some that had stepped up to be leaders that would have probably not been able to take that roll if on a different team. We had some that came out of their shells and became very engaged with the team by mid-year. The families of each player were very supportive of all the other players and the players were supportive of each other too. We really never had any negativity or divide between the players. Everyone got along.

I do have a couple of suggestions from the parents that they asked me to pass on to the board if I had an opportunity.

1. Suggest teams to have a team outing for their team meeting. Just don't meet in a locker room. We did ours at St Cloud State in the Atwood building. It really broke the ice between the boys and the families.

The parents got to know each other right as the season started. Instead of just slowly getting to know one and other though out the season or until the first stay tournament. The parents really appreciated it this way and thought it was a great idea. (all in thanks to Troy)

2. It was brought up that may be have two stay tournaments and one drivable. Look for a tournament towards the beginning of the year that is far enough away that could be a stay tournament.

3. More information supplied to families at the end of mites on what to expect as a first year Squirt

I do want to share one more thing. I think I am more proud of the team and their families on this compliment than I am of them winning the district. To me, this means a lot and is exactly what I asked of the boys as we traveled to other towns. I have no idea who these two are and I can't even remember who shared this with me.

All in all it was a great time and pleasure to coach these kids and get to know their families..

## **SQUIRT C**

### ***Team Manager, Eric Andersen:***

Overall our season went very well. The team was almost all 1st year squirt players that were pretty new to hockey. Starting out I think there were several parents that were caught off guard that they had to write more checks to start the season. I don't think that was communicated very well. We didn't like the Pirate Classic tournament in Brooklyn Center. Seemed unorganized.. The Sartell tournament was fun and The IGH tournament as well. We added a 4th tournament in Mora. It was an indoor/outdoor tournament and that was the one the kids liked the most. It was a smaller tournament, with 1 outdoor game, but the kids loved it. Rick was a good coach for this group and they enjoyed having him coach. And they really improved as the season went on.. We also had good parent volunteer coaches as well. The team sweatshirts were a good idea, they all wore them to games.. The District Tournament caught us off guard, we didn't really know much about it, where it was, how It worked etc.. I found it on the D5 website, and that was the 1st we knew of it.

It was fun watching this team grow. From not having any goalie to start, to having a 6 game winning streak, to finishing 4th in the league.

You could see the kids really played hard and more importantly they loved doing it.

### ***Head Coach, Rick Staudinger:***

The season started off pretty rocky with losing our first 8 or so games, and going 0-fer in our first tournament. I felt we tried to progress them too quickly, so after taking a step back and reorganizing our practices to lean more towards skating rather than "hockey" plays, the boys started gaining confidence and gelling as a team. And with that, the wins started coming too. We placed 3rd in our next three tournaments and 5th in our district. We finished the season 13-20-4 overall and around .500 in districts.

## **PeeWees:**

### **PeeWee AA**

The PeeWee AA team played in District 10 this year and saw some good competition. We truly feel that when teams saw us a 2<sup>nd</sup> time on the schedule, we were a completely different team and they didn't see us coming! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> half of our schedule showed improvement in teamwork, skill and compete level. We started our tourney schedule in St. Michael for the 8AA Preview Cup - a fun concept on seeing the youth teams of the same teams some of our players will see in Section 8AA in high school. We then spent New Year's Eve weekend in -45 degrees plus below zero temps in Bemidji for the Paul Bunyan International Tournament making it to our division championship game. We were also able to take in a NYE match-up between Bemidji State vs. SCSU and a tour of the BSU arena. We capped off the tourney year in Cloquet late January. Every player put at least one puck in the back of the net and our goalie had 3 shut-outs on the season! All-in-all, some great positives to take with them into their hockey future!

Amber Hedin, Manager

## **PeeWee A**

Overall the 2021-2022 PeeWee A season was successful. Kids and parents all got along. We had a few challenges with Covid and scheduling, but we avoided any positive cases. The season was a steady incline of improvement from the start of the season, and we played our best at the end of the season when it counted the most. Like in past seasons, I had a goal of everyone playing forward and defense. I am a firm believer that you will understand the position you are playing if you have played the position you are playing against. Each of the boys played every position at some point this season, except for Kam, our goalie.

We finished the season 17-27 (with coach scrimmages). We worked hard to keep a competitive schedule. Most of the games we lost, we kept in and could have gone either way.

