



**Apple Valley Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2015**



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

Board Members Present (*non-voting member):

Jay Syverson, Dan Bauer, LaChel Hird, Randy Olson, Derrick Lindstrom, Chris Slater, Don Bilotta, Eric Robb (Squirt Coord), Erin Benolkin, Eric Martinson

Board Members Absent (*non-voting member): Stacey Hand, Jason Kochanowski, Dustin Furlong, Derrick Lindstrom, Bill Messerich, Gregg Christy

Open Microphone: --

Minutes Approved- motion to approve Chris Slater, seconded by Eric Martinson; Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bauer

- In process of finalizing numbers.
- Gambling Revenue ahead of expectations in 2015
- AVHA sitting in a good position with ice bill revenue -
- No Treasurer report to approve at this time. Will approve in May

Gambling Report: Randy Olson

- March gambling –\$45,000 check for gambling proceeds.
- Fourth location to come online sometime in May
- Play continues to be strong
- Bonus was greatly appreciated by our gambling staff
- Motion to approve the March gambling report by Don Bilotta, Second by Dan Bauer; Approved.
- Motion to accept check for March proceeds up to \$30,000 by Jeremy Pries, second by Dan Bauer; Approved
- Motion to approve up to \$45,000 operating expenses for gambling by Dan Bauers, Second by LaChel Hird; Approved

HDC - Slater

- Summer program registration are up and running
- Seasons finished up – competitive play across the levels
- Good player development this season

HDC - Sikich

- Bantam programs had a good year. Bantam A finished 36-16; good tourney finishes and the considered a very successful season. BB2 finished season with District championship. Good year. Solid coaching across the Bantam level; improvement across all bantam players was good.
- PeeWees - PWAA (Erickson), Good skill development at the AA level this season. Pushed and were developed. PWB2 – Good improvement with skills look forward to next year. PWC team – had a very good season; good development at the level and only one loss for the season.
- Squirts – productive year for all level. Records aren't the indication of success. Stressed fundamentals and skill development. Karns skated with squirts and that was beneficial for development. Next season, plan is to connect more frequently with coaches.
- 20th Anniversary of HS championship – plan is to have an event to celebrate
 - One idea - AVHA Youth Hockey Day – all teams play at home for the day in advance of varsity games to commemorate the anniversary.
- Skills nights were successful – plan is to continue in 2015-2016; will work to figure out configuration and timing to get the best from the experience
- No girls program update

D8 – Bilotta

- Upcoming meeting 4/22/2015
- Rochester Level 4 coming up in May
- For 2015-2016 season, need to get approval in advance from MN Hockey for all tournaments played outside of Minnesota to avoid MN Hockey fines

Mites Program - Pries

- Event with Eastview went well; worked out well for our younger mite players to have an opportunity to see other associations
- Learn to Skate Program – not a community ed program for this year; 6 hrs (Aug-Oct, Sun p.m. 2 hrs/ea session; \$160/hour; agreement with Eastview to run the program together)
- Currently considering options for promoting Learn to Skate this year; looking for Mite eligible kids who are Pre-K or elementary age kids
- Feedback on the Mite program was very good; organized and worked very well this year. Mites plus went very well this season; good coaches on the ice.

Mites Survey - Pries

- Overall comments are positive
- 40% response rate (approx. 48 ppl)
- Player improvement and many have stated they will return next season
- 96% of Mites Plus had a positive experience; 74% of Mites Plus felt dryland had a positive impact

AVHA Survey -

- Please review the questions on the draft 2014 survey; provide any edits/changes to LaChel by Saturday, March 14th.
- Plan is to distribute the survey by Sunday, March 15th with the plan to review the survey results at the April 8th meeting

AVHA Board Roles

- Ice Coordinator – Pat Moran
- Communications & Website – Stacey Hand
- Registrar & D8 – Both held by Don Bilotta; Could possibly be a combined role; will need to consider
- Uniform & Branding – Bill Messerich
- Sponsorship – Jason Kochanowski
- Advertising – Open role
- Possible thought is to consider a Registrar position for future
- Recruiting & Retention – Jeremy Pries
- AVHA Raffle – Greg Christy
- Tournament Director – Open position; need to find soon;
- Volunteer Coordinator – Justin Furlong
- Level Coordinators –
 - Derrick Lindstrom as Girls Coordinator
 - Eric Robb – Squirts Coordinator
 - Need a PW and Bantam Coordinator
 - Bill Messerich – Level Coordinator administrator (tourneys, miscellaneous information)
- Training Center committee – Bill Messerich
- Girls Program committee – Derrick Lindstrom
- Audit Committee – Gregg Christy
- Scholarship committee – Bill Messerich

2015-2016 Tournaments for AVHA

- November 2015 – Thanksgiving weekend
- January 2016 – Girls Big Apple
- PWA District Tournament 2016

Girls program update – Lindstrom

- No movement to this point; will set up meeting with a couple of associations that may be helpful for a long term girls program solution

Training Center update –Messerich

- Currently looking at options for lease renewal; tentative plan to discuss at upcoming meeting

Level Updates

- Summary of the year updates by level at the April board meeting – see HDC report for boys
- Girls updates
 - 10B – Good season; rotated 3 players at goalie; player development strong; overall families pleased with coaching
 - 12A – 2nd place in districts; advanced to region; Good season overall, good development. Shorter bench due to injuries.
 - 12B – combined EV and Apple Valley team; overall good season for the team.
- Boys

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Eric Martinson, seconded by Dan Bauer; Approved.

Next meeting Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 at 7 p.m. Respectfully submitted by LaChel Hird