



**SCYHA Board of Directors Minutes**

**Date: Tuesday, April 20th, 2021** (General Membership Meeting)

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Location: St. Augusta American Legion**

**Roll Call:**

**Voting Members Present:** Jeff Karnik, Gregg Stanley, Jeff Hess, Chad Scheetz, Nicki O'Hotto, Matt McDowall, Lacey Smith, Brooks Marquardt, Jen Wurcher, Maria Kosiba, Connie Kremers, Craig Hendricks, Matt Glaesman

**Non-Voting Board Members Present:** Mike Petrosk, Nicole Collova

**Voting Members Absent:**

**Guests:** Aaron Binsfeld, Jenna Binsfeld, Mitchell Schmidt, Rick Staudinger, Kim & Pete Matanich, Abby Laudenbach, Carl Koehn

**Acknowledgements and Appreciations:** Thank you's went to EB, BOD, Tory VanHalbeck, Jenna Binsfeld for coordinating our Covid protocol, Joel and Mike for all the bookkeeping, the try-out committee, the coaches, managers, treasurers and of course, our gambling partners.

**Secretary Report:**

**Additions/Corrections to the agenda:**

**Motion to approve Minutes:**

**May 20th, 2020 Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>: Phil L. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Katie K.**

**Executive Board Meeting Summary:** Will be given verbally at the meeting.

- MN Hockey-body contact clinic.
- BOD/parents/coaches appreciation night
- Coaches golf event
- 10K Shot Club.

**Gambling Report:**

**March 2021 Gambling Report to Members:**

**Howie's**

Net Pull Tab Revenues	\$8,019	
Electronic Pull Tab	\$50,942	
Bar Bingo Receipts		
Electronic Linked Bingo	\$3,780	
Meat Raffle Receipts	\$2,249	
<b>Net Profit before Taxes</b>		<b>\$36,808</b>

**MT's**

Net Pull Tab Revenues	\$26,662	
Electronic Pull Tab	\$52,941	
Bar Bingo Receipts	\$2,316	
Electronic Linked Bingo	\$1,994	
Meat Raffle Receipts	\$3,717	
<b>Net Profit before Taxes</b>		\$48,907
<b>Pesty's</b>		
Net Pull Tab Revenues	\$58,582	
Electronic Pull Tab	\$59,464	
Electronic Linked Bingo	\$2,282	
Meat Raffle Receipts	\$2,221	
<b>Net Profit before Taxes</b>		\$75,847
<b>Boulder Tap House</b>		
Net Pull Tab Revenues	\$2,554	
Electronic Pull Tab	\$7,910	
Electronic Linked Bingo	\$34	
<b>Net Profit before Taxes</b>		\$6,756
<b>Friends Bar</b>		
Net Pull Tab Revenues	\$26,334	
Electronic Pull Tab	\$77,326	
Bar Bingo Receipts	\$1,847	
Electronic Linked Bingo	\$5,570	
Meat Raffle Receipts	\$3,774	
<b>Net Profit before Taxes</b>		\$69,715
<b>Shooter's</b>		
Net Pull Tab Revenues	\$15,180	
Electronic Pull Tab	\$30,418	
Bar Bingo Receipts	\$1,483	
Electronic Linked Bingo	\$2,642	
Meat Raffle Receipts	\$4,895	
<b>Net Profit before Taxes</b>		\$25,913
<b>Net Profit before Taxes</b>		
		\$263,946
<b>Gambling Taxes</b>		(\$119,542)
<b>Unrelated Business Income Taxes</b>		(\$20,887)
<b>Net Profit for March</b>		<u>\$123,517</u>

The profits for the month before taxes from our gambling operations were \$263,946. Gambling taxes paid during the current month were \$119,542. Also incurred were Unrelated Business Income Taxes of \$20,887.00. These are taxes on profits from gambling operations that were not spent at the end of the last fiscal year ending 04/30/2020, primarily due to Covid shutting everything down last spring and not having the opportunity to spend the funds. After taxes, we had a net profit from gambling of \$123,517. Please keep in mind the current month taxes paid were for the previous period and not on the current month's operations. The taxes for the month of March are approximately \$160,000.

**Motion to Approve:**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** James S.

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Amanda B.

**Meat Raffle Approvals:**

MEAT RAFFLE DATE	TEAM	HOWIE'S AMOUNT
02/19/21		\$300.00
03/05/21	Pee Wee B2 Black	270.00
03/12/21	Bantam Black	255.00
03/19/21		345.00
03/26/21	Squirt B2	255.00
	TOTALS	<u><u>\$1,425.00</u></u>

CHECK PAYABLE TO SCYHA

**OTHER MEAT RAFFLE CHECKS TO BE ISSUED:**

	SITE	PAYABLE TO:	
03/04/21	Shooter's	School Boys Basketball	\$300.00
03/06/21	Shooter's	School Boys Basketball	\$240.00
03/11/21	Shooter's	School Boys Basketball	\$450.00
03/13/21	Shooter's	School Boys Basketball	\$225.00
03/18/21	Shooter's	School Boys Basketball	\$330.00
03/20/21	Shooter's	St Cloud Dance Team	\$285.00
03/25/21	Shooter's	School Boys Basketball	\$375.00
03/27/21	Shooter's	School Boys Basketball	\$240.00
03/05/21	HR Pesty's	Apollo Girls Baskebtall	\$240.00
03/12/21	HR Pesty's	St Cloud Dance Team	\$330.00
03/19/21	HR Pesty's	Apollo Track	\$270.00
03/26/21	HR Pesty's	Apollo Girls Baskebtall	\$270.00

**\$3,555.00**

**President's Address:** Jared Smith; This is SCYHA's 46<sup>th</sup> season!

- ### D5 Report:

Enforcement and punishment of rules is at discretion of DD

-HP Spring Festival this weekend for HP14 & 15s

### **JR Mite/Mites:**

## JR Mite/Mite Hard Divider “Boards Update”

**Positive takeaways were:**

- On ice coaches could focus on coaching vs adjusting bumpers
- Safer for coaches with back to bumpers. Not getting taken out at knees by sliding players

- Younger players stop before hitting the boards vs sliding into them like they did the bumpers
- Easier control of pucks during games
- Created a more “game like” atmosphere for the kids
- Schedule 4hrs of ice in a row (2-JR Mite 2-Mite) for games really help with efficiencies. Only one time getting them onto the ice and one time off.

### **Items to be Improved:**

- Conduct parent meeting at beginning of season and discuss what is required from parents on game days and throughout season
- Create spread sheet or use DIBS feature on website to make sure we have a parent group that can take ownership of boards setup and take down.
  - Sartell has had good success with this
- There is some door interference with the boards at NHC-Main only. We found a way to shift the boards to help with this as the season went on. Not an issue on NHC-P.

### **Ideas:**

- Do we want to sell sponsorships on these boards to help cover the costs and promote our sponsors?
  - Would need some kids of protective film over logo so they don't get scratched off when sliding onto cart
- Do we need/want another set for MAC?
  - I believe NO if we continue to use NHC as our hub for JR/Mites
- Host a Mite A jamboree?

Jr Mites had 66 kids rostered & Mites had 72 kids rostered this season. Overall, the season was as expected. Kids started at different skill levels and by the time the season ends the gap has shrunk and the kids were having a blast. One major change we made this year was starting our Try Hockey for Free sooner, this was a benefit as we were able to get kids in while dynamics was still happening, or shortly after. While we had several consistent coaches, we would have benefited from more coaches. It would benefit the coaches have some off ice instruction throughout the year on how to come up with a plan, what to do if they are not leading and how important it is to be present. We finished the year with a seamless Jamboree, while again different, we were still able to make it memorable for the kids. There was good attendance and lots of smiles to go around.