We struggled in all of our tournaments this year. The tournament in Little Falls was cancelled, I'm not sure as to why however (it may have been not enough teams being registered), we picked up a tournament in Anoka, which had some high power A and AA teams. I would avoid this tournament for the A team in future years. The New Hope tournament was good and games could have gone either way. We were thankful to have our District tournament this year, and the boys played well ending up in 2<sup>nd</sup> and earning a spot in Regions. Regions had very good competition and was an awesome experience for these boys to participate in. Most of them understood that the season doesn't have to stop with District play and District playoffs. Hopefully this helps these kids with progressing to continue to compete with the top teams in the state.

Matt Knutson, Coach

## **PeeWee B1**

Another great year, we had a lot of fun. Beginning of the year we struggled with team play. As the year went on, we grew every practice and game. Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in our first tournament in Little Falls. Played a lot of good teams throughout the year. The players never gave up and was great to see them holding each other accountable. That's when we turned the page and started to play as a team. We worked hard and the last 7 games of the regular season went 5-1-1. Went into the district tournament as the number 6 seed and had one of the best games beating Sauk Rapids with a come from behind win to advance to the regional tournament. Regions didn't go as planned; we lost the first 2 games to better teams. We finished the season with our heads held high, proud to represent SCYHA. I look forward to next year and seeing the players grow and improve over the summer.

Coach Mitchell Schmidt

Summary from the Team Manager:

Positives/Success

**\*\*overall great group of kids, coaches, and parents**

- Started the season slowly, but really turned it around at the end of the season (ATTITUDE AND EFFORT).
- Qualified for the region tournament as a #6 seed in our district - everyone was very proud
- Coaching staff was awesome.
- Coach Mitch Schmidt
  - Mitch's passion for the game and his drive to help these kids be the best hockey players and teammates they can be is awesome. He teaches his teams the value of hard work, teamwork, and sportsmanship. He holds kids accountable for their actions during games and at practices. My boys have been on teams when accountability and teamwork were nothing more than words on a sheet of paper and it showed in the efforts and attitudes of the players. This team reflected the coach's approach to the game and it showed in their

efforts on the ice and their commitment to their team and teammates. I've never been part of a harder working team.

- I foresee Mitch eventually coaching at the Bantam level. With his approach to the game, he is exactly what St Cloud hockey needs to prepare kids at a Bantam A/B1 level for what it takes to be successful as Highschool Hockey players.
- Once we got it figured out, the Game sheet scoring system was an improvement. I am sure they will continue to improve, but for the 1<sup>st</sup> season it was good.

#### Struggles

- Roster size - 11 skaters is tough
- Goalie situation at PeeWee level (not sure if it is any better with squirts coming up/in)
- D5 - talking with other districts, it seemed as if D5 was one of the hardest districts to work with in regard to the ref situation.

Aaron "Vinny" Binsfeld, Manager

#### **PeeWee B2**

We had the best Coaching staff this year. I believe this season was a very growing experience for all the boys. We did great overall with games especially with two inexperienced goalies. They stepped up and the team tried their hardest to support them and give them much needed pats on their backs. We came together as a team, all the boys got along well. Kevin enjoys coaching the kids and he's good at it. Kevin always made the practices fun but while instilling hockey improvements for each player. As the manager, the kids were great on and off the ice. And the parents were all supportive of the things we needed to happen to have a successful season.

Maria Hough, Manager

#### **Bantams:**

##### **Bantam AA:**

Record = 26-23-5

- Summary
  - Held our own in D10, a few rough games mixed in but several of the teams in D10 made the 16-team state tournament
  - Battled through a rash of injuries and illness...we played no more than 10 games all season with our full roster, so lots of line shuffling
  - One downside...the ref issue cost us at least 5 games
    - Completely out of our control, just noting it as we were trying to get to close to 60 games
  - Losing the entire team to High School next season, minus the possibility of 1 goalie staying back
  - Highlight of the season was a tie between:
    - Roaring back from a 4-0 deficit 1 minute into the second period against Cloquet in the Duluth tournament to win 5-4
    - Finishing the season with a 2-0 victory against Rochester who beat us 7-1 in the Duluth tournament
- Tournaments
  - STMA
    - Section 8 High School teams (minus Moorhead)
    - While we backed out due to illness, we heard very positive reviews from the organizers and teams that played
    - We highly recommend keeping this tournament for next year



