

Minutes of ERYHA Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 1/17/2024

Gambling

Call to Order Gambling Meeting

Called to order @18:45

Board Members Present

Cihlar*	Hillman	Rustad*
Eason**	Jansen*	Sharratt*
Freitag*	Reighard*	Tukey*
Fritch*	Remick*	

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOTION to approve:

RUSTAD

SECOND: REMICK

MOTION CARRIED

Gambling Manager | Desiree Hillman

Monthly Report:

Information for December 2023

Bootleggers Gross Receipts	\$587,611	Prizes	\$521,152	# Games	117
Sammy's Gross Receipts	\$239,589	Prizes	\$212,224	# Games	53
Sammy's HR Gross Receipts	\$6,861	Prizes	\$4,847	# Games	15
McCoy's Gross Receipts	\$202,555	Prizes	\$176,870	# Games	38
BWW's Gross Receipts	\$29,098	Prizes	\$24,250	# Games	7
Topsy Chicken Gross Receipt	\$13,222	Prizes	\$11,086	# Games	3

Bootleggers Deposits	\$67,832
Bootleggers E-Tabs	\$46,125
Sammy's Deposits	\$29,855
Sammy's Horse Races Dep	\$2,015
Sammy's E-tabs	\$49,391
Sammy's Bingo	\$1,245
McCoy's Deposits	\$25,780
McCoy's E-tabs	\$23,086
BWW Deposit	\$4,913
BWW Etabs	\$16,075.75
Topsy Chicken Dep	\$2,104
Topsy Chicken E-tabs	\$10,579
Raffle Deposits	\$178

Total Deposits for everything: \$279,178.75

Checking Account Balance: \$214,335.38

Monthly Report:

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(Dec 2022 and Dec 2023)

Bootleggers Gross Receipt was up 2%

Sammy's Gross Receipt was up 15%

McCoy's Gross Receipt was up 49%

BWW's Gross Receipt was up 250%

Topsy Chicken Gross Receipt was down 17%

*General fund owes me another \$150 for raffles. There were 3 books missing from the unsolds.

<u>Bootleggers</u>	<u>Paper pulltabs Deposits</u>	<u>Etab Deposits</u>
2022	786,205	602,673
2023	711,404	614,459
	Down 10%	Up 2%
<u>Sammy's</u>	<u>Paper pulltabs Deposits</u>	<u>Etab Deposits</u>
2022	258,458	335,456
2023	308,752	402,135
	Up 19%	Up 20%
<u>McCoy's</u>	<u>Paper pulltabs Deposits</u>	<u>Etab Deposits</u>
2022	149,735	182,328
2023	185,255	188,945.75
	UP 23%	UP 3%
<u>BWW</u>	<u>Paper pulltabs Deposits</u>	<u>Etab Deposits</u>
2022	35,818	0
2023	44,703	143,745
	UP 24%	
<u>Topsy Chicken</u>	<u>Paper pulltabs Deposits</u>	<u>Etab Deposits</u>
2022	13,944	39,463
2023	16,387	79,453
	UP 17%	UP 100%

Lawful Purpose | Allowable Business Expense

MOTION to approve December allowable expenses.

RUSTAD

SECOND: REIGHARD

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to approve \$60,000 Allowable Purpose:

FREITAG

SECOND: REIGHARD

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MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to approve \$4800 for Annual Audit to Rowes Accounting:

RUSTAD

SECOND:

MOTION CARRIED

Adjourn Gambling Meeting @ 6:52PM

MOTION: CIHLAR

SECOND: FREITAG

MOTION CARRIED

Call to Order Monthly Board Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Board of Directors of the ERYHA was called to order by Ryan Eason @7:02PM, quorum present 10 of 10.

Welcome, Attendance, and Introductions

Welcome to the ERYHA Board of Directors monthly meeting January 2024.