Thoughts for the future would include dividing the Jr Mite/Mite kids differently. We have proposed 4 Jr Mites (beginners/1st year), 8 lower Mites and 4 Mite A teams. Additionally, we think we need to look at the possibility of a U8 team. There were 3-4 girls that didn't return this season as they wanted to only skate with girls. We believe this would give kids more of a chance to play with their like ability and not have one kid always touching the puck and another who is feeling defeated. Matt McDowall kindly did some research on this to see where we would be at for HEP Scores and we feel the numbers support our thoughts at the Jr Mite and lower Mite groups (they do not move much by switching the groups). As for the Mite A group we would be able to better prepare these kids for Squirts by having 1/2 sheet practices, as well as staying together all year and not moving between two teams. Additionally, we think there needs to be a 2nd year only Mite ice time, whether that is bi-weekly or monthly, just to give the kids that will be moving on to Squirts the exposure to full ice concepts and help them feel more comfortable.

Parent/Coaches meetings needed: We know this was done in the past and things have been different for the past year, but to get back to having a parent meeting and a coaches meeting at the beginning of the season.

Equipment Lead: Need a replacement for the up-coming season(s)

Jr Mites had 66 registered skaters. Due to the mask guide lines we had 3 not return to play after the pause. 39 skaters will move to Mites  
Mites had 72 registered skaters. 33 (3 girls) skaters will be moving up to Squirts/U10. 4 goalies included in that number.

### **Squirts:**

#### **Squirt A Recap- Matt Knutson**

Overall, the 2020-2021 Squirt A season was a success. Kids and parents all got along. We had a few challenges with the ever-changing schedules and a few quarantines due to possible close contact, but we avoided any positive cases. The season was primarily filled with ups, downs were the 6 week pause from November to January and the season going until the end of March. We were able to keep the kids engaged with a few virtual check-ins, using Project Hockey and sending various at home dryland drills. I had a goal of everyone playing forward and defense. I am a firm believer that you will understand the position you are playing if you have played the position you are playing against. Each of the boys played every position at some point this season, with the exception of the goalies.

We finished the season 17-8 (with coaches' scrimmages). We worked hard to keep a competitive schedule, which was a challenge this year with all the restrictions in place. Most of the games we lost, we kept in and could have gone either way, and that's what you hope for in development of the players.

We ended up finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in both the Owatonna and Prior Lake tournaments. Owatonna was a good tournament with a competitive team from all over the state. Only downside for me was playing Friday and Saturday only, would have been nice to get an extra game Sunday or spread the games out. I would keep this an option for a tournament in the future. Prior Lake was similar competitiveness, they had some challenges with teams and COVID. This wasn't the best run tournament I've been too and would try and find another tournament next year. I believe this was added due to them losing their D6 tournament. I would have loved to play our Thief River Falls tournament that was cancelled in January, I would recommend this for next year.

In future, hopefully we can get back to normal schedules with practices and the skating a few times with PeeWee A's/AA's, it was noticeable last year that pushed the boys harder in practices.

#### **Squirt B1 Recap- Ryan Hiltner**

We had a great group of kids this year with the B1's. They started off as a pretty quiet group of kids and all adapted to each other and got along really well by seasons end. The whole group was really coachable, took feedback and utilized it. They all grew a lot from the beginning of the season and put forth a lot of effort.

I will say the low of the season was that there was no extended season for our boys. It's even harder knowing that we were the only district that this happened to and the kids were very bummed. The pandemic was also very hard but seems like all the kids wanted was hockey and at least they got to play! 🤔

There were a lot of high points to our season. I think we played 10 district games and filled a lot of alone practice times with scrimmages. I tried to get them the most game situations as possible to carry them to their next level. The kids all played great together and utilized team effort for every game. We were undefeated in district games with a record of 8-0-2, it was a great season for sure.!

The team was only able to attend one tournament in Duluth and Bentley was quarantined so we were unable to attend.

