

**Duluth Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Sunday, June 18, 2023
Heritage Center's Boys and Girls Club Conference Room @ 7:00 p.m.**

Board members: Ethan Ault, Kevin Chick, Cory Goldsworthy, Casey Kudler, Bill Whiteside

Board Members absent: Matt Mathias, Lynden Medlin

Sub Association Representatives: Sonny Bedogne (Congdon), Kelly Lapinski (Denfeld), Kraig Redman (Duluth Heights), Bob Mathias (East), Ryan Sandefer (Glen Avon.); David Moline (Portman), Nate Webber (Duluth Heights),

Sub Association Representatives absent: Kelly Lapinski, Bryan Bjonkaas, Justin Finke, Jacquelyn Messer

DAHA Staff: Bob Nygaard, Don Olson

Staff absent: Clare Markley

Time start : 7pm

Secretary's Report: Kevin Chick (2 mins)

- Motion for additions or changes to current agenda
- Approval of May Minutes
 - Cubby made a motion to approve May minutes
 - Sonny second
 - Board approved

Treasurer's & Finance Committee's Report: Bill Whiteside (5 minutes)

- Financial Update (see attached report)
- As of May 31st balance of \$150k
- Fiscal year ends June 30th.
- The tourism tax funds is awarded as a credit with our city expenses that we need to submit for reimbursement

President's Report: Ryan Sandefer (2 mins)

- Sent letter to the DECC with concerns about losing the ice for 2023
- Exec Director and DAHA President both attending next DECC board meeting

Executive Director's Report: Bob Nygaard (10 mins)

- 2023 Learn to Skate Program
 - Using Patty Kane
 - 8 sessions as learn to skate and then move to learn to play hockey
 - Starting the last week in September (3 45 minute sessions)
 - Discussion about the possibility of changing the program from a learn to skate to a learn to play hockey. It was decided that Patty does a good job so not to change the focus of the sessions.
 - Look into the possibility of having rink involvement to help make the transition to playing outdoor hockey
- Ice Scheduling/Billing Situation for 2023 – 2024
 - The current plan is to have Clare book all the ice but the rinks will send out individual billing.
 - Will have to stay on top of this issue to ensure Clare is not overwhelmed
- Midwinter Classic for Hank Jensen Fund fundraiser
 - We currently don't have an event to help raise money for the fund
 - Can we use this tournament to help fund the Hank Jensen account?
 - Will look into the budget to see if we can allocate the funds from the tournament to the Hank Jensen fund
- District 11 Meeting on July 12th

- Make sure we ask District 11 when the last coaching clinics are
 - Looking to get the District tournaments
- Registration fees and Schedule
 - Looking to open registration on August 1st
 - Bill will work on expense projections to see if we need to raise the DAHA fee
 - Looking to get the association registration fees in the next several weeks
 - Should we have a Junior Gold registration fee? Right now it is at \$0.00
 - Bob will create a proposal for the next meeting on increasing the registration fee for Junior gold

Players and Coaches Development Committee: Don Olson (15 mins)

- CoachThem App Issue
 - Help coaches build and share practice plans especially the squirts and above
 - Committee will look into this and will bring a recommendation back to the board in July
- Please see attached report
- Motion to approve Level of play for the squirts by Ethan (1 A Team, 1 B1 Team, 6 B2 Teams)
 - Second by Sonny
 - Board approved
- Bill motion to have Dave Pierce as the S squirt A Coach
 - Cubby Second
 - Board approved
- Kevin made a motion to increase the registration fee for squirts to \$800
 - Sonny 2nd
 - Ryan amended the motion to say that for the A and B1 team will have assessments
 - Amended the motion to say the what the initial registration fee pays for however, there may be future assessments and there is multiple payment options
 - Ethan motioned
 - Dave 2nd
 - Approved
- Kevin makes a motion to have Matt Licari as Squirt Commissioner
 - Cubby 2nd
 - Board approved
- Cubby makes a motion for DAHA to pay for preseason camps and evaluations
 - Ethan 2nd
 - Board approved
- Ethan makes a motion for DAHA to pay for the remaining funds needed to cover the cost of the contact and concussion prevention camps
 - Sonny 2nd
 - Board approved

