

**Eagan Hockey Association Board Meeting**  
**Location: Eagan Civic Arena Community Room**  
**Monday, December 7, 2009; 7:00 PM**

7:00 PM - Meeting called to order.

Board Member attendance:

Present: Alexander, Bergom, Borman, Buckingham, Colbert, Everson, Gebhart, Hallum, Lee, Manzella, Parrish, Randall, Shepherd, Sparks, Vrieze, Wall, Wilary

Absent:

**Old Business:**

Review Minutes from November 2, 2009 Meeting.

Motion to Approve November 2, 2009 minutes by Gebhart; Second by Vrieze; unanimously approved by all board members present.

**Previous Business:**

Gambling Report – presented by Sue Downey

For November, 2009 showed:

Caspers Pulltabs of \$13,969.00  
Bingo of \$ 1,034.00

Coopers Pulltabs of \$14,057.00  
Bingo of \$ 630.00

Ansaris Pulltabs \$ 3,416.00  
Bingo of \$ 614.00

Less shortages of \$27.00

For a net deposit of \$31,625.00. Disbursements approved at prior meeting of \$27,406.07 for a net increase of \$4,218.93

Fund Balance of \$48,507.26

Disbursements for December, 2009 in the amount of \$40,600.41 were approved unanimously by all board members present. Motion by Gebhart; second by Sparks; unanimously approved by all members present.

Julie Parrish made a motion to amend the November disbursement as follows \$5994.37 should be paid out of gambling to Metro Sound and the Hat Trick Hockey sock equipment bill for \$5877.50.

Other:

- Sue presented a summary of her responsibilities and the overall Gambling operations that she is running for EHA.
- These responsibilities include but are not limited to:
  - Meat raffles on Sunday
  - Pull Tab review at each site daily
  - Bingo at Cherokee on Tuesdays
  - Bingo at Ansaris on Wednesdays
  - Bingo at Coopers on Thursdays
  - Payroll administration for 18 employees
  - Run storage and inventory for games that have been completed
  - Working with auditors and accountants.
  - Banking deposits and handling boxes.
- Cherokee was broken into this week and Sue worked through police reports.
- Audit done by Ed Nepple for \$2800.00

**New Business:**

**President – Thomas Manzella**

- Grant to fix the West ring was approved through the city. With this, the city is willing to put in a dry land facility.
- EHA needs a committee to work with Mark Vaughn for the dry land facility this will require the committee to tour rinks and look at various dry land facilities. Initial representation will be: Mickey, Terry, Bergom, Shepherd, Buckingham
- EHA is looking at a capital expense to build the dry land facility.

**Financial – Julie Parrish**

- EHA currently has \$325,000 in bank. None of the ice bills have been paid yet.
- Budget is \$425,000. EHA is ~\$100,000 short, without the raffle yet. There could be some upside in player development; however, the budget is tight.
- Currently processing payments and working through refunds. If individuals have any issues with payments we are willing to work through payment plans. EHA is ~\$20,000 short on payments.

**Tournament – Joe Dansby**

- Thanksgiving tourney went well. Thank you to the booster club and all of the volunteers that helped out.
- New Years classic coming up and volunteers will be needed soon.

**Player Development - Derek Shepherd**

- Northern Edge as offered a free clinic for Eagan that would require two hours of ice and advertisement: Jan 18 Mite squirt PW ; and U12, 10, and 14.
- Justin Johnson will be running a goalie clinics on 12/21 @7:30-9:00 PM. This is only for the goalies. Topic is Dealing With Adversity. Justin is planning on additional sessions in the future.
- The Coaches Goalie Clinic run by Steve Carroll went very well. Steve is also working with individually with each team and goalies.

- Total Hockey facility shutdown issue was discussed.

### **Fundraising – Jeff Bergom**

- Planning on getting raffle out this month.
- We are looking at running the raffle through the Booster Club for tax reasons.
- Women's National Olympic team vs. EHS Boys Varsity team scheduled for 12/8/09. Target of \$10,000 in fundraising.
- Motion to donate \$1,000 to Natalie Darwitz on behalf of EHA made by Bergom; Second by Sparks; unanimously approved by all board members present.

### **Ice – Stephen Randall**

- We have some ice that can either be returned or used as open hockey.

### **Marketing / Sponsorship – Jeff Bergom**

- Pictures are in for teams from the November photo sessions. 12/12/09 photo session will be for Mites and Jr Gold. These photos should be in before the holidays.

### **Hockey Ops. – Jay Borman / Terry Everson**

- Working on tryout ice for next year already. 80 hours for October and November, 2010.
- Working on Hockey Education materials for practice plans and skills types drills that can be use for practices. Met with Coaches to help work on practice plan development

### **Registration: Mickey Sparks**

- 620 players registered. Down 20 from last year.
- 5 teams left to roster.

### **Level Updates**

#### Girls – Jeff Vrieze

- 3 girls waived to play U19 in Cottage Grove
- 2. Waived to play with REV (Rosemount/East View).

#### Mite Prep / 1 – Scott Colbert

- 98 skaters including girls.
- Lil' Chipper games scheduled for 12/12/09 and 1/23/10
- Need to finalize jamboree times

#### Mite 2 / 3 – Joshua Alexander

- November practices and Evaluations went well.
- 3 8U teams
- 4 Mite-3 teams
- 3 Mite-2 teams
- On 12/16/09 the extra mite-3 sessions start. 35 pre-registered skaters.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade only
- 12 sessions during week.
- \$100 fee collected at registration for number assessment.
- Joshua proposed to have additional dialogue on the mite program, evaluating where we have been, where we are, and where we should go. This will be a topic for more detailed discussion in upcoming meetings.

Squirts – Frank Wilary

- No report

Pee-Wees – Scott Lee

- Discussed process around Injury substitution. Related to the public forum discussion below.

Bantams – Rob Hallum

- Bantam player volunteers are assigned to teams except for Mite 2/3.

Jr Gold – Luke Wall

- 17 skaters & 3 goalies on Jr Gold A
- 17 skaters and 2 goalies on U16 Blue
- 18 skaters and 2 goalies on U16 Green

### **Booster Club**

High School: Girls HS program would like to thank the youth program for their support at Applebee's this weekend.

### **Other Business:**

Mark Paulson is going into surgery this week – EHA is working with others to do a benefit event, as well as deliver food, clean house etc...If you are interested in helping please contact Thomas Manzella or Julie Parrish.

### **Public Forum.**

Janet and Mike LaSusa filed a complaint with EHA related to a Pee Wee B2 Goalie substitution process. LaSusa's are the parents of one of the two Pee Wee C goalies and their complaint is:

- The rostered Pee Wee B2 goalie was injured and Paul Galaski, the Pee Wee B2 coach, should have pulled their son up for a controlled scrimmage during a practice that took place the day following the injury. Instead, Paul pulled the Squirrt B goalie, his son, up without approval by D8. This was unfair and a poor decision which jeopardized his teams chance to play in districts later. Further, the longer term decision by Paul to use a B2 skater as a goalie rather than the C goalies was unfair.
- Scott Lee was unaware of the situation because Galaski did not use proper channels including notifying Lee.

- LaSusa's are requesting action by the board to improve the communication process, a complaint filed on Paul Galaski and that D8 receives a copy

Discussion that followed the complaint.

- This was during the thanksgiving holiday and some communication was not as timely as it could have been:
  - A phone message was not received by Scott Lee
  - LaSusa's had family obligations, where calls could not be returned from them.
- Paul Galaski, the Pee Wee B2 coach substituted a squirt goalie for a controlled scrimmage at a practice (This was not a game of any type -- league, non-league, or tournament). Paul made this decision based on the injury and the scrimmage timing and discussion with board members. He followed up by working through the channels for a longer term substitution strategy. No Minnesota Hockey, District 8, or EHA rules or guidelines were violated.
- Related to the longer term strategy:
  - Hockey Operations and the Pee Wee B2 coach wanted to implement a strategy where the Pee Wee C goalies were rotated.
  - District 8 ruled that due to the length of time for the injury, another goalie would have to be rostered on the team or the team could use one of it's skaters. Since there is only one goalie on each of the Pee Wee teams other than the Pee Wee A, this would have required another team to be without a goalie. A player cannot be rostered to two teams at the same time.
  - Therefore, rather than picking one of the Pee Wee C goalies over the other and disrupting the Pee Wee C teams, Paul, made the decision to substitute the Pee Wee B2 goalie within his own team.

Gebhart made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 PM; Second by Borman; unanimously approved by all present.