

WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY GAMBLING MEETING
(OPEN TO ALL MEMBERSHIP)
January 9th, 2008

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2. Meeting called to order at 7:25 pm by John Dow.

Pat Jackson motioned to approve the monthly minutes. Rick Donovan seconded. Motion carried.

Amy reports Gross sales in November are up approximately \$4,500 from October. Net profits were down approximately \$3,500 from October. This was due to RTW (\$1200), pull tab destruction (\$1000) and Tauges (\$5100). Cash long and short was short (\$221), the payout percentage was 83.67%. Continue to look at ways to decrease shortages and payout percentages including guidelines to sellers, communication of statics, practice changes, consistent monitoring and discipline, as needed. Allowable expenses are routine for March. Lawful purpose expenditures for March are routing taxes for City of WBL and Ramsey County Ice Rinks reimbursement check. Amy Peterson makes a motion to approve the check. Pat Jackson second the motion. Bar bingo is still slow. Progressive prize still not awarded. Still looking into new sites. Met with Broadway Pizza owner Chris. He would like machine pull tabs. Looking into cost and regulations. City of Maplewood slow in decision making. There is 10% pay out to the city of Maplewood. License needs to be renewed May of this year.

Pat Jackson motioned to approve expenses and lawful purpose for the month of February 2008 for a second time and first time for March 2008, Rick Donovan seconds the motion. Motion approved.

Pat Jackson motioned to adjourn. Jesse Fiddle seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Turner

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Rick suspended the regular agenda to accomodate Jeff Merth from District 2. Dave Mathies second. Motion carried.

Jeff Merth is here to talk about ice schedules and the fees associated with them.

Brian Halverson sent an email to Terri (Ref) and Jeff Merth about Peewee Grey team for one black out date. This was done in September.

Jeff Merth said he would help the team out. Jeff Merth said rescheduling the leagues, D2 rescheduled over 10% of the games last year. Checked with other districts to see how they are charging for rescheduling and found out D2 is the lowest. The highest was \$200 and the lowest was \$75. D2 decided to go with \$100. Last year they rescheduled over 1000 games, with over 270 teams. D2 does their best to honor blackout dates for each team. D2 tried to honor at least one black out date per team.

Pat Jackson said in Metro League coaches schedule their own games. It works great for them. Girls league does this and they have had many problems.

Jeff Merth said each association says how many teams they will have. Then the association turns in a block of ice. If you turn in Sport Center ice, then you get Sport Center games.

Pat Jackson asked how many members of D2 board have players still playing hockey.

Jeff Merth said three people, Steve Brier, Jeff and Ken. Jeff Merth said the Bantam B play 11 minute periods. The games are generally done early. Delay off sides is USA Hockey. 11 minute periods have a lot to do with stoppage of game and penalties.

Mike Basich said if we as an association vote to have 1 and 1/2 hour games, it needs to go to D2 for a vote. If every association agreed then D2 would probably approve it.

3. Approval of agenda. Pat Jackson motioned to approve the agenda. Dave Mathies seconds the motion. Motion carried.
4. Meeting minutes for Dec 12th, 2007 were presented. Pat Jackson motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Rick Donovan seconds the motion. Motion carried.
5. Secretary's Report – Darlene Turner

Asked if Jesse bought the file cabinet. He did not, so I will buy it before the next board meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report – Rick Donovan

All ice will be paid through March 1st. Feb/March assets will improve. Peewee B2 coach Mike contributed \$250 to the Rob Sund Fund. Commercial invoice from Wild Event is \$300. Is it okay to pay it? All board members said yes. Squirt player asking a request for a refund. The skater broke his arm on December 20th. Board said no refund. It is after the season started. Team backed out of one of our tournaments. Do we refund the money to the team. We need to write a policy to address this. Request for Squirt C2 for rescheduling fees. From \$300 to \$30. D2 is working this request. Some managers are having issues with parents not paying their team fees. Would like to make it January 15 for all team fees to be turned in. Terri Nettles peewee C Orange Manager thought everything was due on January 5th. Each team can make up their own date. If having issues send the names to Rick.