Facilities Committee

- See notes
- Cory was elected Chair
- Discussion about brining on Kevin Philbury due to his legal knowledge to help with the city lease agreement
- Update on the DECC ice situation
 - The DECC is discussing it at their June meeting
 - Decision will be made at their July meeting
- Friends of Fryberger Account
 - Discussion on how the money is being spent
 - Bill working with Susan from East on logistics of who manages the funds
- Congdon donating a Zam to Fryberger
- Discussion where we want to see DAHA in 10yrs
 - Possible use of the new tax money going to city parks

- The city is doing a cost benefit of all youth sports
- Lease Agreement with the City of Duluth
 - Discussions starting in July

Rink Association Committee Report: Ryan Sandefer and Dave Moline (1 min)

- Jackie elected as chair
- Discussion on pre-season ice scheduling
- West end is going to try and keep GMP running this season

Rules & Grievance Committee Report: Jacob Kaliszewski (5 minutes)

- Met on June 6th via Teams
- Jacob Kaliszewski elected as committee chair
- Reviewed Playing Rules document and determined there is a lot of updating that is needed. Each member of the committee will be assigned a section of the document to review and update. The committee as a whole will discuss the updates and make a recommendation to the Board for final approval of all updates. The committee would like to have the updates done for final Board approval at our August meeting.
- Parent Handbook
 - Took Lakeville association parents handbook and is forming it to DAHA
 - Cory is putting one together and would like to have it ready by July board meeting
 - Cory to send a link out to the board for review

DAHA Office Update: Clare (5 minutes)

New Business

None

Ethan motion to adjourn meeting

Bill 2nd

Board approved

End Time: 8:38pm

Next meeting: July 16, 2023 at 7:00pm

DULUTH AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
PLAYER and COACHES' DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
For
Sunday, June 18, 2023 Board Meeting

1. Mite Level Planning
 - Scheduling for Mite Skills Sessions in Process
2. Squirt Level Planning
 - Levels of Play Determined for 2023-24 Season
 - One A Team, One B-1 Team and Six B-2 Teams **(Requesting Board Approval)**
 - David Pearce Recommended as A Team Coach **(Request Board Approval)**
 - Recommend \$800 Registration Fee for 2023-24 **(Request Board Approval)**
 - Fall Skills Sessions are Scheduled
 - All Tournaments are Scheduled
 - Goal is to Schedule 40 Indoor Team Practices – All Shared Ice
 - Matt Licari to serve as Commissioner **(Request Board Approval)**
 - Jenn Omundson to serve as Assistant Commissioner with Primary Responsibility with B-2 Teams
3. Levels of Play
 - Still Waiting for Recommendations from Sub-Associations
 - Shows one of the many inefficiencies of our organizational structure
 - Reform in this area is one of PCDC Priorities for next season
 - Will have Recommendations for July DAHA Board Meeting
4. Identification and Recruitment of Coaches
 - PCDC has decided to Assign Coaches for Top Levels only for each Sub-Association
 - Goal is to have Coaching Assignments ready for Approval by July Board Meeting
 - Doing Research on how we Presently Financially Support Coaches
 - Potential Proposal coming with regard to Paying Stipends to Coaches
5. Planning for Pre-Season
 - Ice is Scheduled for Pre-Season Clinics **(Request DAHA pay for Ice)**
 - Decision by July Board Meeting whether or not East and Denfeld conduct separately or together.
 - Ice is Scheduled for “Player Evaluations and Team Assignments” **(DAHA Funds)**
 - Decision by July Board Meeting whether or not East and Denfeld conduct Separately or together.

- **Contact and Concussion Prevention Camps**
 - **Five Sessions Scheduled with Jon Francisco (\$1,500 per Session = \$7,500)**
 - ✓ **Glen Avon Foundation Support (\$5,000)**
 - ✓ **Request Funding from DAHA (\$2,500) (Request Board Approval)**
- 6. Consideration of City-Wide Play at the Pee Wee Level**
 - **What Factors will Enter into the Decision-Making Process.**
 - **Continue Formulating the Pros and Cons to moving in the Direction.**
 - **How do we involve the Denfeld and East Associations**
 - **Who Should Lead the Exploration of the “City-Wide Model”**
- 7. Status of “Working Groups”**
 - **Committee Members Question the Purpose and Value of “Working Groups”**
- 8. Committee Make-up**
 - **Committee has decided not to Recruit Additional Committee Members at this time.**
 - **Director of Player and Coaches Development is concerned about present lack of Ice Breaker and minimal representation from Denfeld Association.**
- 9. PCDC Recommends the Hiring of a “Association Ice Scheduler” (Request Board Consideration)**