

EHA Board Meeting Minutes March 5, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7: 04 PM by May.

Board Members present:

May, Sparks, Chrastil, Bonstrom, Merchant, Carroll, Galaski, Everson, Broders, Jackson, Wall, Gebhart,

Absent: Dunham, Haas, Thorn, Borman,

Previous Business:

The members reviewed the Minutes from February 5th

A Motion to approve the minutes was made by May, second by Galaski. The minutes were approved unanimously by all board members present.

Paul Caron reported on the Ice for the year. Below are a few of the highlights from the report.

EHA ended up \$325 over the adjusted budget (\$201,440 budgeted vs. \$201,765 actual).

Ice was purchased at 6 arenas including Eagan, Minnehaha, IGH, SPA, Wakota and Ramsey County.

\$160/hr was used for budgeting purposes. It is suggested that we use \$165/hr next year as that is closer to the average using the preferred arenas.

Other recommended changes for next year:

- Add 6 hours of ice for each Jr Gold team. The current plan allows for approximately 1.4 hours of practice ice per week.
- Schedule any district or state tournaments we intend to host before the season starts.

Paul also presented some of the challenges for the Ice coordinator:

- 75 and 90 minutes game slots.
 - Creates odd time slots of 45 minutes.
 - Creates time slots that end very late (10:15pm)
 - Note Mark Vaughn was very helpful in creating additional game slots this year.
- Finding enough hours M – F during peak season to accommodate all the teams. The squirt/U10 season is long. It would be better if we did not have to rely on outdoor ice for them.

At the conclusion of his report the board thanked Paul for all his efforts this year. He does a great job.

Charitable Gambling Report:

For February showed gross receipts of 15,959.00 short 162.00 for a net deposit of 15,797.00 Disbursements approved at Prior meeting of 9,374.82 for an increase in cash of \$6,422.16 Fund Balance is \$46,271.27 (Best month since last April)

In the Disbursements for March you will see that our expense to Simply Self Storage is \$1220 compared to \$110.00. By paying for a whole year at once, they gave us one month free. In the long run we are saving about 10.00/month.

Motion to approve paying for the whole year of storage to save approximately \$100 was made by May second by Chrastil approved unanimously by the board members present.

A motion was made by May to approve Disbursements to cover expenses for the month of March totaling \$9415.66. Jackson offered a second and the motion was approved unanimously by all board members and non board members present.

Association Financials:

Thorn was not able to attend the meeting.

She did suggest to May that we implement a more organized process for requesting playoff checks to cover fees. The request should come from the level coordinator and include the association hosting along with the amount of the fees. The request should be made with enough lead time to get the check in the mail and delivered prior to the first game.

New Business:

Carroll announced that Eagan has two state tournament teams and suggested the association give \$350 to each team for Ice. The board had a short discussion.

Motion was made by Carroll with a Second by May to approve giving \$350 to the U14A girls and the U16 boys' teams. The motion was approved with 2 abstentions (Sparks and Gebhart) by all other board members present.

May and Carroll indicated internet Links will be out for the end of year surveys by the 18th – with instructions for completing by April 1st.

Equipment: Bonstrom will set up a day and time to return all the stuff – Managers...need to collect the Jerseys. Name plates off and sponsor name plates returned.

Junior Gold jerseys should also be returned

Bonstrom is looking into replacing the usage of placards from the jerseys and having the sponsor recognized other places like the web site, in tournament programs etc...

Player development: Haas reported that checking clinics are coming up for pre-PeeWee's and that Mite and Squirts goalie dev ends this week.

Fundraising:

Jackson reported that EHA made \$63,000 profit on the Schwans fundraiser.

We had a 63% buyout rate.

There were a few delivery problems.

Recommendations for next year.

- Internet sales program (that runs year round)
- Gift card program
- Or programs outside of schwans

Association received Walmart gift cards totaling \$1400.00

It was suggested we give them to the booster club.

Marketing: Gebhart reported that the Golf outing is scheduled for June 25th.

The golf outing will be in the newsletter and will be on the Web site.

Level Reports:

Mites: Galaski reported for Borman

Total Hockey gave a free hour to each Mite team – they appreciated the sessions. Suggested we have equipment fitting instructions on the web site. (Chrastil and May will try to locate this document and post for next year.)

Total Hockey told the parents about stick height and other useful equipment tips.

This weekend is the Mite Prep jamboree with the Paw power jamboree coming up next weekend.

Squirts: Galaski reported:

Galaski reported on all of the teams mentioning that the “A’s” are having a very good season. Galaski wanted to extend a special thank you to the booster club for the treat bags, to Broders for the medals, and to Paul Caron for the ice time to cover the Squirt Wildcat classic.

Girls: Wall reported that all 4 girls’ teams advanced to end of season contests.

The U14A’s are playing in the State tournament in Minnetonka.

The 12UA’s just missed advancing, but performed well in regional’s.

Wall gave a forecast for next year for each level.

Things went very well for the season.

PeeWee:

Merchant reported that it was a very successful 7 teams.

Pee wee C’s made playoffs.

Other teams had a great showing at Regionals.

Bantam: Everson reported on all teams. The C team just missed making districts.

The Bantam season is officially complete. Everson still needs to count up the volunteer hours. Coach feedback was given at the mid season.

Jr Gold:

Chrastil reported that the U16’s are off to state playing in Cottage Grove.

Jr Gold A’s and Jr Gold B’s are done.

Newsletter – Articles due to Chrastil by noon, March 20th.

High School Update: STP update on the Web site soon.

Other:

May indicated we need to look at compensation for the non-board time intensive volunteer positions.

The Annual meeting is scheduled for April 16th. Need all levels to provide information to go in the packet to be distributed at the meeting.

Chrastil will get the names for sportsmanship awards and update the plaques.

Ballots will be sent with the newsletter.

Sparks reported the District meeting clarified that inter district play between district 4 and 8 Will occur at the C level’s but not the upper levels. This will allow the C’s to play close to home. Notification on district tournaments will be out sooner next year.

Web site registration will be available for the 3 on 3 summer activity and Golf registration will be on line as well.

With no further business, motion by May to adjourn at 8:05 pm, second by Sparks with unanimous approval by all board members present.