Board Members Present:

Boike	Hernandez	Reighard*
Brandt	Jansen*	Remick*
Cihlar*	Jaremko	Rustad, Lane *
Eason**	Juntunen	Sharratt*
Freitag*	Milless, J.	Sherratt
Fritch*	Miske	Stone
Gatzke	Palumbo (call in)	Tukey*
Helm	Possin*	Westgaard

*Voting Member **Voting Member in Tie Breaker

Others Present:

Kelly Puffer

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MOTION to approve:

FREITAG

SECOND: SHARRATT

MOTION CARRIED

OPEN MIC

- New Business: Do we need sectional help for HS Sections from our volunteers?
- Concern: Hermantown Bantam B1 tournament – questioning if there is any disciplinary action that needs to be addressed at the board meeting this evening. *Answer: We will address that at a different time – with parties involved and not part of this meeting.*

President** | Ryan Eason

D10 Presidents Report (attended by Mike Possin)

- MN Hockey - New move up policy regarding waivers is being voted on soon. Trying to move back to a community based program and not allowing school based waive in's until after a certain time period. This would be for new members, not existing. Existing would be grandfathered in.
- Abuse of officials is still a concern. Game mis-conducts will be handed out more frequently.
- Fighting: You will be done with the season if you get a 3rd fighting misconduct in the season.
- Rescheduling: Need to follow the D10 Policy, including updating Tom Nergard.
- Disputes about penalties need to be brought up with the officials right away after the game.

Regular Report

- Outdoor rink is up and complete.
- The City of Elk River did approve our lease for the outdoor rink last night, 1/16/2024. \$500.00 per month. January – April. Rink has to be torn down and repairs to property made by April 30, 2024.
- The City was initially going to pull our water and electricity access, but it did get worked out.
- Water is through ERMU. They rented us a fitting/meter to fill the rink and then a different one for flooding/maintaining ice.
- Purchases have been made for the rink and items for tournaments that we approved last month.
- A supplemental insurance policy has been purchased for the rink, which is on top of what USA Hockey allows.
- We will follow all USA Hockey rules for the outdoor rink.
- The rink will not be open for public use at this time.
- Would like to host some internal “tournaments” utilizing it with the younger groups.
- Furniture and Things is donating a “warming house” for the outdoor rink. We will need to winterize/insulate it and add rubber flooring.
- This will be a good trial year. Hoping to build and expand on this as the years progress. Looking at other locations like Eagan or St. Louis Park. They also have outdoor locations and Eagan has moved to a covered sheet.
- Summer goalie program with Devenir – Maple Grove might be the only options. They are still working on a plan for possibly doing one in Elk River.

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- Dryland area is now complete. Ben creates his schedule for dryland on a google doc that is shared with the City and Jess. Coaches can now utilize this space for non scheduled days, but need to reserve the space. Jess will get a google doc prepared for this. It does need to be a rostered coach running the space. Teams also need to be made aware that it's just a stick handling/shooting space. We do not have access to the turf.
- Playing time: There have been some concerns raised with how coaches/teams are handling playing time. Specifically, it surrounds kids that don't show up for practice, but are in attendance for games. Equal playing time? We may need to tweak our playing time policy around this so coaches can hold players somewhat accountable with attendance and attitude. We do have an equal playing time "rule", but it is different for each level. Equal isn't exactly equal, but as good as we can be. Example: Squirts – all players should have equal time per game – not necessarily per period, etc. – Playing Time Standards - We will table this topic for this meeting, but will revisit and work on policy this summer. If a board member has an idea on how this policy should be updated – present it on group-me for further discussion.
 - Potential Policy: Fair playing time will be at the discretion of the coach with the intention that it is as equal as possible. Any concerns with this can be brought to the attention of the board for review during the season.

Vice President* | Mike Possin

- See Presidents Meeting notes above.

Treasurer* | Amanda Tukey

Balance on 12/31/23 - General Fund	\$	313,877.73
Outstanding checks - General Fund	\$	(21,579.44)
Balance	\$	292,298.29
Balance on 12/31/23 - Gambling Acct	\$	145,725.61
Outstanding checks - Gambling Acct	\$	(53,691.17)
Balance	\$	92,034.44
Savings account as of 12/31/23 is:	\$	200,556.07
Balance of ERYHA Funds on 12/31/23 was:	\$	584,888.80

Items to consider

General Fund Outstanding Checks		
Tournament Fees	\$	6,695.00
Coach Reimb/RefPay/TournamentExp	\$	14,884.44
GF Outstanding Total	\$	21,579.44
Gambling Acct Outstanding Checks		
Ice Rent + Trophies	\$	53,691.17
GA Outstanding Checks	\$	53,691.17
Outstanding Summary	\$	75,270.61

- Working on getting audit done.

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Registrar* | Lane Rustad

Secretary* | Steph Cihlar

- Our current reimbursement plan for coaches/hotels includes up to 2 tournaments per season and 2 rooms per tournament. J-Gold /the JGHSL requires many of the teams in the league to play 1-2 game series out of state for league play. Most J-Gold coaches are non-parent. This requires out of pocket expenses or slush fund expenses for these games, when late travel is not desired or it is a 2 game series...More on this covered by the J-Gold Director, Kris H.

Girls Director* | Chad Jansen

Mite Director* | Brian Fritch

- Looking for the small nets we ordered. Per Ryan, they just arrived.

Squirt Director* | Tim Freitag

- Incentivizing goalies? We have discussed this in the past, but never formalized anything. This doesn't have to be resolved today but needs to be addressed. Squirts are losing 5 goalies and only 2 currently coming up from Mites. We need to build the goalie program with the right tools and incentives. Toss out ideas on Group Me if you have any!
 - Could we chip in for a summer program or something else? We need goalies.

Peewee Director* | Paul Reighard

Bantam Director* | Kurt Remick

- Both AA and A are registered for the VFW Tournament in Alexandria

Junior Gold Director | Kris Helm

- J-Gold plays in the J-Gold League. Not all games are local and require late night travel. Current policy does not allow for reimbursement for hotels unless it is part of our tournament policy coverage. Would like to see this changed.

MOTION to change our hotel coverage to include any out of town league games for any level.

Coverage is for non-parent coaches only and 2 room max per team.

REMICK

SECOND: FREITAG

MOTION CARRIED

Fundraising* | Carolyn Sharratt

Volunteer Coordinator | Chris Rustad

Equipment Manager | Michelle Brandt

- It is time to order socks for 2024/2025 Season to ensure our discount.
 - Per board direction: Order CCM Socks. White and BLACK. We will go with White and Black jerseys next year.

Equipment Manager Asst. | Jayne Sherratt

Arena Commission Rep | Mike Westgaard

Ice Scheduler | Jess Milless

Goalie Coordinator | Mike Gatzke

- Looking for solutions on developing hockey players who are also goalies within our association and MN as a whole. Looking at the right time for goalies to split periods, games, etc. Looking to keep kids engaged in every game, not every other game as it is set up now (for most teams). We want goalie engagement in every game.

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Little Elks | Heather Palumbo

Rostering | Frank Miske

Director of Development | Ben Jaremko

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- Glad to have dryland set up. Scheduling is working well with google doc and sharing with arena and Jess.
- Saturday and Sundays will be open for Coach use and other open times during the week, based on schedule – which is usually ready at least 1 week ahead of time.

Tournament Coordinators | Cassie Stone, Deanna Hernandez, Josh Juntunen

- The Twaddle tournament went very well.

Referee Coordinator | Marlin Haney – absent, update via email

- The Mite / U8 D10 games are all scheduled with Referees. Almost all of our D10 games will have a mentor assigned from D10 to help and educate our officials. I am excited for the Mite jamboree this year with the number of officials that we have and should be able to cover all Mite and U8 games including C, D Mites who have gone without ref's since COVID. Just need to confirm the dates for the Mite Jamboree so we can let our ref families know what weekend they need to schedule around.

Gamesheet/Team Manager Coordinator | Lynn Bauer (*absent, report via Group Me*)

- Working on setting up times for end of season iPad collection, etc.

MOTION to Adjourn @ 9:34PM

POSSIN

SECOND: CIHLAR

MOTION CARRIED

Post Meeting Motions – Group Me discussions

Issue: Goalie Shortage

MOTION to approve the following language to add to our playing standard bylaws:

“For teams that have only 1 goalie, that goalie will play in all scrimmages, games and tournaments, unless any of the following apply:

- The regular goalie is sick
- The regular goalie is injured – The head coach receives board approval from the ERYHA board or level director for another player to play goalie.

When required by D10 policy, the 10 substitute goalie form may also need to be completed.

In recognition of the shortage of goalies in the game, ERYHA encourages any rostered player that wishes to try goalie, be able to attend and participate in practices as a goalie as long as the head coach approves it.”

FREITAG

SECOND: POSSIN

MOTION CARRIED

Old business – New Logo ownership and payment terms for newly designed logo utilized on the 2023/2024 ERYHA Jerseys and other swag, print documents, etc.

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MOTION to approve a 1x payment of \$5,000 for full ownership of the new Elk River hockey logo. Player registration fees, volunteer requirements and fundraising expectations for the children of Rick Johnson will also be waived – as long as they are playing hockey in the ERYHA.

POSSIN

SECOND: FRITCH

MOTION CARRIED