



**Apple Valley Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2015**



**Meeting called to order at 7:04p.m. By President Syverson.**

**Board Members Present (\*non-voting member):**

Jay Syverson, Dan Bauer, Tony Cobb, LaChel Hird, Randy Olson, Derrick Lindstrom, Bill Messerich, Don Bilotta, Stacey Hand

**Board Members Absent (\*non-voting member):** Jason Kochanowski, Justin Furlong, Eric Martinson, Chris Slater, Jeremy Pries, Gregg Christy, Ben Dugan

**Open Microphone: -- None**

**Minutes Approved-** motion to approve Bill Messerich, seconded by Randy Olson; Approved.

**Player Development Coordinator updates**

- Tom Erickson – PW level, preseason clinic and season focus is player development with fundamental skating and stick handling skills. Goal is to be able to compete. PW levels having some success and competitive this season. All teams have really been able to meet the challenge of their levels. Training center improvements have been a plus this season for development.
- Trent Zimmer – Squirts, Skating has really improved. Working on the right things in practice via skills and working on hockey sense as well. Martinson - intensity is good and helps keep kids focused. All have come a long way in their skating strides. Across all levels the kids seem to be having fun.
- Don Erdall – Girls PDC, pleased with program this year. 12A's – 3<sup>rd</sup> in district. Training center improvements have been good. 12B's – 5 individuals from AVHA good season so far, meshing well. 10B's having a good season. Practices are set up for skill development and really progressing. 4 girls rotating through goalie position. 8U's are fun, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders a riot; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is skilled. Program in general – next year we should have decent numbers. 36 skaters, 3 goalies at HS; should have numbers for 12's and 10's next season.
- Chris Sikich –Bantam A's seem to be doing well. Ramped up skill development this season. Consistency in coaching is paying off this season in their results and development. Every player in the level is better now than beginning of year. Happy where we are at with Bantams.
  - Skill nights – going well. Hope to add more next season and do more individual work with goalies on skill nights.
  - HS players helping with the Mite skates for the weekend
  - Summer details getting wrapped up quickly for Bantams, PWs and Squirts; Girls in progress; Details to be announced shortly

**Treasurer's Report: Bauer**

- Tournament income in the process of getting adjusted
- On budget for gambling income this season
- Motion to accept the Treasurer report by Derrick Lindstrom, Second by Don Bilotta; Approved

**Gambling Report: Randy Olson**

- December gambling – check for \$18,500 for AVHA Raffle, \$30,000 check for gambling proceeds.
- Motion to approve \$60,000 operating expenses for gambling by Dan Bauer, Second by Tony Cobb; Approved
- Motion to accept check for January proceeds up to \$50,000 by Tony Cobb, second by Don Bilotta; Approved
- Motion to approve the December gambling report by Bill Messerich, Second by Derrick Lindstrom; Approved.

**HDC Report – Syverson**

- Coach's corner resources are up and running
- Girls committee discussion for future

**Advertising - Syverson**

- All boards are up for renewal; Looking at wall board renewals and funding for advertising
- Some discussions re: HS advertising opportunities; a formal HS approval process required for advertisements so need to consider that as part of the process

**D8 – Olson**

- Meeting held December 17<sup>th</sup>
- Districts are opt out only; No regional 10/squirts tournament
- HP 15 program – nominations are due (Chris Sikich/Don Erdall to do)
- MN Hockey website lists all sanctioned tournaments; if not sanctioned, do not play in it
- Next meeting January 21st

**Raffle 2014 - Christy**

- Prizes posted via AVHA site
- Increased ticket cost seemed to work well
- Review Raffle and consider for next year

**Tournament update – Cobb**

- Volunteer side was a struggle
- Good tournament; no issues experienced by teams
- 33 teams across all levels
- Handful of families stepped up to fill gaps on volunteering
- 1615 lbs of donations for Mission Outpost
- Need to identify successors to cover tournaments going forward
- Challenges to address next year – Volunteers and tournaments

## **2015 Election – Syverson**

- Will draft an email for the coordinators to send to their parents to recruit and encourage board member applications

## **AVHA Recognition event – Hird**

- Hold at the HS, look for dates and consider space requirements and assigned/designated seating
- Keep same format for this year – coaches speak, teams stand, highlight of season called out
- Include Mites in the event – manage the numbers and the time
- Include the HS coaches and teams
- Consider volunteer of the year/super volunteer of the year for recognition

## **Training Center – Syverson**

- New HVAC is installed (heating and air conditioning)
- Training center needs to be decorated; April/May project is target

## **Level Updates – Level Coordinators**

### **Girls: Derrick Lindstrom**

- No update

### **PeeWees: Eric Martinson**

- No update

### **Mites: Jeremy Pries**

- 125 total mites; 20 at major level (kids who play next year), numbers a bit concerning;
- Need to look at our projections to determine best options for squirts next year
- Mites skate at the Wild on February 9<sup>th</sup>
- Will look at recruiting efforts for the season

### **Bantams –**

- Bantam A 24-8 record; second in Owatonna & Edina tourney
- Bantam B2 8-6-4 overall; sitting in 1<sup>st</sup> place in league

### **Squirts – Messerich**

- Squirt C – two wins; improving and closing gap on goal differential; not a lot of issues to deal with.
- Squirt B – continue to improve; seeing success on the ice;
- Squirt A – competing; season been pretty good

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Tony Cobb, seconded by Derrick Lindstrom; Approved.

Next meeting Wednesday, February 11th, 2014 at 7 p.m. Respectfully submitted by LaChel Hird