



ANOKA AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 25, 2023

Motion to call meeting to order: 7:03 pm by Tom Chrest

Minutes taken by: Becca Patrick

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Members present: Audra Wander, Becca Patrick, Tom Chrest, Mike Hansen, Matt Satzinger, Melissa Thalin, TJ Lyon, Joe Super, Ashley Christensen, Mike Schouviller, Jason Lindberg, Jay Wagamon, Mark Rice

Ancillary members present: Kim Brotkowski, Brandon Rykkeli

Members absent: Cory Schmidt

Ancillary members absent: Stephanie Reichow

Next board meeting: Monday October

Guests present: JP West

Motion to adjourn meeting: Motion by Audra, second by Ashley. Adjourn 9:10 pm

APPROVE MINUTES

New business:

- F5 (Mike)
- Banner update (Mike)
- U15 Coaches (Matt)

Motion to approve August minutes by Ashley second TJ, approved unanimously

Motion to approve July financial reports by Matt second by Ashley, approved unanimously

Motion to approve August financial reports by Jason, second by Matt, approved unanimously

F5 information to get out sooner than in the past. Recommended to continue having Pender run the youth side.

Mike has banner information for teams back to the 1960s. Go Mike!

ANCILLARY MEMBERS REPORT

Gambling Report/Gaming Committee Report (Simone Schara)

Motion to approve August gambling report by TJ second by Ashley, approved unanimously
Motion to approve up to \$130k gambling expenditures by TJ, second by Jason, approved unan.

Ice Schedulers Report (Brandon Rykkeli)

Ice will be loaded onto calendar in next week through Nov 6

Registrar's Report (Stephanie Reichow)

n/a

Treasurer & Finance Manager's Report (Kim Brotkowski)

D10 & President's Report (Tom Chrest)

D10 Update - mandatory chaperone in locker room, no cell phones in locker room, there will be a fine if there is. Mandatory managers meeting / mandatory coaches meeting coming up in Oct & Nov. Squirts are allowed up to 10 coach controlled scrimmages (in or out of D10), these don't count toward the 35 game max. No score board, no clock. Final Declarations are due 10/1, allowed to make changes up to 10/15. League play starts 11/6. Taxes finalized for missing years - just need to submit payments

Traveling / Boys (TJ Lyon)

Many parents who requested no A squirt team on surveys are now moving kids because "we don't have an A squirt team" wanting to waive out or play up to pee wees, looking at squirt numbers, still 4 teams.

Traveling / Girls (Matt Satzinger)

Dates, Times, and groups are set for the first day of Tryouts. Goalie Tryouts Start Sept 30th, Group Tryouts begin Oct 1 at RAC.

Attended the MN Hockey Director Seminar.

D10 Girls Director meeting is tentatively set for Sept 28th to discuss numbers.

Roger's dry land facility will also be available for girls throughout the season.

Requesting up to \$1000 for U15 assistant coach. Motion by TJ, second by Jason. Motion passes unanimously.

Mites (Jay Wagamon)

30 first year mites so far. Will be setting up gear pick up this week.

Looking into Snack box for a sponsor, other sponsors for jerseys. Looking for Mite refs.

Tournaments (Cory Schmidt)

Several tournament levels had teams withdraw. Working on finding filler teams. Met with tornado alley to begin the tournament apparel process. Meeting with Brandon this week to finalize the tournament schedule and get DIBS requests submitted.

Recruitment & Retention (Ashley Christensen)

2023 Fall Cyclones is up and running with 31 skaters...many that borrowed equipment from the association. Mike Orn asked that I buy each coach a \$100 gift card so I did so. Mike Orn handed out registration flyers from his two booths at Happy Days for us.

Every traveling player who was still not signed up from last year was sent an email. Every Mite player who has not signed up was also sent an email. I did receive some feedback from a parent on why one family is leaving Anoka Hockey.

Colored flyers have been ordered and are scheduled to distribute to area elementary schools grades K-2nd on Tuesday September 26th.

Equipment & Facilities (Joe Super)

- Continuing inventory/ clean up of AAHA gear and apparel (including shooting area, coaches room)
- Finalizing coach/manager apparel for 2023-2024 season
Coaches will receive branded 1/4 zip pullover, Richardson (trucker) style hat & coaches gear bag
Managers will receive branded knit beanie cap, choppers with Anoka logo, womens (or mens) 1/4 zip pullover
- Looking to purchase additional reversible tryout jerseys. We were short on certain sizes for 7-10 players this year, can look to do bulk order this year or wait till summer 2024
- Jerseys are still on schedule for delivery post-team selections
- May need to purchase some additional gear for new Mite families (helmets, mostly)
- Ordering embroidered coaches bags (with whiteboard, first aid kit, etc) for head coaches.
Costs will be charged to the team(s)
- Looking into noise absorption panels for dryland shooting room. Will help with communication, noise levels while in the dryland area
- Continue to work with Bob on updates to dryland access, coaches room door lock

Fundraising & Communications (Melissa Thalin)

4 families have not picked up raffles - 3 need to by saturday or can not try out

Player Development (Jason Lindberg)

3rd party dev. Companies all booked and following up with those who will be on the ice to make sure all background checks/etc are completed so they can be on the ice

Motion to spend up to \$2K on Coach Them app, motion by Audra, second by Matt, all in favor, motion passes

Tryouts (Mark Rice)

Goalie tryouts started today (Monday 9/25) tryouts for all start on Saturday.

Returning players will need socks - new socks are not in yet. Ice groups will change after saturday - Mark will be communicating this via email and social media.

Volunteers (Mike Schouviller)

Dibs for tryouts where posted. All dibs have been claimed so far except for one timekeeper dib.