7. Vice President – Jesse Fiddle

Plaques will be given out to teams this week. Concessions would like to put on the website an ad stating we need someone to run the Sport Center and the Hip. Also would like to add a jersey coordinator.

President – John Dow

I have had several exchanges of emails with Ken Gjerde. He brought up some good concerns. What do we do with our important information? Do we have everything on backups? The registration, emails, addresses, handbook info and Ramsey County ice info. Darlene Turner stated she has everything on a flash drive and on the computer hard drive. Registration gets backed up on disk and downloaded to USA hockey. We have several volunteers stepping down this year. Registration Manager Michelle Brenno, Tournament Director Carrie Thudin, Concession Stand Manager Karie Jones and Ice Scheduler Ken Gjerde.

D2 Rep – Mike Basich

A parent on the Bantam B team has a time issue. He thinks the 11 minutes for a bantam game is not enough time. The board would have to come up with a resolution. Mike would bring it to D2 by August. D2 would then vote on it in September. D2 is taking the hit for the U16 team. The U16 team had a game and no refs showed up.

8. Directors Reports:

Pat Jackson – Junior Gold/NESL Director

The Jr. Gold Tournament is now full. If you go on the website January 24 and 25th, Arbys is providing coupons from 4-8 WBLAHA will get 15% of sales coming back to us. Still waiting on black jerseys and a couple of white jerseys. John said he will call Moose. Pat had a team that had treadmill, when Dave the operator was late 2 times and did not show up the third time. Goalie on one of the U16 teams is struggling. Corey Dawe placed 3rd

in Onalaska Tournament, Ron Brom placed 3rd in Albert Lee, and Pat Anderson took first place in Superior.

Mark Mitchell – Director of Player Development

Not present.

Dave Mathies – Girls Director

Four out of five teams are ranked in the state. U12A took 2nd in the Moose and 3rd in Brainerd.

Marty Wippler – Traveling Director

Marty made a motion to purchase more tryout jerseys for peewee and squirt. We do not have enough jerseys for the amount of skaters trying out. Some of the jerseys are ripped or taped. It was decided to table it for now. Squirt Orange B took first place in Cloquet. Bantam B Orange took 2nd place in Cloquet.

10. Open Forum 8:00 pm

Chris LeClair did a comparison of schedules of ice and noticed some teams have indoor ice and no outdoor ice.

John Dow said it is an option if you want outdoor. If you take outdoor ice, that now counts as indoor ice. It was discussed at the beginning of the year about having four peewee teams. This brought their team fees higher, due to less skaters on the team.

Chris said they had plenty of money \$1500 for ice. They can buy extra ice if needed.

Bob Burn asked if for next year can we split ice with others?

Aaron Kaske said that Hip ice should be for clinic and mites. They skate only one to two nights a week. They should be skating 3 nights a week. The Peewee A team has a lot of ice at the hip. The ice allotment needs to be changed.

Pat Jackson said as we buy more ice, the ice needs to be allocated fairly.

11. Old Business

A. Update Facility Committee – Allen Illgen reported they are waiting on tempered glass and netting. Would like to have an open house Facility Committee will be having a meeting with Bruce in the next week.

Bob Burn asked if Non-STS skaters will be allowed to use the shooting area. The answer is yes.

Trish LeClair asked where the funds came from for this.

John Dow said the money came from various funds. It is for the development of the skaters. We Approved \$30,000 initially.

Allen Illegen is going to put the open house in the White Bear Press.

Dave Mathies makes a motion to approve another \$24,000 not to exceed \$25,000 for the shooting area. Marty seconds the motion. Discussion:

Rick Donovan would like to see \$10 per hour added to the treadmill.

Pat Jackson questioned why are we approving more money.

Dave Mathies said it was due to different vendors. Motion carried.

Aaron Kaske asked about scheduling will we be scheduling be scheduled for the shooting area and the treadmill. The answer was yes it will be.

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12. New Business

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13. Discussion

Pat Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mark Mitchell seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm