



EPHA BOARD MEETING

November 11, 2024

Call to order at 6:04.

ROLL CALL

Invited: Barry, Day, Engelstad, Gerszewski, Hedlund, Heggstad, Heller, Hendrickson, Hilden, Huestis, Kiecker, Langaard, Persian, Pike, Richards, Rink, Sarazine, Terwilliger, Tucker, Walters, Waltman

Absent: Persian, Terwilliger

MINUTES

September Board Meeting Minutes were approved and posted on EPHA website. **Majority approved via poll.**

October gambling minutes attached for approval.

NOTES

HIGH SCHOOL COACHES REPORT

- Girls Coaches Report // Persian
- Boys Coaches Report // Terwilliger
- Skate with the Eagles – Feb 1
- Youth PODS are being formed
- NA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NOTES

Charitable Gambling:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$311k in gross receipts / \$39k in net receipts / \$8k net gain.
Hockey Development Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be getting back together now that teams are formed and coaches have been deployed • Coaches support program is in final dev and moving to execution
District 6 Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match penalties must be reported to D6 immediately • Reiterated mouth and neck guard rules
President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many tournaments already in the books multiple EPHA winners at home and away tournaments • Mouthguard 10-minute penalties are being given out without hesitation. Must be tethered and in their mouth, not chewing. Also applies to goalies • Teams are ending up in the mezzanine and other areas of the rink with balls ending up in restricted areas and even on the ice. Teams are encouraged to use the dryland area. • 15U Tryouts went great and they are now in their season • Aaron Applewick is getting his PHD in sports psych and is interested in doing a free intro for parents and players. This will be further reviewed for viability. • Association Gopher game set up December 13-14



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NEW BUSINESS

NOTES

Walser Toyota Sponsorship (Huestis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity presented to align with Minnesota Wild-like helmet stickers from Toyota on two locations per helmet. They would donate stickers and pay us for our sponsorship. Not pursuing at this time.
Schneiderman's Sponsorship (Huestis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking for a way to get into the Association, possibly with support of water bottle station with a plaque. Cully will pursue details and bring back to the Board.
Bingo Fundraiser (Engelstad)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bingo night at TJ Hooligans. Owner is willing to do an EPHA bingo night up to 60 seats, private event. Card cost would be determined by us and get a cut of food and beverage. Adults only. Pay per card. Will pursue
Hockey Day busing (Engelstad)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working to organize buses from EP to Shakopee for MN Hockey day.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

NOTES

Home Tournaments: Heggstad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First home tournament went well; Thanksgiving tourney up next. Last open PWB1 spot is filled
Ice Scheduler: Barry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ice draw went well, Kudos to Sarah! Now remaining ice has been published and shared to teams. 15U still working on finalizing ice with Bloomington HS tryouts started 11/11 and Junior Gold ice will be finalized after tryouts complete. Program ice set.
Vice President: Richards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tryouts complete, kicking off season and dealing with inquiries and issues. Peewee goalie plan is going well. Automation has improved experience for all coaches, league administrators and parents.
Treasurer: Hedlund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalizing team true ups and invoices will be issued as necessary. 2024 Audit has begun.
Past President: Hendrickson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15U jerseys are in progress. Completed support of ice draw.
Registrar: Heller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall registration numbers are down 20 player, heavily weighted at the Mite/8U level (28 players). Mite numbers trending down over last 3 years, especially at Kindergarten and pre-K age.
Coaches: Sarazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on first round of evaluations. Supporting coaches with Development.
Sponsorship: Huestis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jerseys all have sponsors and are printed. Mite jerseys all have sponsors and will be printed when teams are formed in January Invoices went out this week for all sponsorships. New banners are in progress. Picture date schedules will be sent out no later than Nov 14th. Supporting individual teams on fundraising events. A roofer contact willing do donate new pucks. Pursuing.



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Growth: Engelstad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received \$500 grant from USA Hockey Termite II is filling slowly
Player Development: Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restarting Power Skating. Advanced calendaring was a success. Mites are working on two sessions per team. Goalie sessions are in progress. Intro to goalie has been very successful with 16 attendees. Finished Wes Bolan checking sessions – great intro, especially for younger players. Amanda also starting to work with teams.
Communications: Gerszewski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on new banners for the rink.
Commissioners & Volunteers: Pike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navigating issues with SportsEngine and updating DIBS.
Mites: Tucker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mite/8U going very well and a lot of positive feedback on the 3v3 league. Evaluations taking place this weekend to determine Mite 3/4. 8U Teams will stay with the groups they are in.
Girls Director: Waltman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>GSS/ GHD Conversion YTD:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Termites (session 1): 7 new skaters 8U: 13 new skaters 10U: 5 new skaters 12U: 0 Total: 25 new girl skaters (15U Co-Op: off and running, working through final team formations, jerseys, rosters, team swag, etc. (added 3 players to 15UB Team, 14 skaters/2 goalies). Girls Hockey Day in October was a huge success!
Diversity and Inclusion: Rink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating Minnesota Hockey training options. Prepping DEI event. Developing Mentorship Program framework.
Equipment & Apparel: Hilden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel jerseys complete. Mite jerseys are coming in and given out as teams are finalized. Second round of apparel coming in soon. Investigating jersey process improvements.
Travel Tournaments: Langaard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing necessary tournament changes.
Secretary: Walters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing duties as assigned

Motion to adjourn by Huestis at 8:24 pm, second by Pike; all approved.

Next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, December 9, 6pm - Eagles Nest.