

AMHA Board Meeting

November 14th - 6 pm

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-Team Work Makes the Dream Work

Members present: Chad Callan, Tim Lillwitz, Matt Paulsen, Caleb Dohrman, Ken Pink, Gabe Green, Andrea Little, Tami Baker

Members Absent: Ryan Loes

Others present: Kate Harvey, Dawn Schueffele, PeeWee and Bantam managers, Rod Jones

-Call to Order and Approval of Agenda – President Callan led the discussion. Prior to the meeting, the proposed agenda was circulated to the board. After brief discussion, there were no new topics to add. Caleb Dohrman moved to approve the agenda. Gabe Green seconded. Unanimously passed.

-Approval of May Financial Report – Caleb Dohrman led the discussion. Caleb provided a brief overview to the Board of the current financial status for this year. Most of the income received to date has been through fees. Currently, we are about \$2,700 over budget on tournament fees, but this will level out as season progresses. No other major concerns. Matt Paulsen moved to approve the October finances. Andrea Little seconded. Unanimously approved.

Practice players: 2 HS, 1 Bantam, 2 PeeWee. Need to get all these players registered. Tami and Tim will follow up to make sure players are registered with AMHA and rostered if necessary.

- Past Due Invoices Status – Jana was not present to address.

- Past Due Letter from Tim – Tim will work on a letter to those are skating and have not paid.

- Team Managers Report – President Callan had the recent idea to begin bringing managers from the various age groups to the meetings to provide reports on the season progress.

Bantams. Report from Margie Braun and Heather Coe – Tournament in South Bend. Several regular season games. Results have not been ideal from a W/L perspective but seen some growth. Not what we expect from Bantams, but a lot of roster hurdles. Several team bonding activities have taken place. The team has had several concussions and injury issues. On a positive note Girls locker room is working out well. Working through social media use by players and how to properly address this. Working through HS player practicing with team.

Matt Paulsen spoke to address a recent issue the Bantam team faced in a game with the Quad Cities. The referees allowed the game to get out of control and Matt has provided notice of some of the incidents to the appropriate persons with the District. The Board will be kept apprised.

PeeWees – Jenni Callan shared Nat Little's thoughts. Black focusing on skill development 70% of time. Also putting other items into practice plans such as positioning and structure on the ice. Challenging schedule so far as PeeWees have played some of the top teams in the District. Young group – emphasizing being good teammate. Beth Borrett provided some feedback that off the ice team building is going well. Team is all scheduled for tournaments.

Orange team – Jennifer Simonsen provided the update – Got first win and a tie this past weekend. Coach Nate is doing a great job as co-head coach with Fred VanBergen. Kids getting better every day. Scheduling C teams is going better than with B teams. Practice schedule is challenging, especially on Tuesday nights. Jennifer provided an idea that AMHA may be able to bring in a local nutritionist as the season goes on to help counsel skaters on what to eat after a late practice before going to bed.

The idea was brought up to register the Orange team as a select team instead of a travel C team. Select tournaments are coming up. Will reach out to Scott Long in Des Moines to discuss.

HS – Injury policy – Discussion of creating a policy on return to play. It was noted that USA Hockey has a policy and we should rely on that. Tim Lillwitz will create a policy with Rod Jones for adoption.

Report – HS Varsity Team is off to a 3-2-1 start. Beat DM Caps for first time since 2011. Good off ice bonding so far. Lost some kids in the off season and coaches weren't sure what effect that would have. Environment in rink for games has been awesome so far—keep it up! Discussion of covering a future game on the news. Players and parents are staying in separate hotel rooms and that seems to be having the desired effect. Overall, Coach Elliston is doing a great job to start the season.

-Approval of May Minutes - Tim Lillwitz led the discussion. Distributed prior to meeting. Tim will take out reference to specific coaching applicant in draft of October minutes and recirculate for posting to Website. Gabe Green moved to approve the October minutes. Tami Baker seconded. Unanimously approved.

- PCDC Update – Matt Paulsen– didn't really have anything of note as the season has kicked off and teams are now focused on the ice.

- Keys for the rink - Update – President Callan still working on this topic with Taylor.

Banners to be hung – President Callan will follow up with Taylor.

Complaints about rink – Presently the ice conditions and scoreboard issues are chief complaints. President Callan and the PCDC are in constant communication with Taylor and will keep doing the best they can to create the best conditions possible.

- Travel Jersey Order / Team Jerseys (Mikaela Nemmers) – President Callan reports the status is December. Will be getting jerseys from SlapShot going forward. Caleb Dohrman is working with Lids to get more options for hats. Will get men's and women's options. Youth options too. These are expected in December too.

- Sports Engine - Shooters for Behind the Mask. Tami Baker's idea to have a sign-up sheet within Sign Up genius. Run it through the managers. Matt Paulsen commented to make sure the goalie coaches are getting what they want and need. Jarrod Carl is lead goalie coach and can approve of skaters signing up.

- Gabe - Greens Update - Gabe Green led the discussion. Greens are on track and will send spreadsheet with formal update once they have been delivered.

Matt Paulsen brought up a discussion of how team toolboxes are going for the coaches. All who commented stated the toolboxes have been great and are being used. Will have to get an estimate to replace items at end of season.

- President Update – President Callan led discussion of the following topics:

-Coach Elliston's coaching payments under his contract? Caleb Dohrman will ask Kristine Loes. Coach Elliston has another assistant this year. Coach Elliston has provided his coaching breakdowns to Rod, so this will be relayed to Jana and Caleb.

- Assistants Coaches Discussion – AMHA will cover the \$1000 fee for Kiana (skating coach) from August and September for the HS team. Not fair to take this out of Coach Elliston's pay.

Discussion of AMHA advertising on Streaming pages. The Board believes it will be appropriate and most efficient to funnel all live stream games through the YouTube Channel that we already have. The Board agrees that AMHA should use this YouTube channel to offer to sponsors. Will communicate this policy through the team managers.

- Communications – Tami Baker and Tim Lillwitz still have to work through website. Otherwise, nothing to report.

- Promotions – Kate Harvey led discussion.

- Trivia Night – Review. Everyone had a great time. Still working on getting numbers as to the amount raised. Will share when that is calculated.

- Zamboni wrapping - cost to association. Ames Rink wants a 5-year wrapping agreement at \$1800 per year. Cost to wrap is \$3500 to \$5500. Currently we are waiting on quotes. The Board discussed that we should offer the Zamboni sponsorship for approximately \$3,000. To be further discussed.

- 2022 Gary Hunziker Memorial Alumni Game - December 23rd at 7:15 pm

Note from Jana Brem on stipends to coaches. The coaches should pay expenses as they go this season and reimbursements will be issued at end of year.

There being no further business to discuss, Tim Lillwitz moved to adjourn. Caleb Dohrmann seconded. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

The Following Actions/Discussion of the Board were conducted via E-mail or remotely after the November 14, 2022 Meeting, and led by President Callan, except where indicated. These issues will be included in the discussion and formal approval of these minutes at the next regular meeting of the Board:

- N/A