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| **Board Members:** | Present | **Board Members:** | Present | **Visitors:** | **Present** |
| Michael Ahern | x | Greg Hammond | x | Dennis Hosford | x |
| Ben McClellan | x | Amanda Molnar  | x | Don Cheney |  x |
| Theron von Behren  |   | Dave Nelson | x |  |  |
| Dave Simons | x | Jamie Shepard | x |  |  |
| Ryan Taylor | x | Laura Cheney | x |  |  |
| Scott Macho | x |  |  |  |  |
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\*\*\* Note: Minutes subject to board approval \*\*\*

## Call to Order & Changes to Agenda

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

**Gambling Report-**

Mr. Hosford stated that profit after taxes is $7748.

**Heggies Fundraiser**-

Michelle Widbin from Heggie’s pizza presented information on fundraising. Angel Becker has agreed to coordinate the fundraising effort with team managers. Plan is to have teams sell pizzas from 11/18/17 to 12/3/2017 with delivery around 12/18/17.

**Secretary Vacancy** –

The position is vacant and Laura Cheney has volunteered to take over the role. Mr. Taylor motioned to appoint Ms. Cheney, 2nd by Ms. Shepard and all are in favor.

**MN Warriors Fundraiser-**

Mr. Simons will take care of getting this information to team managers

**U12/PeeWee/Bantam Tryout Update** –

It was reported that tryouts went well

**U10/Squirt Tryout** –

Will take place this upcoming weekend in West St Paul. Mr. Simons talked to Pat about it being a closed try-out.

**Board Room Cleanup** –

Work needs to be done to clean up the board room. There are old jerseys and sample spirit wear items that will be removed. There are currently two storage containers in the board room – it was proposed those be moved downstairs and coaches start using them to store supplies (pucks, tires, cones, etc). If there are supplies that are needed it was stated those should be purchased. There was also discussion about purchasing a combination lock for the storage containers to secure the items that are placed in them.

**Mites Sneak Peak –**

Is taking place this Saturday October 14, 2017 – Ms. Shepard reported that three girls high school players would be there and Mr. Macho reported that six boys high school players would be there to assist skaters on the ice. Board members will be present to answer questions. There will also be a locker room tour.

**Halloween –**

Ms. Shepard has made arrangements with Blades in Motion to host a booth at the Halloween get together that is put on by the city. Dibs will be posted.

**Mites Registration –**

Registration is open through the end of the month. There are board members at the Croatian Hall every Thursday from 6 to 9 pm to get skaters registered. Flyers were created and dropped off at both Lincoln Center Elementary and Kaposia Education Center to be sent home with students. Every skater is required to pay the $70 fee for the spaghetti dinner. There is no SSPYHA registration fee as that is waived for the first two years.

**Floor Hockey Update** -

Ms. Shepard is still working on setting dates. Floor hockey will be one day per week for youth ages preschool through 3rd grade. Mr. Simons proposed that a flyer be created so that when the date is confirmed information can be sent out to parents quickly.

**Social Media/Marketing Specialist** –

Mr. Simons mentioned that Amy Lauria from Spotlight Business Solutions will be coming to a future meeting to give information about the use of social media for marketing. The Association would like to boost its presence on social media and build more followers in the community. Mr. Taylor is going to gather more information about securing a domain name which has a cost of approximately $11-20.

## Treasurer Report-Mr. Ahern stated there are three scholarship requests. Scholarships to be funded motioned by Mr. McClellan, 2nd by Mr. Taylor and all were in favor.

## We are hosting three tournaments - Squirt, PeeWee and State Tournament. Mr. Ahern is working with Crystal Rozales again on planning for the State Tournament. Envision would like to host the State Tournament.

**Fundraising** –

$482 was raised at the most recent fundraiser at B52’s. Staff at B52’s were a little concerned about the low turnout. Ideas about future events including have a tear off flyer (Ms. Shepard will check on this), could families show the flyer on their phone or does it need to be printed, was there enough communication about the event? Could we secure a special guest to get a better turnout?

There will be an event at the Croatian Hall the night before Thanksgiving which will include a meat raffle and 50/50 raffle.

Spaghetti Dinner – Mr. Hammond reported that he may be able to secure sticks that were used by professional players to auction at the dinner. He will follow up with his contact.

**Sponsorship Report** –

Mr. Hammond handed out information about where things are with sponsorship. There are quite a few returning donors. Mr. Hammond created a thank you note that will be sent to those that have donated. Deadline for sponsor’s names on the Mite jerseys is 10/31/17.

**Tournament Report-**

Mr. McClellan stated all tournaments are booked and folders have been created with more detailed information, including hotel information, if applicable. Folders will be given to the coach of each team.

**Early Registration** –

It was proposed by Mr. McClellan that the Association consider a discount for families that register for the next year at the end of the current season. It was proposed that families get a $50 discount on the registration if done early.

**Miscellaneous -**

Mr. Taylor will update DIBS once he has emails about what is available

Ms. Shepard would like to create a “Welcome” bag for new Mites. This was done in previous years and was very well received. The bag would include multiple items including possibly a t-shirt, stickers, sports drink and candy. The bags would be delivered to the player’s home. Ms. Shepard asked for funding to purchase t-shirts and it was approved.

All schedules have been uploaded to the Association website to the calendar.

## Adjourn-Meeting adjourned 9:30pm