

**MYHA Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2024 6:30pm**

**Board Members Present:** Chris Jewett, Jessica Cossalter, Nicole Zapzalka, Matt Drawz, Katie Corona, Scott Zacharias, Kjersten Struck, Mandy Whiteside, Sam Rogers, Ryan Carlson, Jerry Mitchell, Katie O’Kane

**Board Members Not Present:** Jacob Toledo, Jamie Kendall, Patrick Mitch, BJ Klinck

**Also in Attendance:** Steve Wendorf, Matt Brausen, Nancy Hauser

**Meeting Minutes Taken By:** Nicole Zapzalka, Secretary

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chris Jewett

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** Carlson motioned to approve February meeting minutes; Whiteside seconded. Unanimous approval of the February meeting minutes.

**Reports:**

**Page1 Rink1 and Rink2 Update: Matt Brausen**

- First aid kit in each penalty box
- Trauma kits in zamboni room
- Mite Jamboree completed
- Ice is coming out of rink 1 in May for maintenance

**Executive Director: Steve Wendorf**

- Secured minimum of \$10k in sponsorships for yearbook
- Created advisory committee for the strategic plan
- Recapped survey of coaches and managers
- Managing tech platform review meetings and process
- Demo-ing ‘sponsor’ software to combine data into one centralized location for improved coordination and fundraising
- Sponsorship idea submitted by Maynard’s for Rink 2 in-arena signage. Creating flyer to solicit sponsors

**President: BJ Klinck**

- Small Net Reimbursement. Minnetonka has the opportunity to be reimbursed for the small nets we purchased before this season by D6/MN Hockey. We will need to submit a reimbursement request to D6
- Waiver Update. MN hockey passed a new rule. It is play where you live through mites first year squirts one time option, then mandatory waiver again at Jr Gold. 1st year

Squirts – Bantams, basically, will prevent hopping. Can still do discretionary. 9th grade no longer mandatory is some concern that this may hurt Bantams

- Continued Poor Official Treatment. We need to continue our discussion on the abuse of officials, especially at the PW and SQ levels, where there are 16- and 17-year-old kids reffing. It is crucial that we incorporate guidelines for coaches on how to communicate with referees, and we should extend this to parents so that everyone understands how to act respectfully during games
- 2024 MEA PWAA Invitational Showcase. We have received positive initial responses to attend the event and expect to have 15-18 committed teams after sending the formal invites this summer.
- Immediate rule change for MYHA. If a coach needs to remove a player from practice for any reason, that player will be placed in the penalty box until the practice is completed. No player will be allowed to go to the locker room unattended or without two adults present under any circumstances

**Vice President: Chris Jewett**

- Talked sponsorship with Steve
- Tech platform demo's
- Executive meeting to review financials and create a format for full board review
- Initial golf tournament planning
- Finishing plaque for a high top table between rink 1 & 2

**Treasurer: Jessica Cossalter with Nancy Hauser**

- Financials will be presented to the board after annual meeting

**Secretary: Nicole Zapzalka**

- Next meeting April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Business meeting start: 6:30pm
  - Annual meeting begins: 7:00pm
- Developing a committee to redo MYHA's Bylaws for board approval, educate new and existing board members on Robert's Rules of Order, create and log documentation for progression planning and draft procedures for board approval

**Gambling Manager: Jamie Kendall**

- **February 2024**
  - Haskell's records are currently being processed by our accountants. February financials will be reported at the April 2024 board meeting.
  - Approved expenses for February 2024 were \$40,807 (Allowable expenses plus taxes).
- March 2024 estimated expenses are as follows:

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Compensation (3 pay periods) | 9,000 |
| Accounting fees              | 500   |

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Gaming purchases | 10,000          |
| Gambling taxes   | 15,000          |
| Site rental      | 1,750           |
| Misc. Expenses   | 3,000           |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$39,250</b> |

**Ice Director: Chris Evans** (reported prior to the meeting)

- Nothing new to report

**Registrar: Mandy Whiteside**

- Nothing new to report

**Hockey Development Committee Director: Eric Johnson** (reported prior to the meeting)

- Nothing new to report

**Boys' Director: Matt Drawz**

- Projecting 10 squirt teams next year (we have 9 this year) with only 5 returning Squirt goalies so we need to invest in our Mite goalie and skater/goalie program.
- Requesting funding to include one of Poderzay's coaches in the program to have continuity between the Mite and upper-level programs.
- 415 boys are now playing hockey on 26 teams
  - Bantams: 7 teams, 100 skaters, 7 goalies
  - Peewees: 10 teams, 157 skaters, 13 goalies
  - Squirts: 9 teams, 125 skaters, 11 goalies, 2 skater/goalies

