

**Duluth Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Sunday, July 16, 2023
Heritage Center's Boys and Girls Club Conference Room @ 7:00 p.m.**

Board members: Ethan Ault, Kevin Chick, Bill Whiteside, Matt Mathias, Lynden Medlin

Board Members absent: Cory Goldsworthy, Casey Kudler

Sub Association Representatives: Kelly Lapinski (Denfeld), David Moline (Portman), Nate Webber (Duluth Heights), Kelly Lapinski, Justin Finke, Jacquelyn Messer

Sub Association Representatives absent: Ryan Sandefer (Glen Avon), Sonny Bedogne (Congdon), Bryan Bjonkaas (GMP), Bob Mathias (East)

DAHA Staff: Bob Nygaard, Don Olson

Staff absent: Clare Markley

Time start : 7:07pm

Secretary's Report: Kevin Chick

- Motion for additions or changes to current agenda
 - Motion: Ethan
 - 2nd Nate
- Approval of June Minutes
 - Motion: Bill
 - 2nd Kelly

Treasurer's & Finance Committee's Report: Bill Whiteside

- Financial Update
 - Cash Balance is inflated due to tournament registration
 - June 30th fiscal year end. Balance should be close to final
 - Going to sit down with Deb to finalize full report
- 2023 – 2024 Fiscal Budget
 - Increase ice rental by 12%
 - Estimating a 5%-10% increase in hotel rebate
 - Increase registration due to squirt and junior gold registration. 5% increase across the board (DAHA portion)
 - Not doing the Octoberfest fundraiser
 - Trying to invest our capital investment fund into something with more return than our savings account
 - Cleaning up the accounting to have expenses come out of the proper GL to ensure appropriate accounting of expenses
 - Total operating income of \$3,000 for end of the year. Which is good for a not for profit organization
- Looking to create a policy how to use restricted funds. How do we handle our capital improvement money
- Tourism Tax Request
 - Requesting \$100,000
- Motion to approve budget with amended with \$100,00 – Kevin
 - 2nd Ethan
 - Approved

President's Report: Ryan Sandefer

- N/A

Executive Director's Report: Bob Nygaard

- District 11 Meeting
 - Hosting 15 U district tournament
 - Ensuring Mite rules are being followed
 - Allowing 10 full ice mite games after January 15th
 - Wants three in person coaching and refereeing clinics
 - Every league with more than three teams will play each other only two times
 - Squirt B2 will be one league with a 12 game schedule
 - Will have a squirt A and squirt B1 league along with the B2 league
- DECC Ice situation – All Hands On Deck
 - Meeting will be held at the end of July to see if they will do a temporary solution to fix the ice plant
 - How can we help fund the temporary fix to the ice plant?

Players and Coaches Development Committee: Don Olson

1. Mite Level Planning
 - Scheduling for Mite Skills Sessions in Process
 - Planning for Mite Working Group Meeting in Next Two Weeks
2. Squirt Level Planning
 - Request that DAHA Once Again Allocate \$10,000 from Registration Fees Toward Squirt Operations (Fall Skills Sessions) (Request Board Approval)
 - Lynden made motion to approve
 - Cubby 2nd
 - Approved
 - Jenn Omundson to serve as Assistant Commissioner with Primary Responsibility with B-2 Teams
 - Jenn has also Agreed to Serve as Director of the Squirt “Blades of Steel Tournament” (Formerly Congdon Tournament)
3. Levels of Play
 - The PCDC is Recommending the Following Levels of Play for the 2023-24 Season
 - Motion to approve the level of play for each level – Kevin
 - Justin 2nd
 - Approved
 - Denfeld Association (Request Board Approval)
 - ✓ Bantams: One A Team and One B-2 Team
 - ✓ Pee Wees: One B-1 Team and One B-2 Team
 - East Association (Request Board Approval)
 - ✓ Bantams: One AA Team, One A Team, One B-1 Team and Two B-2 Teams
 - ✓ Pee Wees: One AA Team, One A Team, One B-1 Team and Two B-2 Teams
 - Ice Breakers Associations (Request Board Approval)
 - ✓ 8U: Three Teams
 - ✓ 10U: Two B Teams
 - ✓ 12U: One A Team and One B Team
 - ✓ 15U: One A Team and One B Team
4. Identification, Recruitment and Appointment of Coaches
 - The PCDC is Recommending the Following Head Coaching Appointments
 - Ethan made a motion to approve coaches
 - Lynden 2nd
 - Approved
 - Denfeld Association: (Request Board Approval)
 - ✓ Bantam A: Ryker Holm
 - ✓ Pee Wee B-1: Tyler Bruns
 - East Association: (Request Board Approval)
 - ✓ Bantam AA: Dylan Erickson
 - ✓ Pee Wee AA: Matt Mathias
 - Ice Breaker Association:

