



**Apple Valley/Burnsville
Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 10, 2024**

Board Members Present:

Andrew Spencer, Brad Shear, Luke Korkowski, Joanie Baltès, Jodi Oster, Emily Hindal, Randy Naughton, Katie Ivey, Randy Olson, Justin Krech, Ginger Lemke, Brian Gibson
(5 association members attended to observe)

Board Members Absent: Jeremy Pries, Matt Czech, Eric Robb, Whitney Jones

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Spencer

Open Microphone– Spencer:

- Stephanie Cossette, Ops Manager from Fortis, attended to provide an overview of the program.
 - o Parent & Coach seminar was well attended this year.
 - o Foundation with the biggest impact on building good people. Core components:
 - Behavior Standards
 - Leadership Task to Delegate
 - Team Building Exercises
 - Quick Hit Lessons
 - o Next year, recommend full leadership program, which is \$3,200.

Approval of the Dec 13th, 2023 Meeting Minutes – Spencer:

- Motion to approve the Dec 13th, 2023 meeting minutes by Hindal; second by Baltès: Approved.

Gambling Report – Olson:

- Motion to approve up to \$70K in proceeds for January by Lemke; second by Hindal: Approved.
- Request for up to \$130K in operating expenses for February by Hindal; second by Oster: Approved.
- Motion to approve the December Gambling Report by Hindal; second by Shear: Approved.
- December was the biggest month we've had.
- E-tabs continuing to grow, but we don't make as much with those.
- Ending with Pizzeria Social on January 31st.
- XGolf has picked up.
- Bingo has still been extremely popular.
- Will get set up with the current Burnsville sponsors (Clive's, Bricksworth Beer Co, and Jensen's) through the City Council.

Treasurer's Report – Korkowski:

- Motion to approve October 2023 Treasurer's report by Hindal; second by Baltès: Approved.
- Motion to approve November 2023 Treasurer's report by Hindal; second by Shear: Approved.
- Motion to approve the 2022-2023 tax return by Hindal; second by Lemke: Approved.
- Will have \$89K from Burnsville April 1st for the next fiscal year.

PDC Update – Pries:

- **SQUIRT:**
 - o All teams struggling from a competitive perspective. Combined D8 record of 3-29-2. Skills session for the B2BR & C on Wednesday. Talking to the coaches about how I can help.
- **PEEWEE:**
 - o PWA - 2nd place in league play, just won the Duluth tournament
 - o Other 3 teams are struggling in D8 play, with a combined, 3-21-3 record.
 - o Skills night tonight with all 4 teams skating at various times. Each team has a tournament coming up in the next few weekends.
- **BANTAM:**
 - o A - 6-3-0
 - o B1 - 2-7-2

- **10U:**
 - o B1 team is very strong, but still able to find competition outside of the district. B2 teams not doing bad either with losing records, but close games with an avg loss of 1 goal. Combined D8 record 8-7-1. Eastview HS girls ran the last skills session of the season on Monday. Starting in December we have 3rd grade girls from both EV & AVB skating with the 10U teams for some shared practices.
- **12U:**
 - o All 3 12 teams participated in skills night with EV HS on Monday.
 - o U12A - 4th place in the district, struggling with scoring goals. 1 tournament win, 2 tournaments are coming up at the end of the month.
 - o U12B1 - struggling in D8 play. Good showing in tournaments thus far this year, 1st/2nd place finishes.
 - o U12B2 - 4th place in district, getting better, competitive in games.

HDC Update – Pries:

- Added 2nd & 3rd grade E-Train sessions as an experiment. Will see how it goes in Jan. and if successful will continue.
- Discovered that Burnsville has opened STP registration. Disappointed that we didn't hear about it first and we missed the opportunity to have a single program. Now we will be competing with each other again. Would like to see the city be willing to work with us; maybe summer 2025 will be better.
- All skills programs are going smoother this year with additional involvement by high school programs (girls & boys).

Level Updates:

- Mites: Korkowski
 - o Going well.
 - o Every Mite team playing in the Polar Fest.
 - o Mid-Winter Fest: Want to bring people to the event. More to come...it's coming up fast.
 - Motion to approve \$2,000 for donation to the City of Apple Valley for sponsorship of the Mid-Winter Fest event on Feb. 3rd by Ivey; second by Shear: Approved.
 - o Added a Mite Jamboree for March 16th, have ice 7am-7pm at BIC 1. Will issue DIBS and may add Skills.
- Girls: Baltes
 - o Motion to approve up to \$750 for adding Valkyries 2022-2023 information to existing banner at BIC and new banner at AVSA, by Lemke; second by Hindal: Approved.
- Squirts: Czech
 - o N/A
- Pee Wees: Robb
 - o N/A
- Bantams: Shear
 - o N/A
- Junior Gold: Oster
 - o Record 3-4-2.
 - o Team is doing well together.
 - o A recent game had as few as 8 players. One of 2 goalies has become a skater.
- Goalies: Gibson
 - o N/A

D8 Update – Robb:

- Had a meeting on Jan. 3rd.
- Spring HP Nominations are on the website and the deadline is Feb 15.
- Will continue with the Futures program again this year in April-May..
- Looking for District Playoff hosts.
- League: Check gamesheet for missing or not recorded games. There are some outstanding games that have not been entered.
- Rak: Big thing at MN hockey meeting Jan. 20-21 is Waivers. Rak and the group decided to keep it as is. There are some changes being proposed at the state level. He will have an update at our next meeting Jan. 24th.

Recruiting and Retention Update – Lemke:

- Try Hockey Free is Feb. 24th. Have 4 girls and 2 boys signed up so far. Ross has offered to help. DIBS will go out.
- The Girls skate with the Eagles wasn't well communicated.
- August block party with Westwood was well received last year and we'll plan to do it again. Coaches will be approached to participate in the Dunk-A-Coach game.

Election Update – Krech/Ivey:

- Have 9 applicants.
- 5 open positions

Westrum family donation – Spencer:

- Motion to approve up to \$3,000 donation to the Westrum family (via GoFundMe) by Hindal; second by Lemke: Approved.
- Oster to work directly with the family on details.

Ice Rebates – Spencer:

- Motion to approve up to \$50K for October-December 2023 ice rebates by Hindal; second by Lemke: Approved.

Actions/Next Steps/Misc– Spencer:

- Motion to approve up to \$8,100 for upgrades to RapidHands at AVTC by Spencer; second by Gibson: Approved.
- Hayes rink will be shutting down at the beginning of March.
- Hosting Playoff Tournaments
 - o We won't be hosting a tournament.

Meeting Adjourned – Spencer:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wed. Feb. 14th, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the AV Community Center.