



**Apple Valley Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2013**



Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Daggett.

Board Members Present (*non-voting member):

Don Bilotta, Tony Cobb, Dave Daggett, Ben Dugan, LaChel Hird, Amy Larson, Derrick Lindstrom, Bill Messerich, Randy Olson, Jeremy Pries, Jay Syverson, Eric Wan, Dan Bauer, Chris Slater,

Board Members Absent (*non-voting member):

Eric Martinson, Anne Murphy

Open Microphone:

Secretary's Report – Hird:

- Motion to approve September 24, 2013 meeting minutes by Messerich; seconded by Syverson; approved.

Gambling Report: -- Olson

- MN Gambling Control Board FY 2013 Organization Report. Summarizes lawful gambling income, expenses and donations. Apple Valley Hockey Association received a 5 star rating based on the percentage of the annual gross profits (gross receipts less prizes paid) spent on lawful purpose expenditures (LPEs).
- Motion for \$60,000 for gambling operations for October. Motion made by Don Bilotta, seconded by Jeremy Pries; Accepted
- Motion to accept up to \$50,000 for September from the Gambling Operation by Larson, seconded by Syverson; accepted.
- Motion to accept Gambling Report for September made by Larson, seconded by Wan. Accepted.

Treasurer's Report: -- Syverson

- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Dugan, seconded by Lindstrom. Accepted.
- Operations are strong. Minimal expenses to pay out at this time. Tracking similar to previous years. Some expenses deferred to season end.
- Administrative expenses trending ahead. Donations on behalf of the association flow through here and are not budgeted so that is the reason for numbers bumping up again.
- Payment approach has received some positive feedback from our parents over the last week.
- Jay will follow up with Kim Wengenroth on the concessions checks for the AVWHS Booster club.
- AVHA will take over the check book responsibility for the distribution of concession payments.

Ice Bill Update

- Still some delinquent payments to be collected but making progress.
- Have agreements in place to address delinquent payments; payment agreements must be met in order for players to participate in practice and team play.

HDC

- PeeWees and Bantams tryouts are wrapped up
- Non parent assistant coach for PeeWee level was put forth; HDC made the recommendation to not accept the assistant coach for the team
- Bantams – we have potential to move kids to a co-op situation. Rosemount was a possibility but then opportunity with Eastview came along and they can take all 6.
 - Quick parent meeting on Monday, October 7th. 5 parents of 6 families were present.
 - Eastview met with their parents as well. Eastview did a great job of walking through questions about the upcoming season.
 - Eastview will cover jersey and registration fees.
 - Need a non-parent coach for the team
- Training center –
 - Squirts/10U's one time per week; all other levels two times per week

- Coaches can have the option to run a station or two within the training session based on needs of the team
- Recommendation to avoid overlap of teams within the training center. Plan is to do 75 minute training sessions with a 15 minute break between times
- Lenny Vanelli has a proposal on the table for additional purchase of equipment. Equipment has value if we decide not to have a training center. Amounts approximately \$3900.00 for power sleds, plyo box, ankle/wrist weights.
- Money in the budget to cover the expense. Should we go forward with additional purchase? Discussion about space constraints and the additional equipment. Decision made to not move forward with the purchase of additional equipment at this time
- Committed to Goalies and having a coach at the Goalie clinic. Reiterated during the interview and coach selection process.
- Tryout process that was put in place this year across all levels has worked well. The decision was made to match the member guide to the tryout process.
- Evaluation feedback to kids re: their strengths and areas of improvement is not formal or provided to all individuals. If parents/players ask for the feedback from the evaluation coordinator/level coordinator we can work to provide that.

Training center staffing proposal – Daggett

- 2012 – Lenny set up the center and had tools and guides set up for coaches to use; some feedback positive re: the training center, some coaches didn't use the center or complained about the training center set up
- Summer 2013 – Lenny ran the dryland program and tapped kids from his program to help with the conditioning.
- Recommendation is to have trainers, assigned by Lenny, in the training center to run the sessions and take the responsibility for running the programs off the coach. Lenny and one or two individuals will be present and lead the sessions. Coaches will have the opportunity to lead stations during the training center session (i.e. shooting).
- Lenny put together a proposal for staffing the training center. Trainers/qualified individuals to create a good dryland experience. Level appropriate drills and strength/conditioning will be included.
- Training center expense paid for by families will increase \$20-25 per player to ensure we can fund the trainers.
- \$15,000-\$16,000 for 2 trainers, each session. Estimate is 150 traveling players at \$25/month. Board proposal to move forward with trainers in the center given we spend quite a bit to train goalies for the association. AVHA would like to take \$100-150 per player and provide that back for the supplement to the cost of the center. Don't want to pass that expense to the parents.
- AVHA will be invoiced for the costs associated for trainers. Expenses for training center staff will be guaranteed; depending on the strength of gambling operations if needed we could tap some of our association savings to fund the expenses for the trainers.
- Motion made to approve up to \$15,000 for dryland training personnel; motion by Larson; Second by Olson; Opposed by Messerich. Accepted

