

**Duluth Amateur Hockey Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Sunday, August 20, 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, Matt Mathias, Lynden Medlin

Board Members absent: Rolf Flaig

Sub Association Representatives: Sonny Bedogne (Congdon), Kelly Lapinski (Denfeld), Kraig Redman (Duluth Heights), Blaine Hunter (East), Ryan Sandefer (Glen Avon.); David Moline (Portman), Nate Webber (Duluth Heights), , Bryan Bjorkaas (GMP), Justin Finke, Jacquelyn Messer

Sub Association Representatives absent:

DAHA Staff: Bob Nygaard, Don Olson, Clare Markley
Staff absent:

Time start : 7pm

Secretary's Report: Kevin Chick

- Motion for additions or changes to current agenda
 - Sonny motioned to add State of Congdon Hockey to New Business
 - 2nd Bill Whiteside
 - Approved
- Approval of July's Minutes
 - Motion to approve Ethan
 - Nate Webber
 - Approved

Treasurer's & Finance Committee's Report: Bill Whiteside

- Financial Update
 - First month running at a lost but it the first month and expected
 - Looking to invest some of our savings
- 2023 – 2024 Fiscal Budget

President's Report: Ryan Sandefer

- Jim Fillby Williams Presentation – Long term strategic plan for Duluth facilities
 - Jim is the Director of city parks and libraries
 - In the coming years there will be a lot of opportunities for the city and DAHA to collaborate on ideas and to re-invest in our facilities
 - The city wants to improve the relationship between the city and DAHA
 - Back in 2020 the city put to much of the cost savings onto DAHA when the city was low on revenue.... Utility costs
 - The city agrees that the facilities for hockey are in a sorry state. Fryberger is substandard and beyond its life span
 - Looking to use tourism tax money to invest in where the tourism and resident interest come together
 - Sports tourism is a big driver of income and money should be re-invested at those areas
 - The city would be interested in working together with DAHA on a consultant on a long range facilities plan
 - The city is open to corporate partnerships when it comes to facilities
 - The city can borrow up to \$36 million towards investments in phases

- Phase 1: immediate investment in facilities where the city already has plan and construction is already in process
- Phase 2: Reinvestment in our neighborhood hockey facilities. A prototype on how to improve all outdoor hockey as well as other outdoor sports facilities
- Phase 3: Investment in indoor athletic facilities Which includes the renewal or replacement of Fryberger.
 - There needs to be a public/private partnership to make the indoor facilities happen
 - Looking at making this the 2026 State of Minnesota bounding session
- Funds available are not allowed to be used to reinvest funds into the DECC and help to keep that ice available
- 3 – 5 year DAHA strategic plan
 - Want to get the strategic plan done this year
 - Ryan will bring an idea of what that will look like and will bring a framework for a committee to start this process

Executive Director's Report: Bob Nygaard

- Tourism Tax Update
 - Find out in September how much we will get. Looking to invest the money into Fryberger
- City facilities lease agreement process
 - Optimistic about the next agreement.
 - Hopefully the outdoor rinks won't have to pay for utilities
 - Hank Martinson will give a sneak peak on what the city is looking for
- DECC ice update
 - Scheduling ice like the DECC will be open
- 2023 – 2024 Ice Scheduling
 - Clare going to take over ice scheduling
 - Scheduling everything at Fryberger
 - Clare has access to book at the Heritage
 - Still working with Brady to get access at Wessman
 - Grace at MARS will be the contact to book the ice. Manager can call on their own or go through Clare
 - Carlton ice rental should be done by managers
 - Amsoil and DECC need to go through the DECC.
 - All District 11 games are scheduled, and ice is rented

Players and Coaches Development Committee: Don Olson

- Coach them App
 - Motion from Dave Moline to use up to \$800 from the squirt budget to use the coach them app
 - Lynden 2nd
 - Approved
- Coaching certifications
- PCDC Report (see attached)

Facilities Committee: Cory Goldsworthy

- Met August 16th
- Keep working with the city on the facilities and working with a shared consultant
- Nothing new to report

Rink Association Committee Report: Ryan Sandefer and Dave Moline

- Nothing to report

Rules & Grievance Committee Report: Jacob Kaliszewski

- District 11 will not call us back on all of the changes

DAHA Office Update: Clare

- Registration
- Learn to Skate
 - Registration opens on Monday August 21st
 - \$50 registration fee. If you come to 6 out of the 8 sessions you will get your registration fee back

New Business

- DAHA Member Handbook (Cory Goldsworthy)
- Congdon Park Update
 - Have not officially dissolved yet
 - Need to allocate funds before the association is dissolved
 - Any remaining funds not spent will transfer to DAHA's control

End Time: 9:10pm

Next meeting: