

Minnesota Special Hockey

11/10/2025

Zoom meeting

Members in Attendance: Keith Kloubec, Kay Morris, Amanda Pickett, Tom Schunemann, Jane Cashin, Holly Tchida, Rob Schaust, Tia Graves, Brock Buckellew, Scott Folley and Cathy Carter. Absent: Jen Lynch and Jared Wieseler. Guest Nick Hadfield.

Secretary's Report: Motion made to accept minutes as written, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: (a) Money market account is collecting interest currently around \$1,000.00 a month. (b) Rob will follow up on the deposit from HF. When was it added to the P and L report. (c) Motion made to approve the financial report, seconded and approved.

Nick's Report: (a) World junior tournament, there will be a booth set up like the hockey expo with all diversified hockey. (b) Promotional items for the booth would be great. (c) Diversified hockey night with the Wild will be March 1. New this year is the walk in with players. (d) February 16 hockey without limits. They have also secured the indoor rink if needed. (e) Can our registrar help athletes register for USA hockey? Possibly being able to pay the fee. (f) Could have a button on our registration if you need assistance to register for USA hockey.

SHI Festival: (a) Tia will work on a registration to send out. (b) Tia will register 2 teams. (c) Tom will work on booking a hotel block with meeting room space. About 50 rooms. (d) Tia will research the bus costs and let the board know. (e) Athletes will get 1 parent/guardian to ride the bus for free, other bus riders will be charged. (f) Motion made for a \$300.00 stipend per player attending the festival, motion seconded and approved. (g) All expenses will be paid for a coach. How many coaches we need will depend on the number of players. (h) Talk to Tia if an athlete is interested in attending and hasn't been able to attend in the past.

Juniors' tournament: (a) Jen is looking into marketing materials. (b) Let Jane know if you would like to be on the call.

'25-'26 season: (a) 48 new players, 305 total registered. (b) Ask Nick is safe sport waiver that can be online, currently needs to be printed and signed. (c) How do we market to younger players? More jamboree style games? (d) Scott would be willing to do a learn to skate session for athletes 12 and younger after the first of the year. Have coaches give the level of players. Rob will help. (e) How do we retain younger athletes? (f) Parent/guardians of athletes with behavioral or medical conditions, need to stay for all events. (g) Locker room policy will be included in the newsletter this week. (h) 20th anniversary season apparel Cathy and Tia will work on cost of items. Jane has the survey results. (i) Kay will send breezer/breezer cover information to Cathy. (j) Second year/volunteer jackets order coming soon.

Coaches: (a) Jane will follow up with Mankato assistant coach needing safe sport and background check. (b) Blaine team could use more volunteers.

Apparel: (a) Cathy ordered a few items to hit order numbers. Second store will open in January.

Fundraising: (a) Scott has checks to send to Rob to close out clinic sponsors. (b) Holly will add an agenda item to January for clinic sponsors.

Holly will write up a letter for association presidents to help with what we do and what we could help with.

Cathy will ask managers to reach out to athletes that did not return.

Marketing: (a) Ask Jen and Jared about the 1-page marketing material to take in front of hockey associations.

Equipment: (a) Good inventory. (b) Holly will send an email to people who asked for equipment help to see if they need anything. (C) Coaches will also be asked if athletes need equipment. Equipment requests will go to Brock and Keith.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kay Morris, Secretary