

**DULUTH AMATUER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S
MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. on Sept. 25, 2013 by President Ken Hansen

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Altman, Geno Bohlman, Jim DeBoer, Ken Hansen, Tom Guntzburger, Jim Olcott, Ed Piasecki, Steve Pitoscia, Joe Scott, Joe Martinelli, Jen Wutz, Dan Doyle, Brent Kubis, Clark Coole, (Ex. Director)

MEMBERS EXCUSSED: Kristina Fryberger D'Allard

GUESTS: Steve Ruud (Denfeld), Joe Braun (Girls hockey), Brent Klosowski (referee's association)

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes of the August 28th meeting were accepted with the following change,
Brent Kubis was present at the last meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(Ed Piasecki)

Information related to September business:

Cash as of September 23, 2013:

Checkbook Balance	#1344381		72,391.35	
Money Market	#06-00-186-1		44,253.99	<u>116,645.34</u>
Account	#21756135	new player/financial aid	15,582.00	
Account	#5778774	youth sports facility	25,328.98	
Account	#5809272	youth camp (hotel commission)	8,874.85	
Money Market	#06-00-189-5	capital improve fund (surcharge)	<u>980.67</u>	<u>50,766.50</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				167,411.84

September points of interest:

- DAHA is still waiting for the security bill for blues fest. It is expected to be about \$2,000. Based on this, the estimated profit should be about \$26,480.
- Right after registration our checkbook balance reflected deposits from registration, therefore, several cash transactions occurred in September:
 - The utility bill for \$39,640 was paid
 - The annual pledge payment for 2013 of \$22,500 was paid
 - The quarterly insurance payment of about \$3,700 was made
- The locker room D expansion at Fryberger arena is almost complete. Dean Holm from Holm construction worked with the city to get this project going.

- The Fryberger start-up is in progress. Clarke has hired the company that installed the monitoring system to perform the start-up rather than Gartner refrigeration. This will result in cost savings.

- Motion by Jim Olcott -
- Seconded by Steve Pitoscia -
- To accept the treasurer's report
- Motion passed-----

- Motion by Tom Guntzburger -
- Seconded by Jim Olcott -
- Motion to suspend the meeting to allow people to address the board
- Motion Passed-----

The meeting was suspended at 6:40 P.M.

- Steve Ruud, Rink Director from Denfeld informed the board of the numbers at the Pee-Wee and Bantam levels. At this time Denfeld has 19 bantams' with 2 goalies, 22 PeeWee's with 0 goalies. There has been talk of combing with Proctor for B level bantams and PeeWee's. There has been no contact with the Proctor association as of yet, There has been ongoing talks with East, they are unsure of the numbers at East as of now. Denfeld wanted to know if they could talk with Proctor.
- The consensus of the Board is that all efforts should be made to work with East before any discussions with any other associations.

- Brett Klosowski addressed the board on relations with DAHA. He stated the better communication between the two would help. He also stated the reasons for increase in the referee's fees, and why they want to add more officials (third official) at certain levels,(this would provide additional training for younger refs.)

The meeting was called back to order at 7:10 P.M.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REORT:

(Clarke Coole)

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| 1. Update on web site: | -The minutes are on the web site now |
| 2. Krista leaving: | -Our office manager is leaving DAHA for a new job. We wish her well. |
| 3. Tournament update: | -1 peewee B-2 spot open,12 bantams B2 teams ,Peewee C-full, Bantam C-full. Squirt B tournament usually fills late. |
| 4. DAHA fundraising report: | -Sign rental at Fryberger is down. Teammates-most are on board for this year. |
| 5. Registration report: | -662, a little ahead of last year. Retention of players is not as good as we would like. New players, are better. |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1. Letter to state

- Motion by committee -
To accept a letter ratified by the executive committee to be sent to the state, concerning income tax. To read as follows.

The Duluth Amateur Hockey Association (DAHA) is a non profit Organization. Our mission is to provide all youth an opportunity to participate and excel through the sport of hockey while building and developing sportsmanship, self-esteem, confidence, and respect for others. The DAHA Board of Directors has always sought out innovative fundraising ideas to help offset the costs of hockey and our hockey operation.

