

Escanaba Area Junior Hockey Association
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 11, 2023
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 - **PRESENT: Executive Board**: Trevor Sholten, President; Andy Wilson, Vice President; Emily DeSalvo, Secretary; David Spilling, Treasurer **Directors**: Michelle Freel, Matt Hughes, Chris Korpi, Bob Martinson, Natalie Boyce, Amanda Knuth, Jen Blickham, Mike Lasecki **NOT PRESENT**: Cassie Lannaville, Korinne Lamoreaux
 - B. General Membership - PRESENT: Matt LaCosse, Allie Hansen
- III. Approval of the Agenda - A motion was made by Andy Wilson to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion was supported by Michelle Freel. Motion Carried.
- IV. Board Reports
 - A. Secretary's Report - The minutes from September 13, 2023 were presented as written. Motion made by Michelle Freel to amend and approve minutes to reflect communications received with board votes by email in minutes. Natalie Boyce supports. Motion Carried.
 - B. Treasurer's Report - David Spilling presented the report for September 2023. Motion made by Emily DeSalvo to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Support by Michelle Freel. Motion Carried.
 - C. Division Director Reports
 1. IP (Blickham) – Try Hockey was a success. We now have 56 IP skaters. A big thanks for the Escanaba Eskymo Hockey Players who helped. They were great with the kids.
 2. Mites (Lamoreaux) – Matt Hughes gave an update that they have 22 mites. Had a parent meeting and gave dates of Jamborees and Tournaments. Sounds like a lot of interest from families to travel.
 3. Squirts (Lanaville) - Trevor Sholten presented that the scheduling for AA had a win and Coach Ken now has High School helpers on the ice.
 4. PeeWees (Lasecki) – Nothing new to report
 5. Bantams (Lasecki) – Nothing new to report.
 - D. Standing Committee Reports
 1. Complex (Denome) - New scoreboard is now corrected. Working with LiveBarn to correct the score on the screen issue and getting bids to fix the stand heaters.
 2. Sponsors (open) - David Spilling will be getting email contact information from Trevor and sending out to follow up all sponsorship money has been received. The sponsor list is as follows:
 - a) 14U UP Ophthalmology; 12U AA Bink's; 12U B Embers CU; 10U AA EMP; 10U B North Country Trucking; 8U Skerbeck; 8U First Bank, IP Enbridge
 3. Coaches (Hughes) - Matt Hughes asked that coaches make sure they are spread out on the ice so the ratio of skater to coach isn't high. He still needs USA Reg #'s from some coaches so please get that to him and Natalie ASAP.
 4. EAJHA Growth Coordinator (Blickham) – Jen asked for a parent contact from each team who can send her pictures and updates from games so she can post on the Facebook page.
 5. Scheduling (Korpi) – Chris is waiting for the CUP League. All scheduling by coaches needs to go through Chris to block ice time at home.
 6. Concession (Freel) – Getting spots filled quickly on Dibs. Jen helped with some walk throughs with parents. Michelle asked for contact info for each team so they can find workers if needed. She gets info on openings to Jen who also posts on Facebook page.

7. Equipment (Martinson) – Bob asked to let him know if the coaches are in need of pucks or puck bags to bring them for out of town games.
 8. Fundraising (open) – Emily received the license for the raffle and will order the tickets. Two donations were accepted by the board last month for the AA teams.
 9. Referees (Johnson) – Nick Martinson is now added to the reffing roster.
 10. Sportsmanship & Behavior (Knuth) - None
 11. Safe Sport (Hughes) – 17yo Coaches do need to complete Safe Sport, but do not need a background check.
 12. Registration (Boyce) – 145 skaters are registered. Next Level has 38 registrations with 11 of those being from outside the League. Natalie still needs jersey # and position for all house teams to roster them. Also birth certificates if we do not have them on file.
 13. Tournaments (Lamoreaux) – Need to book the turf room for the Jamboree.
- E. CUP Report - Meeting coming up October 21st and 22nd. Trevor is the EAJHA Rep.
- F. NIHL Report – Trevor sat in on a call with MAHA. To look into applying our League for an award of up to \$5,000 for growth over the years.

V. Correspondence – Raffle License, David Spilling MI Department of Treasury registration information.

VI. Old Business

- A. Golie Inc. Dates – Dates have been set for December 10 and 17, February 18, and March 3
- B. Player Move-Ups - Player move ups were discussed. It was recommended by coaching staff present to keep skaters where they are at due to team sizes and skill level being appropriate. Emily DeSalvo made a motion to keep players at their age level teams with no move ups at this time. Andy Wilson supported this motion. Motion Carried.
 1. Austin Weber – no move up
 2. Kadenn Hansen – no move up
 3. Sophia Niedbala – no move up

VII. New Business

- A. Team/Individual Photos for 2023-2024 Season – Michelle made a motion to hire EverWild Photography as we have in the past. Motion was supported by Bob Martinson. Motion Carried.
- B. Cutoff for Player Registration Refund – Discussion took place on a specific player who is a Mite and only attended a couple practices but would now like to drop out. Also, the board discussed future requests for refunds as well and determined to have no hard cut off date. A motion was made by Emily DeSalvo to refund the mite player’s family in their entirety, also future refunds will be discussed on a case-by-case basis with the refund being prorated. Motion was supported by Matt Hughes. Motion Carried.
- C. Volunteer Hours – Volunteer hour requirements were discussed in length, due to not having enough shifts for families to get the required hours in per half. Numbers were ran and a motion was made by David Spilling to drop the requirement down to 15 hours per family per year with a minimum of 6 hours and a maximum of 9 hours to be completed in the first half. Emily DeSalvo supported the motion. Motion Carried.
- D. Practice Authorization for Player Outside of League – There was a request from the LaBonte family to allow Carsyn LaBonte to practice with the Bantam team but not be rostered. The board discussed past allowances. A motion was made by Emily DeSalvo to allow her to practice with the Bantams at a fee of \$200 for the year and no requirements to sell raffle or complete volunteer hours. Motion was supported by Bob Martinson. Motion carried.

VIII. Public Comment/Concerns of the General Membership – Allie Larsen asked about setting up a table with face painting during open skate and charge \$2. Trevor advised her he would get her contact information for the complex so she can discuss that with them. She also asked who to contact about helping with her son’s Mite team. Matt Hughes said he would get with her on how she can help.

- IX. Next Meeting – November 8, 2023 at 6pm at the HIT Concession
- X. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Emily DeSalvo with support by David Spilling. Meeting was adjourned by President Trevor Sholten at 7:34 p.m.