- Close to home, and a great idea
- Duluth
  - Tough competition which was a great way to begin our season (played 2 games prior)
  - 1-3, one of the losses was avenged in our last game of the year...lost 7-1 to Rochester in Duluth, beat them 2-0 in the VFW tournament
  - A good tournament, recommend this one again
- Alexandria
  - Went 2-1-1
  - Competition was right at our level
  - Recommend this tournament
- VFW (held in Elk River this year, sounds like for years to come)
  - This was an additional tournament we added
  - Is the weekend between Regions and State
  - Was free, our VFW sponsors us and kicked in \$500 for us
  - Went 2-1 taking the consolation trophy home
  - Completely up to each team each year, but we highly recommend it, as the veterans run it and do a great job

### **Bantam B1:**

#### **Highlights:**

In district 5 we finished the season in 2nd place behind Buffalo.

- We earned a spot in Regions by finishing the season in 3rd place in District 5 playoffs.
- **Record:** 24-17-3
- **Brainerd:** The team ended up taking 3rd place. This tournament was well organized and ran smoothly. They had volunteers at the desk to assist with check-in and questions. The competition was competitive for a driveable tournament. We should consider doing this tournament again.
- **West Fargo:** This tournament was well organized however they only had a championship game. One of the games was scheduled to be outside under the lights however the tournament director moved them indoors due to the weather. The tournament had also planned a concert and open skate at the Lights Event Center for New Year's Eve but this also was canceled due to the extreme cold. This tournament is highly recommended for next year.
- **Rochester:** This tournament was highly competitive. We finished in 2nd place to Roseville. This tournament is recommended for next year.
- Due to the ref shortage in District 5 several teams decided a coach controlled scrimmage was not worth there time and therefore cancelled. Since we only had 10 district games it was hard to be prepared for tournaments and playoffs.

### **Bantam B2:**

3-6 in scrimmages. 4-7 in our three tournaments during the regular season. In District 5, we finished 5-7-2 and in fourth place in the 8-team division, tied for the most fair play points. In the playoffs, we lost to River Lakes and Hutchinson, two B1 teams and we played without our top center (illness) and top goal scorer (injury). We also were limited to 9 skaters for our second district playoff game because, in addition, we had two players miss the game on vacation and another who did not reach out to get a ride to the game.

The three tournaments that we played in were in Eagan, Little Falls and New Ulm. The Eagan and New Ulm tournaments were very well run and I would recommend getting back into them again. The Little Falls tournament, the competition was fine. But there is one sheet of ice and as the day of the games went on, the tournament ran WAY behind schedule. That's a closer tournament, so people didn't get hotel rooms and we had a LONG time between our two games on a Friday.

Mick Hatten

### **Girls:**

#### **Husky Pups**

#### **Season Riverblades overview?**

- pay for a dynamic expenses to have a coach lead like we do for High School coaches
- an additional expense for ice systems coaching software about \$200-\$300 per association

### **Goalie Coordinator report:**

- Summer Goalie times
- Goalie equipment donated
- Ordering(ed) new equipment

### **Coach in Charge Report:**

- Coach evaluations – 72 received
- Coaches reimbursements done

### **Old Business:**

- Trophies & trophy case – email team managers

### **New Business:**

**President's Award: every 2 years – Carl Koehn Jr. last year**

**Years of Service Award: every 2 years – Amy O'Neal last year**

**Heart of the Husky Award: every 2 years – Matt McDowall last year**

**Need volunteers for cash inventory**

**Baseline concussion (Jen. W.):**

**Funds to travel teams (Jared S.):**

**New SCYHA Logo:**

**Officer Elections:**

1<sup>st</sup> VP:

Treasurer:

### **BOD Open Positions:**

**Board of Director Open Positions/Appointments:**

- Jersey coordinator
- Recruiting retention coord.
- Tourney coord.

**Open Forum:**

**Announcements:**

- **Next BOD Meeting** is TBD. Watch emails and website for updates
- **Dynamics TENATIVELY start around Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 2022**
- **Tryouts: TENATIVELY:**
  - Goalie tryouts: Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)
  - First weekend of tryouts: Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> (Peewees and Bantams)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of tryouts: Oct 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> (Squirts, Peewee, Bantams)

**Adjournment:**

**1<sup>st</sup>:**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:**