

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **January 29th, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Keri Zschach at 7:01 pm.

#### **Roll Call:**

**PRESENT** – Keri Zschach, Kristin Dondlinger, Eric Scott, Denise Spreeman, Melissa Reese, John Wirkus, Sean Mikos, Colleen Krol, Melisa Kochniarczyk, Lauren Walsh

**ABSENT** – Mark Karkoska, Mike Lazzari, Elyce O’Sullivan,

**President’s Address (Keri Zschach):** Bash was a success

- AHAI/USA Hockey Report
  - Neck guards will be mandatory in August.
  - State Tournament
    - 2 of the brackets have changed.
    - Everything will be going through Gamesheet. This will only affect the home team.
- Regular Season
  - NIHL Championship
    - Make sure you have all of your scoresheets for playoffs along with your eligibility forms
    - DIBS will be going up soon for volunteer slots. Feb 16-18th, 23-25th
    - Inwood ice will be closing down at the end of March. We will be utilizing Canlan ice full time this spring and summer. We plan on starting the fall back at Inwood, as long as things go according to schedule.

#### **Hockey Director (Greg Stornello)**

- None presented (on ice instruction)

#### **Approval of the November Meeting Minutes (Lauren Walsh):**

- Eric Scott motioned to approve. Melisa Kochniarczyk second. (approved)

#### **Treasury Report (Tracy Miranda):**

- In the process of reconciling the account.
- All bills have been paid
- Deposits have been made and all money has been collected.
- The third round of coaches check will be starting.
- The bank has stated that there may be an issue in the future to deposit checks that are made out to Joliet Jaguar Hockey Club. Please have families drop “Joliet” when writing out checks.
- 1099s have been mailed out to everyone. Tracy does still need a couple of people to complete their 1099s. This will be done by tomorrow morning at the latest.
- Those that have the same address, all 1099s were put in the same envelope to be mailed.
- Deposits - \$67,296.38
- Expenses for October were \$104, 770.72
- Ending balance - \$123,835.37

- Savings - \$301,247.02

**VP of League Affairs (Eric Scott):**

- NIHL
  - Should have received the eligibility sheets. These sheets need to be turned into the host sites along with your scoresheets.
  - If you have a play in game you will pay half of the fees.
  - **All tournament information is on the NIHL website.**
  - Feb 4th at 3pm is the deadline to get all game scores in. There will be a fine assessed if this deadline is not met.
  - If you need any help please reach out to Melisa or Eric.
- NWHL Melisa Miller
  - No report
  - Playoffs start March 9th.
- CUHL Mark Karkoska
  - CUHL is finishing up their season.

**Secretary/Registrar (Lauren Walsh):**

- Travel Permits: please remember to do your travel permit for any team that's out of state
- Update the tournament spreadsheet
- Injury reports: please fill out the link for hockey and non hockey injuries with updates. Concussions will need the return to play form filled out.

**Development Coordinator (Colleen Krol):**

- Just started a new session.

**R & E (Sean Mikos):**

- Parents - please remember to calm down and relax in the stands.
- Issues:
  - 09-Dec-23 Stand Misconduct Suspension
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  - 9-Dec-23 Stand Misconduct Warning
  - 8-Dec-23 Locker room Misconduct Coach Discipline
  - 12/8/2023 Locker room Misconduct Coach Discipline
  - 12/12/2023 Safesport On-going
  - 12/10/2023 Stand Misconduct Coach Discipline
  - 1/14/2024 Stand Misconduct Warning
  - 1/14/2024 Stand Misconduct Warning
  - 1/25/2024 Misconduct Suspension

**Director of Fundraising (Melissa Reese):**

- Fundraising:
  - Working on Fun Pasta for Spring season.
  - In the process of emailing all families what they have earned.
  - Banners have been ordered. We are in talks to revamp the banner process.
  - Working on another survey - to add concessions questions.

- Concessions: (John Wirkus)
  - Credit Union One has reached out to make preliminary contact. Could be offering us another stand.
  - SeatGeek - got the schedule. First game is March 23rd.
  - Plan on doing a meeting with development regarding the cost of hockey and the opportunity to do concessions. Will attempt to do those meetings before March.

**VP of Hockey Operations (Mark Karkoska):**

- Pure Hockey has provided several small and medium practice jerseys that were dropped off at the Jaguar office because of some of our problems with wrinkled patches. At the end of the season, Pure Hockey will provide the club with a sponsorship check as part of the agreement, which is expected at the end of February. Also, I am working on a document for the website on online ordering instructions for new players to the club to make the process easier as we continue the relationship. Pure Hockey has committed to making sure we are happy with the relationship.
- Second, Squad Locker is a year-round online store we can utilize through SportsEngine. Shopping with Squad Locker provides money back to the club. We've had access to the site in the past, but we've had very few purchases through the store and saw very little money come back to the club. With the new logo, this might be a good time to revisit this online store. John and I have submitted some new images to the site, and I am working on putting them back on the website. This might be a good secondary source of apparel and doesn't cost any money to stand up.
- Finally, I've restarted conversations with Sprocket Sports as a possible replacement for SportsEngine. Cav will be sending a new proposal on the cost. The nice thing about Sprocket Sports is that it replaces SportsEngine, includes a new website and payment options, and would replace the monthly cost of MailChimp. The next step would be having a demo where they could walk us through the website.

**Director of Communications and Technology (Denise Spreeman):**

- Working on DIBS

**Ice Scheduler (Kristin Dondlinger):**

- Working on getting state games scheduled.
- Next week we lose Canlan ice on Thursdays.
- Off ice ends Feb 16th.
- Working on finalizing the ice contract with Canlan.
- Checking clinics have been finalized.
- Working on spring tryout information.
- March 9th is the veterans game.
- March 16th is the senior game. Coaches vs. Seniors=-

**Marketing (John Wirkus)**

- Working on Squad locker and banners.
- Spoke with Canlan and got a cost for all 3 years. (\$6,000)

- Working on talking with the Park district to find out what we have, what it costs, and when it is expiring.

**Member at Large (Mike Lazzari):**

- Coaches vs. Veterans game is March 9th. Jerseys have been ordered. Jerseys have a private sponsor. There are 2 confirmed sponsors and another possible 2 or 3 more in the works. The PTSD charity we are working with is Project Headspace and Timing. We will need a ref and volunteers for the scoreboard, music, chuck a puck, and donation table.

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**Equipment Manager (Elyce O'Sullivan):**

- Not in attendance

**Manager of Managers (Melisa Kochniarczyk):**

- Please read emails that will be going out. There will be very important information coming out!
- Please try to remind parents to act respectful and calm down in the stands.

**Old business**

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**New business**

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**Open Floor:** Water bottle station, this is the park district's issue. Music situation in the ice arena - this is a problem for the park district. Why is our policy that anyone doing the scoresheet needs to be over 18? Response: This has always been our policy. We do not want to put a minor in a bad situation.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 by Melisa Kochniarczyk seconded by Colleen Kroll.