Scholarship Program – Syverson

- Scholarship policy has been in place since 2008.
- Simple but there are holes to fill in. Treasurer and President are responsible to review, track and approve all requests. Scholarships are budgeted at 10% of the total gambling profits of the previous season.
- 40 hours spent in the last 30 days for scholarship requests for the 2013-2014 season.
- Jay making recommendations to change the policy; will email to the Board for review and approve at the upcoming meeting.
- There will be guidelines, structure, approval and review will be expanded to include the Finance committee; scholarship amounts will be capped in the new program.

Squirts – Slater

- No updates
- Just started regular season clinics
- 10/21-23 tryouts are scheduled

Peewees – Messerich

- Tryouts wrapped up
- 34 skaters; 3 goalies.
- One concussion during tryouts; parent was concerned about the concussion and the player not being checked.

Girls – Hird

- 12 Tryouts concludes October 10th
- Teams posted on October 12th

Mites – Syverson

- Walk in Mite registration took place last week
- 85 registered Mites; 27 are new players
- Parent meeting on 10/14
- Start Mites on 10/26
- Did promote Try Hockey for free advertised in Friday folders
- Jerseys will be the same as 2012-2013 jerseys
 - Reversible jerseys for the Mites Plus teams

Bantams – Daggett

- As Board members, please support the Bantams about the co-op at Bantam C with EastView
- Currently we will have two teams of 16 players.

D8 Update – Bilotta

- D8 has adopted Locker room, travel and coed locker room policy as part of Safe Sport. Please review the policies.
- Don Bilotta will be the Safe Sport coordinator for the Association
- Level 2 & 3 at Park HS on 10/26 9:00 a.m.
- Level 4 December 28-29 in Bloomington
- Fair Play and HEP – document written by Steve Morse
- 37 referee retirements have occurred recently; expectation on the administrative requirements caused frustration for many. According to D8 – Apple Valley will be impacted with respect to high school games given the retirements.
- HECC approved helmet stickers will be required or players can be pulled off the ice. Opposing coaches can ask the referee to examine the helmets for other teams

Tournaments – Cobb

- Eastview Bantam C tournament gate fees will be waived (AVHA 6 Bantam players will be playing with Eastview this season)
- Bantam C tourney – pool play is the plan. 11 teams have registered and paid. Have requested confirmation. Looking to increasing the size of the tournament as only three Bantam B2 teams are registered. Decision is made to cancel the Bantam B2 and expand the Bantam C tournament to 12 teams. Will look for additional team to fill out the bracket.
- PW C – 6 registered and 5 paid. Will contact Blaine for confirmation
- Squirt C – good there
- Apple Valley Girls Tourney –
 - 14As – 9 registered, 5 paid; 6 team tournament
 - 12A – 2 registered, 2 paid; Apple Valley and Inver Grove
 - 12B – 4 registered, 4 paid;
 - 10B – no teams registered; no inquiriesUsually at 4 teams at each level by now; Girls meeting for D8 this past weekend. Biggest decrease was at 10B and 12A.

Stacy would like to advertise and promote the tournaments at the levels that are hurting and see what comes back the next week. Make a final decision at the end of October.

Website Pages: Private vs Non Private - Hird

- Plan is to have a hybrid approach to public/private pages

Tournament – Cobb

- Need someone in place that can run the tournaments in the future for the AVHA – Tony & Stacy is looking to have someone to shadow this year; co-direct in 2013-2014
- Please consider that opportunity

Sponsorship Opportunity – Wan

- Erickson Aamodt – has provided mouth guards in the past.
- Cosmopolitan would like to provide free mouth guards to Mites and Travel; \$2500 sponsorship check to the association. 5 year commitment. Will review the agreement on an annual basis. Will plan to attend the events and tournaments. Sponsorship paid by July of each year. (Locations in Prior Lake, Eagan, Lakeville, Edina)
- Same deal was provided to Erickson but they chose not to move forward with the same deal.

MN City Classic hockey tournament

Recommendation is to have AVHA purchase the tickets and provide across the association. January 17th Women and Men games.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Lindstrom, seconded by Bilotta ; approved.

Next meeting Wednesday, November 13 at 7 p.m. Respectfully submitted by LaChel Hird