

Minutes of ERYHA Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 08.21.2024

GAMBLING MEETING

Call to Order Gambling Meeting

Called to order @ 6:48 PM

Board Members Present

Eason**	Miske*	Freitag*	Fritch*
Possin*	Miller*	Juntunen*	Remick*

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOTION to approve:

MOTION: REMICK

SECOND: FRITCH

MOTION CARRIED by vote unopposed

Gambling Manager Monthly Report | Desiree Hillman

Information for July 2024

Bootleggers Gross Receipts	\$444,580	Prizes	\$392,637	# Games	91
Sammy's Gross Receipts	\$190,196	Prizes	\$170,974	# Games	42
McCoy's Gross Receipts	\$120,280	Prizes	\$107,786	# Games	26
BWW's Gross Receipts	\$21,614	Prizes	\$18,850	# Games	6
Topsy Chicken Gross Receipt	\$9,338	Prizes	\$8,244	# Games	2

Bootleggers Deposits	\$54,873
Bootleggers E-Tabs	\$44,356
Sammy's Deposits	\$19,824
Sammy's E-tabs	\$34,426
Sammy's Bingo	\$2,107
McCoy's Deposits	\$14,022
McCoy's E-tabs	\$24,851
BWW Deposits	\$2,764
BWW Etabs	\$18,355
Topsy Chicken Dep	\$1,084
Topsy Chicken E-tabs	\$3,893

Total Deposits for everything: \$220,555

Checking Account Balance: \$127,570.76

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Monthly Report:

(July 2023 and July 2024)

Bootleggers Gross Receipt was down 14%

Sammy's Gross Receipt was up 4%

McCoy's Gross Receipt was up 3%

BWW's Gross Receipt was down 13%

Topsy Chicken Gross Receipt was down 44%

*Topsy Chicken is moving into Daddy-O's, possible by November. He said he would like 6-7 boxes.

Lawful Purpose | Allowable Business Expense

MOTION to approve August allowable expense

MOTION: FRITCH

SECOND: MISKE

MOTION CARRIED by vote unopposed

MOTION to approve \$50,000 Lawful Purpose

MOTION: MISKE

SECOND: POSSIN

MOTION CARRIED by vote unopposed

Adjourn Gambling Meeting @ 6:51 PM

MOTION to approve:

MOTION: FREITAG

SECOND: FRITCH

MOTION CARRIED by vote unopposed

AUGUST 2024 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 @ 7:03 PM. Quorum present 8 of 10.

Welcome, Attendance, and Introductions

Welcome to the ERYHA Board of Directors monthly meeting for August 2024.

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Board Members Present:

Eason**	Sharratt*	Remick*	Jaremko	Westgaard	Hernandez
Possin*	Freitag*	Helm	Brandt	Bauer	Schley
Miske*	Juntunen*	Palumbo	Milless	Klebs	Stanley
Miller*	Fritch*	Gatzke	Rustad	Haney	Stone <i>by phone</i>

* Voting Member

** Voting Member in Tie Breaker

Others Present:

- Jake Jaremko, Two Brothers Hockey
- Troy Hanson
- Dennis Abernathy

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOTION to approve:

MOTION: REMICK

SECOND: MISKE

MOTION CARRIED by vote unopposed

Open Mic

- Troy Hanson
 - Shared concerns regarding declaration of levels for this year's Peewee teams given that there were two B2 teams and no teams at the B1 level. Inquired on if there could be a team at every level.
- Dennis Abernathy
 - Shared concerns regarding the changes of team declarations post-tryouts as it is harder to secure tournament spaces, as well as the team levels declared for Peewees

President | Ryan Eason**

- President's Report:
 - U15's can now have a resurface
 - U19 team hosted out of Blaine
 - Mite letter went out, confirmed receipt of it from the Mite Level Director
 - Change to waiver rule this year for school waivers. There has been an increase in inquiries about this, and we are seeing an increase in waivers due to no top team available in their home association. Level Directors need to send these to D10 for approval.
 - D10 is hosting certification clinics, this was sent to Level Directors
- Updates from discussions with the City of Elk River:
 - City voted to increase ice rate, our final cost will be \$242/hour after a 5% discount due to volume.