In August of 2012, the promoter of the Bayfront Blues Festival approached DAHA and offered our organization a fundraising opportunity which involved providing the beverage services during the festival. The Board of Director's felt that this would be an excellent opportunity to bring the entire youth hockey organization together, to work together, and to build relationships amongst parents within the hockey community. This is also seen as an excellent opportunity to help financially strapped families to be able to participate in the game of hockey by providing more funds in our financial aid fund.

The money generated from this first fundraising event was split between our financial aid fund and our hockey operations account. Because of the increase in our financial aid fund our organization was able to increase our financial aid awards to qualifying families which helped offset the cost of hockey. The amounts applied to hockey operations helped reduce the costs for all players not just those receiving financial aid by offsetting increases in costs related to running the hockey program

-----Motion Passed-----

FINANCE:

- 1. Player assessment policy: -On going
- 2. Meeting with Irving: -Have not heard from Irving
- 3. Disbanded rinks policy: -On going
- 4. Committee to review with East and Denfeld: -Next month
- 5. Financial aid: -Need to start process. The goal is to be completed by December

PUBLICITY:

1. Dick Stewart recognition: -On going. Need to get permission from Heritage if any memorial is to be placed in the arena
2. Hank Jensen shoot: -Need to start discussion for fund raising ideas
3. Recruitment programs: -Try hockey for free, reading in the schools by UMD players, 2 on 2 challenge , Learn to skate, welcome back week, etc.
4. Vote for favorite association: -Vote on line

RULES AND GRIEVANCE:

1. Procedure for rules and and grievances: -Follow MN. Hockey and USA hockey by-laws for rule violation and grievance procedure
2. Playing rules index update: -Working on
3. Player move-up Mite to Squirts: - Motion by committee -
To allow all requests (8) to move from mite to squirts, because of number considerations at the Rinks
-----Motion Passed-----
4. Player move-up squirt to Peewee and U12 to U14;
- Motion by Steve Pitoscia -
- Seconded by Joe Martinelli -
To allow Cassie McClure to move from U12 to the U14 level. (Player falls in the window)
-----Motion Passed-----

- Motion by Steve Pitoscia -
- Seconded by Jen Wutz -
To allow Jacob Marciniak to move from Pee-Wee to Bantam level (player falls in the "window")
-----Motion Passed-----
5. 9th grade move-up rule: -Look at how our 9th grade rule may conflict with MN. rules

COACHES AND PLAYERS:

1. Rink association meetings: -Denfeld will hold meeting for try-outs on Thursday. East held meeting on Monday. Squirt associations are attending East and Denfeld association meetings
2. Mite controlled scrimmages: -DAHA needs to monitor number of games and controlled scrimmages for mite teams

RINK DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Mite to Squirt move-up's: -Numbers at the rinks are the biggest concern when moving players up
2. G/MP issue: -Need to look at numbers for mites at G/MP and how players from Irving were distributed between G/MP and Piedmont.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report from members attending association meetings: -Attended East and Denfeld
2. DAHA representative, report from Heritage meeting: -Ice rental usage with DAHA (1250)
Wall art: two high schools have made commitments.
3. Provide open forum: -on going, after teams are picked.
4. Assign board members to association meetings: -Should be able to cover if attend East and Denfeld meetings

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Financial aid: -Need to look at ways players can register without paying for calendars up front, if this is possible.
2. Address check at registration: -Need to come up with a way to check addresses with association boundaries at registration, so no one is sent to the wrong rink
3. EMT's at tournaments: -Determine if an EMT should be present at each individual arena or could they cover 2 arena's (1 complex) as allowed by MN. Hockey.
4. Learn to skate: -Need vol. Thursday(Sept. 26)
Monday (Sept. 30), Thursday (Oct. 3) All start at 5:00P.M.

Motion by Paul Altman seconded by Steve Pitoscia to adjourn the meeting MOTION PASSED meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M

Submitted;
Jim DeBoer, secretary