I had a blast getting to know new faces and working with the familiar ones. This was a great group, kids and parents alike. It always sad to see a season come to an end, but always exciting to see what lies ahead. I'm glad I got the opportunity to head this team this year with a great group of assistant coaches and detailed managers. Here's to next year!

#### **Squirt B1 Manager Recap- Vinny Binsfeld**

## Positives:

- Coaches - we had a great group of coaches
  - Ryan Hiltner should continue to be a youth hockey coach as long as he will be. His passion for the game and his team were fun to watch.
  - The rest of the coaches brought a great mix of passion, knowledge, and fun to the team as well.
  - The practice and game plan the coaches put together truly did help these kids grow as hockey players.
- Parents
  - One of those years when all the parents got along well, great mix of personalities, and drive to win.
- Players
  - I am really excited to watch this group of squirts grow
    - There is a lot of talent in this group (all Squirt teams) and I see many years of great hockey ahead.
- Tournaments
  - The one tourney we got in is always a good one (Duluth Blades of Steel).
- Competition
  - We had a good blend of competition. We played against a few teams out of the metro area and fared well. Didn't win them all, but we never had a game this year that was not competitive (other than the one's where we outscored the competition).
  - I would like to see our upper-level squirts teams play a few more metro teams during the season, (I know that comes down to scrimmage coordinator, but any help coordinators can get having games scheduled for them prior to the season, would be a benefit).

## Negatives:

- Lack of district tournaments at the Squirt level
  - I know this should only be a one-year situation, but with our season going until March 28th I feel that with some planning, we could have scheduled the Squirt A and B tournaments later.

## Squirt B2 Recap- Corey Simmons and manager Brian Fussy

Considering the Covid issue I feel our season was pretty good. The high point was getting back to the rink in Jan. We did ok against our competition, couldn't seem to keep up with St Michael this season. Anytime we played teams in and around the cities it seemed that we did not fare well.

We attended the Edina tournament this year. I enjoyed the tournament; it was well run. We won 1 of 3 games played, but overall, the kids had fun.

No real issues other than a game up in Brainerd where there was some drama, it was dealt with and never became an issue.

The competition at the Edina tournament was very high. Off the ice Our team was able to squeeze in 4 events that were very well attended plus the end of the year party so the kids had some additional bonding time

## Squirt C Recap- Rick Staudinger

I think our Squirt C team had a pretty fun season, despite the covid interruptions. All of the boys improved, I feel, greatly. Hard to say about tournaments since we only had one. And with competition, hard to judge with games being cut, and no scrimmages other than coach controlled. But the games we did play, we were very competitive when we showed up to play 😊

This was one of the finest years I've had coaching in all my years with SCYHA. The boys got along really well, as did the parents. No squabbles that couldn't be handled with just a quick talk to a player, and nothing from the parents.

I really wish we would've had districts for Squirts. Our boys improved so much, I really wanted to see how they would've done. I feel D5 didn't really try to keep districts and used the referee "issue" as a cop out rather than reschedule. All the other Squirt teams I talked to from other districts held their Squirt tournaments. But that's just my feeling.

### **Peeeweess:**

**PWAAs** won 8 games throughout the season, unfortunately, but the team made improvements as the season progressed. Coach Felt if it would have been a normal season, the team would have been more competitive. D5 games were most competitive. Most D10 games resulted in a larger goal span, not to mention the size difference between our team and the D10 teams was extreme. We did play a couple very close games with teams that played in regions. Coach also believes Next season looks very promising with the players staying and coming in and hopes for is a normal season next year!

The team was lucky enough to still get the Grand Rapids tournament in where they won 2 games and lost 2 games. It was during this tournament that they experienced an 11-shooter shoot-out and won with Ollie Orth's winning goal. The season highlight. Sugar Lake Lodge was a bonus stay, especially with covid.

At the yearend gathering, coach Jeremy met with each player individually to provide feedback and suggestions on what to work on.

**PeeWee As:** The 2020-2021 season brought the first PeeWee A team for St. Cloud Hockey! We started out with a few home scrimmages and one district game before our state-wide pause. The boys continued working with Google Meet video sessions and stick handling sessions with the coaches during the pause. They learned the art of "watching film" that will benefit them for years to come.

Unfortunately, all of our scheduled tournaments were cancelled due to the Pandemic Pause and District Referee Shortages. Sadly, we were unable to find another available tournament to get that team bonding experience together. We did make some scrimmage trips up to Moorhead and Fergus Falls and in true Minnesota form, both fell on days with a snowstorm! ☹️

We finished our season with a strong Districts win over Willmar and then a loss to Monticello at the Buffalo Arena and had to hop in the car and drive straight to Sartell and take the ice against Buffalo. (Lots of sub sandwiches were eaten in the car that night! Ha!) We played hard and battled until the end.

All-in-all, we got only 20 games in, but the boys learned a lot about perseverance and grit in those 20 games. A great group of kids and families to share the season with!

**PeeWee B1:** The 20-21 season, what a year it has been. First, we had a covid break, then return to play with plenty of rules. This season does not stand out to me to be the most memorable, it seemed just ordinary. Our players learn passing skills and others that were apparent from the stands. They seemingly played better together the end of the season. Our goalie continues to struggle and was seemingly unphased by our wins and losses. Toward the end of the season it seems as though a light was turned on and we started to see improvements from the stands. We were able to go to 2 of our 3 tournaments. And then we sealed a spot in regions. This was very surprising to most involved. All in all, it was a good year. Larger bench would have been nice, another goalie to support and push our



current goalie ideal. But all in all, a good season. It seems monumental with region play but was a great season.

### **Peewee B2s:**

This season was a lot of fun. To me that's the number 1 thing. I've had the pleasure of coaching a lot of the players this year, as well the past few years. Watching them grow as hockey players as well as becoming good kids. We Finished 5th in the regular season, finished 5 in the district tournament and had a blast. With all the hoops we had to jump through, they took it in stride and made the best of it. I hope to get the opportunity to coach each one again someday. See you all around the rink. Go Huskies.

Mitchell Schmidt  
Head Coach Peewee B2 Black

### **Bantams:**

**Bantam AA:** We started pretty slow at the beginning of the season with some very mixed results. The team would work hard at practice, but it didn't feel like everyone was 100% engaged leading up to the pause. During the pause, we met through zoom to discuss workouts and talk through hockey games that they had been assigned to watch.

After the pause, it seemed like we got through more in a week than we did the first month of the season. I am not sure if it was the time off giving them a break since they didn't have that with Fall sports being extended into hockey season, or if having hockey taken away made them hungrier to be at the rink. Regardless, as a coaching staff we all could feel the difference and we started to see better results in games too.

We had a fantastic finish to the last third of the season beating Rogers twice and Andover all in one weekend helping us finish 2nd in D10 standings. In the D5 playoffs, we were able to beat Buffalo and advance to regions and the D5 championship where we played an awesome game against STMA but fell short losing 4-3 and missing out on a home region tournament. During our region tournament, the momentum of the season was gone, and we did not play with a high compete like we did much of the season and we had a quick 0-2 exit to two teams I feel we were much better than.

I felt like it was a successful year and had a lot of fun coaching. For the most part, parents were good. The players were all awesome and we had few problems that needed to be handled. It was a great group and SCYHA should be proud of what they were able to accomplish over the years.