- ✓ 12U: Open
 - ✓ 15U: Open
5. Planning for Pre-Season
 - Ice is Scheduled for Pre-Season Clinics
 - Decision by end of July needed on whether or not East and Denfeld conduct separately or together. (Does PCDC Need Board Approval – August?)
 - Ice is Scheduled for “Player Evaluations and Team Assignments”
 - Decision by end of July on whether or not East and Denfeld conduct Separately or together. (Does PCDC Need Board Approval – August?)
 - Contact and Concussion Prevention Camps
 - Five Sessions Scheduled to be Assigned by the end of July
 6. Consideration of City-Wide Play at the Pee Wee and Bantam Levels
 - What Factors will Enter into the Decision-Making Process.
 - Continue Formulating the Pros and Cons to moving in the Direction.
 - How do we involve the Denfeld and East Associations
 - Who Should Lead the Exploration of the “City-Wide Model”
 7. Committee Make-up
 - Committee has decided not to Recruit Additional Committee Members at this time.
 - Director of Player and Coaches Development is concerned about present lack of Ice Breaker and minimal representation from Denfeld Association.

Facilities Committee: Cory Goldsworthy

- Agenda Item #1: Friends of Fryberger – Where are we on procedures for identifying accounts, etc. Susan Getzlaff – FoF under DEHYC. DAHA has no control over fund. Process is to submit a request through DEHYC to access money and get reimbursed. Next steps – get a list of office furniture we plan to buy for Gordy, run it past DEHYC for approval, buy and get reimbursed for it. Justin volunteered to meet with Gordy to walk-thru the building and get an idea of what needs to get repaired, Bill Whiteside Aaron Opesitch as a contractor to walk-thru as well to give the contractor perspective on repairs. Bob to send Gordy’s number, Bill to send Aaron’s number. It would be great to get a total cost of rehab/upgrade for Fryberger so we know what we are dealing with.
- Agenda Item #2: Mars Lakeview Arena Status – new rink manager. Shawn is the new rink manager
- Agenda Item #3: Fryberger Rental Rate 2023-2024 – Heritage/Amsoil/MARS = \$240/hr. Reasonable rate = \$220/hr. FOR BOARD VOTE: Fryberger rate: \$220/hr for 2023-24 season.
 - Motion to have fryberger rates at \$225 – Kevin
 - Justin 2nd
 - Motion approved
- Agenda Item #4: Potential Kwik Trip Corporate Sponsorship – GMP and Heights took initiative to reach out to Kwik Trip regarding corporate sponsorship for a new rink in Duluth. Kwik Trip is interested in partnering with the Duluth Hockey Community (July 27th Tour) to tour Duluth on potential locations. Need to move forward in the right path and need to get information in front of DAHA. Justin and Rolf to discuss further and come up with a plan forward for the 27th potential meeting. Update as of 16 July 2023, maximum pledge of \$100,000 from Kwik Trip.
- Other topics:
 - DECC Updates – last board meeting impact of tournaments was presented, and it went well. Two other DAHA individuals and one member of figure skating club also spoke. July 27th is the DECC Board vote with perhaps a temporary ice plan and work on more planning for the future.
 - City of Duluth Park Funds – need a unified voice going forward with DAHA being the lead voice, there will be a very public process involved with figuring out how to spend the Youth Sports Facilities money (previously St. Louis River Corridor). Cory to continue talking with Jim Filby Williams from Duluth Parks and likely have a future small group meeting.

Rink Association Committee Report: Ryan Sandefer and Dave Moline

- Setting registration fees. All fees are confirmed except Duluth East and Ice Breakers.
- Possibly open registration by July 24th
- Ethan motions to have Junior gold by \$150 in registration and get fundraising activities
 - Bill 2nd
 - Approved

Rules & Grievance Committee Report: Jacob Kaliszewski

- Will have playing rules for next month to have board approval

DAHA Office Update: Clare

- Skate on the edge tournament has 5 spots left. The rest of the squirt tournaments are full
- Head of the lakes has two spots. All other peewee and bantam tournaments are full

New Business

- Bryan not coming to meetings. Ryan will reach out to see if he still wants to be on the board

End Time: 9:17pm

Kevin motion
Ethan 2nd

Next meeting: