

# Minutes for ERYHA Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 2.19.2025

## GAMBLING MEETING

### Call to Order Gambling Meeting

Called to order @ 6:47 PM

#### Board Members Present

Eason **	Miske *	Freitag *	Hillman
Possin *	Miller *	Fritch *	
Tukey *	Sharratt *	Remick *	

### Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

**MOTION** to approve:

MOTION: POSSIN

SECOND: MISKE

MOTION APPROVED UNOPPOSED

### Gambling Manager Monthly Report | Desiree Hillman

#### Monthly Report:

Information for January 2025

Bootleggers Gross Receipts	\$475,466	Prizes	\$419,577	# Games	96
Bootleggers Meat Raffles	\$2,520	Prizes	\$1,680	# Games	84
Sammy's Gross Receipts	\$248,431	Prizes	\$220,331	# Games	54
McCoy's Gross Receipts	\$119,059	Prizes	\$107,190	# Games	27
BWW's Gross Receipts	\$27,331	Prizes	\$21,500	# Games	6
Bootleggers Deposits	\$58,481				
Bootleggers E-Tabs	\$28,085				
Bootleggers Meat Raffle	\$2,520 (Profit \$840)				
Sammy's Deposits	\$29,291				
Sammy's E-tabs	\$34,088				
Sammy's Bingo	\$1,029				
McCoy's Deposits	\$12,858				
McCoy's E-tabs	\$14,511				
BWW Deposits	\$5,831				
BWW Etabs	\$20,235.50				
Topsy Chicken Start bank	\$6,100				

Total Deposits for everything: \$213,029.50

Checking Account Balance: \$114,599.65

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### **ALLOWABLE EXPENSES for February:**

MOTION: MILLER  
SECOND: FREITAG  
MOTION CARRIED UNOPPOSED

### **LAWFUL PURPOSE for \$30,000:**

MOTION: MISKE  
SECOND: REMICK  
MOTION CARRIED UNOPPOSED

### **Monthly Report:**

(Jan 2024 and Jan 2025)

Bootleggers Gross Receipt was up 7%

Sammy's Gross Receipt was up 1%

McCoy's Gross Receipt was down 28%

BWW's Gross Receipt doubled from last Jan 247%

\*Doing a Sunday Funday this Sunday at Bootleggers with meat raffle, horse racing, and mega bingo. Starting at 11am. Bootleggers would like to do this once a month.

12500	Printed Raffles	
1975	Unsold	
	Raffles tickets sold x \$10=	\$
10525	\$62,750	105,250.00
	Deposits	\$105,650
	<u>Sold</u> -	<u>\$105,250</u>
	Difference	\$400
		\$
	NSF & Fees	<u>1,766.00</u>
	Total owed from	
	General fund	0

- 50/50 raffle for the Minnesota Warriors game?
  - Other ideas brought up: chuck-a-duck, pie in the face
  - Game to be held March 29th

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## Adjourn Gambling Meeting @ 6:58 PM

**MOTION** to approve:

MOTION: POSSIN

SECOND: FREITAG

MOTION CARRIED UNOPPOSED

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## **JANUARY 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

### 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 @ 7:02 PM. Quorum present 8 of 10.

### Welcome, Attendance, and Introductions

Welcome to the ERYHA Board of Directors monthly meeting for February 2025.

Board Members Present:

\* Voting Member      \*\* Voting Member in Tie Breaker

Others Present:

n/a

### Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

**MOTION** to approve:

MOTION: REMICK

SECOND: MISKE

MOTION CARRIED UNOPPOSED

MOTION to approve agenda:

MOTION: SHARRATT

SECOND: MISKE

MOTION CARRIED UNOPPOSED

### Open Mic

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**President\*\* | Ryan Eason**

Written report:

Our episode of the association was released this past Friday. Please continue to share the video link. My goal is to surpass the Edina episode in views(40k). Thank you to all that were involved to make this happen! Link to the episode is here: <https://youtu.be/QzQk1G8eKTI>

**D10 Report:**

- Reminder there is a ZERO tolerance policy for inappropriate fan behavior. Anyone getting ejected from a D10 playoff game will be subject to a 2 week suspension, or 3 games, whichever is longer, and those penalties WILL carry over to next season if applicable.
- Super Championship(B2/C) peewee and bantam state tournament) info has been posted. Only 2 districts from the state are participating. Top 4 teams from the district will advance to the tournament March 8-9.
- Junior Gold playdowns will now be double elimination
- Junior Gold playdown tournament fees are due at the teams first playoff game, we will need to provide the teams with the check before that date, so it can be turned in at the first game
- Reminder mite teams must contact David Englund anytime they play a team from outside the district
- HP registration is now open, and is open to ALL players regardless of playing level.
- D10 is currently looking for new board members to join
- This year's Level 5 CEP clinic will be held August 14-17 in Columbus, OH for anyone looking to get level 5 credits
- Reminder to all level 4 and 5 CEP coaches who need continuing education credits, you must complete 5 credits before your CEP can be renewed.
- D10 is creating a "task force" to reduce abuse of officials during games. 175 game misconducts have been handed out to coaches this season throughout the state. D10 accounts for about 15% of these
- BAA state tournament will be 4 referee system
- Reminder that all games on gamesheet should be tracking shots on goal. The district will be implementing a rule for next year, where this will be a requirement for all games.

Discussion Items:

-Sponsors

We really need to update our sponsorship guidelines. It has been brought to my attention that sponsors are asking for information to be sent out to our membership multiple times. While I am sure we all agree we are thankful for our sponsors, we are not a marketing company. So I will be working to create a better sponsorship "menu" explaining what sponsorship levels get in return from us for each level of sponsorship. In that we will create a detailed process for collecting company logos for the website, necessary documentation the sponsor needs to provide, etc. While briefly looking over other association websites, Blaine had a really nice page

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dedicated to their charitable gambling sites, with links to their web pages, hours of operation, dates and time for things like Bingo, Purse Bingo, meat raffles etc. Lastly, I think it's in our best interest to not be involved with "team sponsorships". If someone wants to sponsor their team, they should be directing those funds to the team slush fund. Our involvement in that seems to add more work and confusion for all involved. To be considered an ERYHA sponsor, that money should be going into our general account only, with no earmarked funds going to specific team(s)

- Board elections

Wondering who plans to re run for your current positions. Please let me know either way if you are up for re- election if you plan to re run or not. Board election nominations must be finalized and closed by the March meeting date.

- Office space

In speaking with Katie Harstad, the arena has another office space located on the 2nd floor directly across from the elevator. It is smaller than our current space, but this would be a more accessible office space than our current office for our membership if we were interested in having a more front facing office for members to drop payments, tickets, ask questions, possibly even change our mailing address for all association documents, eliminating our need to run to the PO box. Is this something the board would like to consider? The lease rate would be the same as the rest of our space which is \$1/sq foot/month.

- Twaddle and McLaughlin awards registration

We need to get the registration opened for this year's Twaddle and McLaughlin awards.

- I did present the idea of the memorial bench to Ben Gustafson, honoring his father Paul. He said they would be honored and were extremely grateful for the gesture. I will work with the city and rink on the next steps.

- 50/50 raffle for the Minnesota Warriors game?

### Action Items:

#### **Vice President\* | Mike Possin**

##### Written report:

- ODR year to date usage 58 hours (took out dates that it was closed) \$14,210 in ice costs @\$245/hour. Approx \$30,000 initial investment. So we are about  $\frac{1}{2}$  way to break even with only one year of use since last year was not a good year for outdoor ice.

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- Coaches/Association surveys to families..any additional information we would like to ask our families.
  - Do you feel your coaches were knowledgeable & helped your child develop this past season in an encouraging and positive environment?
  - Did the coaching staff promote and instill a passion for the game of hockey this past season with your child?
  - Did you and/or your child have a positive experience this season with your head coach?
  - Reflecting on the 2024-25 ERYHA season as a parent, did your child's coach make playing the sport of hockey a fun, rewarding and challenging experience for your child?
  - Others??? ODR questions???

Discussion Items: ODR rink need additional black matting from the warming house to the rink for 2025-26.

Action Items:

**Treasurer\* | Amanda Tukey**

Written report:

### **Balances as of 01/31/25**

<b>General Fund</b>	\$	463,056.36
<i>Outstanding checks - General Fund</i>	\$	(18,653.00)
<b>Balance</b>	\$	444,403.36
<b>Gambling Account</b>	\$	116,389.15
<i>Outstanding checks - Gambling Acct</i>	\$	-
<b>Balance</b>	\$	116,389.15
<b>Savings Account</b>	\$	102,005.67
<b>Total Balance</b>	\$	<b>662,798.18</b>

### **Items to consider**

#### **General Fund Outstanding Checks**

Tournament Fees	\$	3,500.00
Refs, Coaches	\$	15,153.00
<b>GF Outstanding Total</b>	\$	<b>18,653.00</b>

#### **Gambling Acct Outstanding Checks**

<b>GA Outstanding Checks</b>	\$	-
<b>Outstanding Summary</b>	\$	<b>18,653.00</b>

Discussion Items:

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## Action Items:

### **Registrar\* | Frank Miske**

Written report: Injury credits have been issued to families that had injured players. Reviewing other associations' crossbar sites on how we want to handle registrations.

Discussion Items: discuss crossbar after Kristin Millers report. MN Warriors VS ERYHA Coaches seems to be set for March 29th.

Action Items: does ERYHA want to contribute to the ice time for the Warriors game? do not have the total dollar amount just yet.

### **Secretary\* | Kristin Miller**

#### Written report:

- Sportsline Photography:
  - Photo day give back: \$657.46
  - Poster of all team photos delivered during Mite Jamboree
- Sportsmanship awards:
  - Nominees received from coaches; heard from all but one coach
  - Sent nomination form to parents for players to complete and submit by Friday, February 28th
  - Prize boxes are on order
- Crossbar Update:
  - Demo site set-up as a starting point:  
<https://www.elkriverhockey.org.app.crossbar.org/>
  - Everyone with SE logins can create Crossbar logins here:  
<https://www.accounts.crossbar.org/signup>
  - Admin training on Mon, Feb 25th from 2:00 - 3:00 pm, will start scheduling additional role-specific training after that.

#### Discussion Items:

- Sportsmanship Awards
  - Check value - \$1,000
  - For nominees who didn't register, what is the protocol?
    - 7 registered, 8 didn't
  - Families of Twaddle/McLaughlin are invited to attend. Anyone have their info?
    - Ryan to provide contact info.
  - Who would like to present the awards this year?
    - Ryan to present if he's in town

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## Action Items:

### **Girls Director\* | Chad Jansen**

#### Written report:

#### Discussion Items:

#### Action Items:

### **Mite Director\* | Brian Fritch**

Written report: All Mite levels are competing very well with other D10 associations. We need to look at rethinking our teams for the future.

2 a

2 b

6 c

6 d

If we continue getting close to the current Numbers.

Discussion Items: Coaches Need to check rosters and know who is on the ice with them. Head coaches need to be the one's who verify the team rosters.

Action Items: Check the coaches responsibilities in the handbook.

- This is the responsibility of either the head coach or team manager.

### **Squirt Director\* | Tim Freitag**

#### Written report:

#### Discussion Items:

#### Action Items:

### **Peewee Director\* | Josh Juntunen**

#### Written report:

#### Discussion Items:

#### Action Items:

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### **Bantam Director\* | Kurt Remick**

#### Written report:

- Bantam AA
  - 9-5-4 (5-2-3 vs D10 teams)
  - 5th place (4th seed in D10)
  - Play Saturday 10:00 vs SLP for a region bid
  - 4 of 6 teams to regions
- Bantam B1
  - 14-6
  - 3rd place
  - Play semifinal on Friday night
  - two BB1 teams to regions from d10
- Bantam B2 Black
  - 17-0-3
  - 1st place in green division
  - placed 2nd in D10 tourney
  - Will advance to Championship Series Mar 8-9 at Fogerty
- Bantam B2 Red
  - 7-12-2
  - 8th place in blue division
  - after a loss to ER Black in round one, had a win and SO loss to end season

#### Discussion Items:

#### Action Items:

### **Fundraising\* | Carolyn Sharratt**

#### Written report:

#### Discussion Items:

#### Action Items:

### **Junior Gold Director | Kris Helm**

#### Written report:

- Jr. Gold U18 B Black team 16-5
  - Recently finished Second in the Somerset Tournament
- Jr. Gold U18 B White team 2-19
- Senior Night 2/21

#### Discussion Items:

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### Action Items:

#### **Volunteer Coordinator | Chris Rustad**

##### Written report:

##### Discussion Items:

Families with all Dibs left to complete- does anyone recognize a name and know if they should be credited for something? Mike has a list of names.

XXXX and XXXX say they are Mite coaches but I have not heard if this is true or not. I do not have them on my rostered list. Schulze has been told he was not a rostered coach so at this time he is expected to complete all Dibs or pay Buyout.

We have 40 Dibs spots open for the Jamboree (all 1.25 hour slots).

According to my numbers I have 206 hours of Dibs needed for families who have to claim Dibs. This takes into account those who have claimed Dibs for the Jamboree.

Hoping families claim Dibs once they get closer and District/State games are known.

Otherwise we will be short.

I still have to post SKATE Banquet hours which are usually about 72 Dibs hours used.