**The Bantam A team:** had a strong start to their season, but unfortunately was quarantined less than 2 weeks in. They returned from quarantine for another 2 weeks of practices/games before the state shut everything down for a month and a half. Thankfully after the state gave the green light to return to hockey, they were able to finish the season without any further quarantines! The first tournament in Burnsville was cancelled due to the covid shutdown, but the team was able to compete in 2 away tournaments: Hermantown and Moorhead. The Hermantown tourney was literally the first weekend games were allowed after the shutdown, so there were a few hiccups due to new covid guidelines, but otherwise I would recommend both Hermantown & Moorhead tourneys and hotels for future teams. Overall, the team was competitive against other A teams both outside and within the district, finishing

fourth in D5. The top four Bantam A teams in D5 were all close. When the state mandated masks for practices & games, we lost both a skater and our goalie, but thankfully one of the Bantam AA goalies joined our team for the remainder of the season. We had a great group of players, coaches, and parents, and we made the most of our crazy covid rollercoaster ride:)

**Bantam B1:** had a great season after starting slow due to Covid and a rough group of second year players. By the end of the season, we closed the gap between our competition from a 6-8 goal gap and in the end competed in every game. The players bought in and played as a team at the end. Finished 4th in D5.

**Bantam B2:** As for the team we had a good year, I think. The group of kids were good, I think they all got along well. As a coach I had good support from the other coaches and had a great manager that keep us well informed to what was going on. The level of the players and dedication that we had was low, most practices we were missing 3 or more kids, which made things hard at times to get any consistency. I would have called this a C team. There were a few kids that should have been on the upper lever team that could of developed a lot more being with kid more of their skill level. But that happens most years. I know that this season had its challenges with all that was going on, and with no tournaments it made the season feel like we were shorted games. But we made the best of it.

### **Girls:**

**12B:** as with all the teams it was a trying year to get the girls to come together as a team due to the very limited to zero off ice activities. This also prohibited the amount of time the coaches could chat with the team about expectations, strategies, or see how their day is going. The teams record was around .500 which was viewed as a success based on the variables previously described along with the skill level and dedication level of the players. The u12B teams started the season with 13 skaters, grew to 14 skaters, and ended with 13 skaters. Overall a successful season. – Phil Layne

**U10A:** had a good season. We were 4-16-2. Not a lot of wins but a lot of close games. The speed and individual skills were a night and day different from October to March. They all improved so much. It was a great group of girls to coach.

**10B:** I felt the girls had a good season overall. At the beginning it was grim, losing by double digits, but the girls fought and strived to get better every game! We only won 1 or 2 games, but by the middle and end we were only losing games by a goal or 2! Every time they had a game or tournament, win or lose they always came out of the locker room or building with a smile on their face. As coaches, then we have done our job! That is all a coach can ask for, 110% improvement and having fun! That is a WIN in my book! Thank you for asking me to be a head coach this year, it has been a blast!

**Goalie Coordinator report:** Jeff S.

Got rid of a lot of old equipment and replaced with new stuff. We are need of new chest protectors.

**Coach in Charge Report:** We received 60 surveys back. Summaries will be emailed to coaches.

### **New Business:**

#### **3 Awards:**

**Years of Service:** Amy O'Neal

**President's Award:** Carl Koehn

**New award:** Heart of the Husky Award-1<sup>st</sup> annual was given to Matt McDowall

Introduction of new SCYHA jerseys: A picture was passed out of what they will look like.

Election Appointments:

Officer Elections:

President: Phil Layne nominated Jared Smith. Jared accepted the nomination. No other nominations. Jared will continue as association president.

2nd VP: Amanda Berry nominated Jaime O'Hara. Jaime accepted the nomination. No other nominations. Jaime will continue as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

Secretary: Amy O'Neal is stepping down. James Stockman nominated Jenna Binsfeld. Jenna accepted the nomination. No other nominations. Jenna will be the new association secretary.

BOD Open Positions:

**Board of Director Open Positions/Appointments:** These will be filled over the next month or so.

BOD members needed to help do inventory on May 1st, 2021: Jeremy Mathiasen volunteered to help. Still need one more BOD member.

**Open Forum:**

Announcements:

- **Next BOD Meeting** is scheduled for May 19th, 2021 at 8pm at Pesty's.

**Adjournment:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Troy K.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Phil L.