

**Austin Youth Hockey Association  
Virtual Board Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 11th, 2020**

**Board and Delegates were present via Zoom Virtual Format.**

**1. Call to Order**

President Paul Overocker called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m

**2. Approve agenda** – Jason G made a motion to approve the agenda, Dave A seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Approve minutes from October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>** - Lacey made a motion to approve the minutes from October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting with the correcting of a last name; Bryan S seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Approve financials** – Bryan S made a motion to approve the financials sent out; Ryan V seconded the motion and discussion took place. At this time the board discussed the potential of refunds, issues with the season being canceled for covid related reasons, quarantines, ice time and fundraising. A vote was called and the motion to approve the financial passed unanimously.

**5. Delegates** – Association members present expressed concern about coaches being reimbursed for background checks, missed ice time and refunds for the season if canceled or shortened due to Covid. At this time the AYH board is constantly monitoring the every changing situation – at the end of the season, after evaluating the ice time, the ice bills and all other factors, the board will discuss and look at refunds, not before then. Discussed coaches still needed, per Mite coaches, there is enough coaches at the 8u level but there could be a need at the 6u. Reminder that coaches can cross pods if there is siblings on both pods – always defer to Covid policy. There will be constant conversations with the covid committee revolving around the changing guidelines. A “thank you” was also given to the board by Nancy for the updates, and diligence around covid.

**6. New Business**

**A. Covid Rules update:**

\*Covid committee is constantly monitoring the guidelines, and updates to those – and will update the board and the association as the need arises. On the horizon is the discussion of tournaments, spectators and how to handle upcoming tournaments. It is going to be very vital that parents, families, and skaters follow the covid rules. One rule is that kids will need to be monitored to ensure that they are not running around the arena, if they are present to spectate then that is what they need to be doing. The tough part is Packer Arena, as there can only be 25 per team – 25% capacity is only 50 spectators. Discussion on how to navigate this – cannot have different rules for different teams. Discussion and recommendation to have the guideline be **one** parent per player, siblings do not count and registered coaches do not count. There will be a check in QR code for packer and Riverside to ensure that the check in process is happening for contact tracing purposes as MDH and CDC guidelines state. In addition to this, AYH will have disposable masks on hand for those who do not come with one or forget one.

**B. Background check reimbursement:** Angie K provided a history on background check reimbursement. Delegates and board discussed DIBS for coaching, financial hardship potential for coaches and the financial aspect of coaching. **Action item:** Board to discuss background check reimbursement and dibs for coaches at the end of the season.

**C. Notification to Coach:** Paul will reach out to coach after consult with Mite coaches and board that the need for coaches is not at 8U mites but at 6U mites.

**D. Tournaments:** The board will continue to monitor the situation around Covid and home tournaments, as well as away tournaments. There have been some associations moving ahead business as usual while some associations are cancelling. Unique to AYH is the past history of Packer closing early, and the amount of ice time may not support regular games and required games for district play in addition to hosting tournaments. Board discussed the potential for outdoor ice usage as well as reaching out to city officials to extend use of ice at Packer. The first home tournament for AYH is not until January 22<sup>nd</sup>, so at

this time a decision is not needed. The district had previously given Austin the 10U tournament to host, but it is not going to MN River, Austin will still be hosting the Bantam tournament. As discussed, the Bantam team does not do clock and book for these tournaments, it is open to all association members.

**E. Mite Jerseys:** GPP jerseys discussed. Ashley provide a cost comparison and analysis for both Games People Play and South Central. Stephanie Haedt made a motion that mite families help with the cost of mite jerseys. Bryan S seconded the motion and discussion was had; a vote was called for and passed unanimously. Ashley made a motion to order the jerseys from South Central for \$20 and have Games People Play do the printing for \$10; Bryan S seconded this motion; a vote was called and passed unanimously.

**F. Fundraising:** Mikayla gave an update on the masks sold, and a potential for an Applebees fundraiser on to-go orders. The Taco John's fundraiser is all set. **Action Item:** Lacey will send out to association members and Ryan will promote on Facebook. A delegate suggested an idea to offer incentives for selling raffle tickets.

**7. Adjournment:** Stephanie H made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jason G seconded that motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.