Was there a family to credit Dibs for the legal advice? I thought that was discussed and we never got the name.

### Action Items:

- Mike to send over names
- XXXX can be credited

#### **Equipment Manager | Michelle Brandt**

##### Written report:

##### Discussion Items:

Action Items: Need to make decisions on jerseys and socks for 25/26 season.

#### **Arena Commission Rep | Mike Westgaard**

##### Written report:

##### Discussion Items:

### Action Items:

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### **Ice Scheduler | Jess Milless**

Written report: Nothing to Report

Discussion Items:

Action Items:

### **Goalie Coordinator | Mike Gatzke**

Written report: Goalie Clinics finished strong, I have a few younger Mite goalies reaching out about Summer goalie specific programs closer to home and I've directed them to Breakaway and Goalies Inc which will be in Elk River for a weekend in July. Several older goalies have reached out about training closer to home and there has been some discussion about Pete Samargia coming to Elk River to run a Summer group of goalies limited to roughly 15 players to keep the Goalie:Coach ratio low. Devenir wants to run a Summer clinic in Elk River but doesn't have the staff to make that work this Summer in addition to their other camps throughout the cities. If we can get Samargia to run this clinic I have no doubt that we will fill this with many of our goalies and/or goalies as far as St. Cloud who would be looking for high end training without having to drive into the cities.

Discussion Items:

Action Items:

### **Little Elks | Heather Palumbo**

Written report:

- Thank you to HS players, coaches and their directors for their help. The players were awesome and did a fantastic job.
- Thank you to Michelle, Chris and all the volunteers.
- LE went great. Again this we had goalie equipment for them to try.
- My only request is a change in jerseys for next year. I miss the small ER. I talked to Michelle about my suggestions. Maybe incorporate the little er with horns.
- If anyone else has thoughts or suggestions on anything, please reach out

Discussion Items:

Action Items:

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### Rostering | Kelley Klebs

#### Written report:

Discussion Items: Coaches have to approve roster before sign-off (several mite C and D managers had to approve as coaches didn't respond). Changes can still be made/coaches added in December after sign-off, should I send our rosters for a second approval once they have been approved by D10 for a final check by head coaches?

#### Action Items:

### Director of Development | Ben Jaremko

#### Written report:

- Goalie clinics covered by Mike Gatzke
- Dryland has gone well, although some issues with the cleanliness in the ERYHA dryland area.

#### Discussion Items:

#### Action Items:

### Tournament Coordinators | Cassie Stone, Deanna Hernandez

#### Written report:

Mite Jamboree the weekend of Feb. 28th-March 2nd. We have 50 teams and 583 players coming to the jamboree. We will have ten different vendors at this event. We have a plan set for youth referees to check in at the front desk prior to their games- they are able to get a copy of the rules and ask questions at this time. We also have the ability to shift a coach into this position quicker if we have a late/no show ref.

#### Discussion Items:

ELKStravaganza typically runs the 2nd weekend in December- 2025 Dates of 12/12-12/14. Awaiting the 25-26 High School Game Schedule to see if we would have enough ice time to convert this tournament to a larger tournament of 16 teams vs 8 teams. The NW Suburban website shows no games, but waiting on the FATs official scheduling. Do we have a decision on the level we would want to change to?

We had an issue at the McLaughlin with the time it took to get in contact with the EMT because we moved to using phones vs walkies. The walkies burn through batteries very quickly and have been having issues. Do we want to invest in more expensive, higher quality walkies? We would also keep one in each clock area so that they can be used immediately in case of an emergency.

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It was also brought up that we do not have some things “on site” in case of an emergency that the EMT did not have (ie. a “c” collar/neck brace). Thoughts? We can discuss it with our EMT as well.

### Action Items:

#### **Referee Coordinator | Marlin Haney**

##### Written report:

- The officials for the Mite Jamboree have been scheduled and will try to finalize this week. Just dealing with the normal adjustments as our officials have team parties now planned for that weekend.
- Good news is that we will have more refs this year than we have had in the past. We will have many games of ½ ice with two officials. D10 liked our idea of having more of the youth officials getting more whistle touches.

### Discussion Items:

#### Action Items:

#### **Game Sheet/Team Manager Coordinator | Lynn Bauer**

##### Written report:

### Discussion Items:

#### Action Items:

#### **Items from the floor:**

##### Discussion Items:

#### Action Items:

## **Adjourn Board of Directors Meeting @ 8:40 PM**

#### **MOTION** to approve:

MOTION: FREITAG

SECOND: REMICK

MOTION CARRIED UNOPPOSED