**Girls' Director: Sam Rogers**

- Season Results
  - 15A Black, 12A and 12B Blue are headed to state tourneys this weekend. All have a good chance to do well and hopefully hang another banner.
- Tonka Girls Stats
  - 7 Eligible State Tourney Teams
  - 5 Made it to regions
  - 3 made it to state
- 10Us
  - 10A won their district tournament
  - 10B1 Blue finished 3rd in Gold Bracket, 10B1 Black won silver bracket
  - 10B2 won Bronze Bracket
- Coaches Appreciation - Monday March 18th at Chan Brewery - All MYHA Coaches Invited
- Projected numbers for next season looking strong
- Continuing to work closely with Minnetonka High School program to retain more players at 15U

**Girls' Mite Director: Jerry Mitchell**

- Mite Jamboree: 850 kids through the door, 47 hours of ice, 80 games

**Boys' Mite Director: Scott Zacharias**

- Nothing new to report

**Junior Gold Director: Jacob Toledo** (reported prior to the meeting)

- Player contribution on JG teams
- Late payment issue with JG family
- Prep for next season

**Communications Director: Katie Corona**

- Continuing to post on teams' success and end of season success
- Coaches appreciation via Instagram and email to association. Follow up email is scheduled to go out on 3/17 to remind coaches

**Tournament Director: Katie O'Kane**

- March/April tasks:
  - Continue to lead all operations pertaining to playoffs MYHA is hosting.
  - Follow up meeting regarding 2024 JrGold Tournament
  - Review tournament feedback for 2024-25 season tournament registration prep
  - Communicate with boys and girls directors on 2024-25 season team projections
  - Secure committee members and prepare for 2024-25 season tournament registration beginning May 1st

**Equipment Director: Ryan Carlson** (reported prior to the meeting)

- Nothing new to report

**Volunteer Director: Kjersten Struck**

- 188 participants have outstanding dib hours (771 hours)
- Total hours for all volunteering - 10,617 hours
  - 5693.5 (non-dated items: i.e. coaches, managers, etc.)
  - 4923.5 (shift hours: i.e. tryouts, concessions, etc.)
  - Unclaimed: 265.5 hours
  - Unfulfilled: 60.5 hours
  - Claimed: 46.5 hours
  - Completed: 4551 hours
  - Season (8 hour) buyout purchase - 90 kids (720 hours or \$40,500)
  - Portion of volunteer hour buyout - 21.3 hours (\$1597.50)
  - 19U State tournament hours posted

**Fundraising Director: Jamie Kendall** (reported prior to meeting)

- Nothing new to report

**Sponsorship Report: Patrick Mitch** (reported prior to meeting)

- Banner is on order. Hope to have it hung soon.
- We have 10 open invoices
- Yeti Gifts

**New Business:**

- Gambling: Drawz motioned to approve March estimated expenses in the amount of \$39,250; Cossalter seconded. Unanimous approval of March estimated expenses in the amount of \$39,250.
- Jewett motioned to pay the past due invoice of \$3,000 to In stat Motion for the use of HUDL during the 2023-2024 hockey season; Whiteside seconded. Unanimous approval to pay past due invoice.
- Drawz motioned to establish a Disciplinary Committee, also known as a grievance committee according to our bylaws consisting of Jessica Cossalter, Matt Drawz and Katie Corona; Whiteside seconded. Unanimous approval to establish a disciplinary committee.
- Rogers motioned to combine the positions of Fundraising Director and Sponsorships Director for the 2024-2025 season; Struck seconded. Unanimous approval to combine Fundraising Director and Sponsorships Director.
- Jewett motioned for approval to pay jersey costs in three installments for the 2024-2025 season; Carlson seconded. Unanimous approval to pay jersey costs in three installments.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Grievance committee also known as disciplinary committee according to bylaws is made up of 3 existing board members
  - Transition committee include non-voting board members
- Future discussion and review of using whether or not to use HUDL for the 2024-2025 season
- Board discussion and decision as to what level of financial decision-making requires board approval

**Adjournment:**

- Drawz motioned to adjourn; Mitchell seconded.