



**Apple Valley Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2015**



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

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

Randy Olson, Erin Benolkin, Eric Robb, Jay Syverson, LaChel Hird, Stacey Hand, Don Bilotta, Dan Bauer, Gregg Christy, Eric Martinson

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

Chris Slater, Justin Furlong, Jason Kochanowski, Bill Messerich, Jeremy Pries

**Open Microphone:**

- No Open Mic

**Minutes Approved --Syverson**

- Motion to approve August 12, 2015 meeting minutes by Gregg Christy; seconded by Don Bilotta; Approved

**Administrator Position - Benolkin**

- Interviewed 8 candidates and did final interviews with 2 individuals
- Recommend Crystal Kapps for the Administrator position
- Motion to offer the Administrator position to Crystal Kapps made by LaChel Hird; Seconded by Stacey Hand

**D8 report – Bilotta**

- Level 4 clinics are coming up –
- SafeSport – volunteers are free screening for background checks every two years; coaches screening are \$10 – every two years.
- If you are a coach, you go through the 'coach' BC screening
- District Tournaments
  - 12A District tourney in Cottage Grove
  - Bantam B1 regional in Lakeville
  - PWA regional in Cottage Grove
  - PWB regional in South Saint Paul
- B2 & C looking for hosts for District tourneys
- Coaches meetings - November 8th; coaches can attend either scheduling or coaching meeting
- Mite coaches, November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Scheduling Meetings –
  - PWA, AA, Bantam A AA B1 October 6th
  - 12s, 10s, Sq A/B October 28<sup>th</sup>
  - B2, C 14 November 9<sup>th</sup>
- District approval required for all out of state tournaments
- Squirt teams cannot play more than 35 game days
- September 16<sup>th</sup> is the next D8 meeting
- November 18<sup>th</sup> for team declarations
- Coaches clinics –
  - Level 4 clinics Bloomington – September; Fargo, November
  - Level 2 October 24<sup>th</sup> in Cottage Grove; posting on 9/2
  - Level 1 September 19<sup>th</sup>; posting on 9/2
- Registrar update
- HDC report
- Tournament/R&R/Mites Update
- Treasurer report
- Coaches Committee – Update
- Level Updates

**Registrar – Bilotta**

- 82 registered currently
- Email blast to membership re: registration; fees go up on September 1<sup>st</sup>
- Additional jersey sizing in process

**HDC – Syverson**

- Tryout plans are organized; dates posted to site
- Updating HDC Scope and sequence – posted to web
- Evaluators are set
- Closed tryouts for boys levels; U10 level tryouts will be closed on Apple Valley ice and open at Burnsville ice
- Discussion re: the skating treadmill for the training center; very expensive equipment and more discussion needed to determine whether that is an investment

**Tournament/R&R/Mites Update – Syverson for Pries**

- Boys tournaments – both are full at Squirt and PWC level; need two more teams for Bantam tourney
- Girls tournament – registration is slow; one team registered; registration for girls tourney tends to be slow and should see a pickup in September.

**Recruiting & Retention – Syverson for Pries**

- Mailer for Mites is out; second mailer will go out after Labor Day; mailers going out to all attendance in Apple Valley association.
- Intro to hockey registration at 9 kids
- Eastview will participate in the Intro to hockey events;
- Bring a Friend to Hockey – about 5 friends at each event; all individuals registered for the intro or the regular season

**Treasurer Report -- Bauer**

- AVHA Golf tourney proceeds approximately \$3300
- Have already paid for some team tournaments – will be offset by ice bills in season
- Motion to approve the July 30th Treasurer Report made by Gregg Christy; Seconded by Don Bilotta; Approved.

**Parent Meetings - Hird**

- Looking to schedule week of September 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>; waiting to finalize space
  - PW/Bantam
  - Squirts
  - U12/U10
  - Mites –

**Level Updates:**

- Bantams – No update (Martinson)
- Mites – 23 returning, 11 new sign ups; Mite equipment package is \$147.50 and will include helmet.
  - First two weeks of Mites season will be at Hayes and AVHS. Effort is to tie the mites into the community before skating as Mites at the Pond.
  - October 31<sup>st</sup> Mite evaluations at HS
- Squirts – Tournaments are scheduled;
- PeeWees – no update (Wan)
- Girls 12's/10's –
  - D8 preview September 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

**Updates – Special Committees****Training Center -- Messerich**

- No update

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Derrick Lindstrom, seconded by Gregg Christy; Approved.

Next meeting Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. @ **AV Community Center**.  
Respectfully submitted by LaChel Hird