

Escanaba Area Junior Hockey Association
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 12, 2025
HIT Concession Area

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Trevor Sholten at 6:00pm.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Board Members –
 - i. Present: Trevor Sholten, Andy Wilson, Holly Seidenstucker, David Spilling, Amanda Knuth, Korinne Lamoreaux, Jen Blickham, Caley Corbett, Michelle Freel, Chris Korpi and Matt Hughes.
 - ii. Not Present:
 - b. General Membership – Nick Blankenheim, Kaitlin Thompson, Sierra Spilling, Nicole Weber, Josh Lancour, Erin Abb, Jordy Maloney, Jake Delvaux Cassie Lanaville and Rachel Grenfell.
- III. Approval of the Agenda – Motion made by Korinne Lamoreaux to approve the agenda, seconded by David Spilling. Motion carried.
- IV. Board Reports
 - a. Secretary’s Report – Minutes from the February 12th meeting presented as written. Motion made by Amanda Knuth to approve the Secretary’s Report. Motion supported by David Spilling. Motion carried.
 - b. Treasurer’s Report – PeeWee team still needs to payback a tournament fee. Open skate is down \$4,000 this year from last year. We are standing at a \$20,000 surplus this year, down from \$30,000 last year. Motion made by Holly Seidenstucker to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion supported by Korinne Lamoreaux. Motion carried.
 - c. Division Director's Report
 - i. IP (Maki/Blickham) – Pizza party is Tuesday. We would like to invite all this season’s IP kids to skate with their new group and with IP. Motioned by David Spilling and supported by Matt Hughes. Motion carried.
 - ii. Mites (Open) – Need to verify the last 7 kids for the roster for the tournament next weekend. Organization Plan – 4 set teams, 23 game days – 17 games and 6 scrimmages. Should have plenty of jerseys from this season’s order. Need one more set of goalie gear for a smaller size player. Need to time the move-ups from IP to Mites and make sure everyone is informed.

- iii. Squirts (Lanaville) – Nothing.
 - iv. PeeWees (Lasecki) – Nothing.
 - v. Bantams (Lasecki) – Congratulation State Champs!
 - d. Standing Committee Reports
 - i. Complex (Fisher) – New bid for redoing the rink came in at \$620,000. At this time the project is on hold.
 - ii. Sponsors (Vertz) – McDonalds would like to be a board sponsor and possibly sponsor a team next year.
 - iii. Coaches (Hughes) – Nothing new.
 - iv. EAJHA Growth Coordinator (Blickham) – Coaches please send season recap emails back so we can post on the Facebook page. Player spotlight for Chase Korpi.
 - v. Scheduling (Korpi) – Nothing new.
 - vi. Concession (Corbett) – Inspector came; we need to keep the pizza warmer at 135 degrees while pizzas are in there. Lots of open DIBS for spring ice. Problems trying to balance the money from the weekends. Nicole will print off labels for envelopes.
 - vii. Equipment (Lamoreaux) – Starting to get jerseys turned back in.
 - viii. Fundraising (Vertz) – Nothing new.
 - ix. Referees (Johnson) – Nothing new.
 - x. Sportsmanship & Behavior (Knuth) – Nothing new.
 - xi. Safe Sport (Hughes) – Nothing new.
 - xii. Registration (Freel) – Start with IP for uploading birth certificates. Finish the Mite roster for their tournament. Michelle is training in Amanda and Natalie is around to help too.
 - xiii. Tournaments (Lamoreaux) – Nothing new.
 - e. CUP Report – April meeting
 - f. NIHL Report – Need a new representative
- V. Correspondence
 - a. Email – Outdoor rink fundraiser – donating 50% of profits from concession
 - i. Mite move-up to Squirt – Mason Hayes and Sawyer Leckson– tabled until we get the numbers for next year.
 - b. Mail – \$75 Mark Wells Memorial Fund check, raffle license financial statement.
- VI. Action Items Follow Up
 - a. David –
 - i. Equipment reimbursement check – didn’t know about will process refund.

- ii. Invoice people who were a no show for DIB hours – Caley needs to send David the list.
 - iii. Did we invoice the 5 families that did not complete their hours for the first half? Yes
 - iv. File taxes – we have an extension
- b. Josh checking to see if Hannahville Indian Community will continue their open skate time – no news
- c. Looking for help with the concrete replacement – project on hold
- d. Chris will send out the spring ice schedule – done
- e. Caley will add DIBS for spring ice – done
- f. Trevor will talk with David about the invoicing method
 - i. Invoicing communication methods – we need to come up with a procedure on invoicing for DIBS hours not completed, concession hours missed and registration payments. Possibly get a deputy Treasurer to help with the workload.
- g. Come up with a policy for families that continue to not pay on time and require them to pay in full at the start of the season. – Make sure families know about the scholarship.
- h. Mite organization plan for the 2025-2026 season. – 4 teams

VII. Old Business

- a. HS Scholarships – Will be presented this Thursday at their banquet.
- b. EAJHA Recruitment – the following positions are going to open
 - i. President – Nick Blankenheim is interested
 - ii. Registrar – Amanda Knuth will start to train with Michelle Freel
 - iii. Sportsmanship & Behavior – Josh Lancour is interested
 - iv. Tournament Director – Melissa Blume
 - v. Growth Coordinator – Erin Abb and Christa Hughes are interested
 - vi. Concession purchaser – Rachel Grenfell will start training with Nicole
 - vii. Division directors - Patti Brayak, her sister-in-law and Christa Hughes are interested

VIII. New Business

- a. Grants
 - i. Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program – Rural Development – UPARR
 - ii. Land and Water Conservation Fund – Ironwood used this grant
 - iii. USA Hockey Foundation Grant – includes brick and mortar projects
 - 1. Looking for people who have experience applying for grants. Possible Caley’s mom could help.

- b. Locker Rooms – problems having kids showing up more than an hour before practice and not having a coach in the locker room yet. – possibly enforce rule that you can drop your bags in the locker room but cannot stay in there until 20 minutes before practice starts. Discuss at the beginning of season parent meetings.
 - c. 8U Plus team – how will they register? Ice time? – will register as a Mite. Then starting in January, they can practice as an 8U Plus team. We will give them 5 hours of practice times and they will have to pay after that.
 - d. Player requests – spring ice move ups – all players will stay at their level for spring ice. \$70 for anyone outside the association that would like to join.
 - e. Returning out of association players – players would like to come back even if they do not make the AA team. Tabled until we get our numbers for next year.
 - f. AA coach requests – start requesting coach’s applications
 - g. Kids moving up from IP – 5 - 10U players, 5 - 12U players, 25 - 8U players.
 - h. Add Nick Blankenheim to Sport Engine so he can start seeing how it all works and responding to requests.
- IX. Public Comments/Concerns of the General Membership – None
- X. Action Items –
- a. Michelle/Amanda – look out for the email around May 1st, must respond yes or account will be locked out.
 - b. If you are not paid for opting out or missing DIBS by spring ice you are not able to participate in spring ice.
 - c. Coaches meeting - do we continue with AA teams or go back to two house teams? Player projections for next season.
 - d. PeeWee Tournament check reimbursement.
 - e. Figure out how to get Michelle off Facebook.
 - f. Coach’s season recap due to Jen.
 - g. Nicole will get new envelopes and labels for the concession stand.
- XI. Next Meeting – April 9, 2025, at 6:00pm in the HIT Concessions Area
- XII. Adjourn – The meeting was motioned adjourned by Korinne Lamoreaux and supported by Matt Hughes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.