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- City sold most of our tryout ice for the last weekend in September to host the Fall Tier One Festival and Tier One games. City is also scheduled to host a Junior Showcase; times TBD but will impact ice times during the season.
- Asked the City to reconsider an ice contract
- The City has hired a new facility manager, a new assistant manager, and a new food and beverage manager for the building. City is securing a liquor license and plans to convert upstairs meeting rooms into a lounge similar to Moe's at the Fogerty.
- After receiving ice rates the current registration costs were reconsidered, but determined it best to leave the rates as they were given the following:
 - Ice rates went up
 - Previously have been operating at a loss
 - Risk of significant gambling loss
- Continued discussions with Two Brothers Hockey regarding the dryland facility. Will present ideas to voting members at some point to further discuss and vote.
- ER Youth LaCrosse inquired about a sublease in the fieldhouse to store things. We are currently the only ones who store items in the Fieldhouse. Will propose storage space to new facility manager.
- MN Hockey reached out for ERYHA to participate in their "The Association" series this season. There is a follow-up meeting on Tuesday to learn more.
- Team Genius has continued to reach out. Confirmed interest with Board and will set-up a demo to review for tryouts this year.

Vice President* | Mike Possin

Treasurer* | Amanda Tukey

Balance on 07/31/24 - General Fund	\$ 103,259.64
Outstanding checks - General Fund	\$ (14,230.00)
Balance	\$ 89,029.64
Balance on 07/31/24 - Gambling Acct	\$ 32,500.00
Outstanding checks - Gambling Acct	\$ (2,500.00)
Balance	\$ 30,000.00
Savings account as of 07/31/24 is:	\$ 101,797.99
Balance of ERYHA Funds on 07/31/24 was:	\$ 220,827.63

Items to consider

General Fund Outstanding Checks

Tournament Fees	\$ 10,100.00
Coach Pay/RefPay/HatTrick	\$ 4,130.00
GF Outstanding Total	\$ 14,230.00

Gambling Acct Outstanding Checks

Coaches Pay	\$ 2,500.00
GA Outstanding Checks	\$ 2,500.00
Outstanding Summary	\$ 16,730.00

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Registrar* | Frank Miske

- 174 registrations
- SportsEngine has a bug on the registration form that won't allow us to make any edits. Waiting for this to be fixed.

Secretary* | Kristin Miller

- SportsEngine Updates:
 - New website design is live with content updates made to the homepage. If you notice anything that should be updated, please reach out. As we move through the season, reach out with anything you would like to have highlighted on the homepage.
 - After July meeting, received notice that SportsEngine is increasing their annual fees after keeping them steady for 8 years. Our fee (paid earlier this year) has been \$749 and was going to increased to \$1299 next spring for renewal. To mitigate this, we moved up to a higher plan for a cost of \$799. SportsEngine mailed a pro-rated check back for the difference, so the net is only \$50 more for this year.
 - Looking ahead, we may want to consider other options. I'm hearing from board members about an interest in Crossbar, and seeing more clubs go that direction. A quick analysis shows a savings for converting to Crossbar, so will set up a demo for later in the season.

Girls Director* | Chad Jansen – *Absent, Reported via email*

- Things are looking good for all levels on the girls side. I have coaches lined up for all the top teams at each level.
- U15 numbers are very good. We should have two teams of 14-15 skaters.
- U12 numbers are good. We should have around 12-14 players on each team depending on who moves up and who stays down.
- U10 numbers are very good. We should have two teams of 13-15 players depending on who moves up and who stays down.
- I do have coaches lined up for the preskates at each level.
- I had a meeting with all the U15 parents this last week to go over the preskate/tryout schedule and answer questions they might have. I told them we would do tryouts a little later in October since we won't pick teams until after the high school tryouts. The meeting went well.

Mite Director* | Brian Fritch

- Anticipating having (1) A team, (3) B teams, (4) C teams, and (8) D teams again this season
- Working with vendors for pricing on pads

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Squirt Director* | Tim Freitag

- Squirt A coach is moving to Peewees
- 30 or so skaters registered, with 7 goalies and 3 more planning to sign up
- Needs someone to run preskates

Peewee Director* | Josh Juntunen

- Coaching changes at AA level this year
- Working on getting coaches and evaluators set-up for preskates and tryouts
- Sent out email survey to coaches from last season on feedback to find opportunities for improvement. Received suggestion for adding hours for team selection so coaches can have an extended look and have someone else run the sessions so the coaches can review players better.

Bantam Director* | Kurt Remick

- Rogers scrimmage dates are set for Peewees and Bantams.
- Twaddle – AA level being added, pulled out of Roseau tournament
- Have received 20 out of 60 expected registrations.
- AA coaches are set

Junior Gold Director | Kris Helm

- Received (2) registrations, expect to have enough players for three teams.

Fundraising* | Carolyn Sharratt

- Increase in raffle ticket requirement. We have room to add in more winners. It would lower the amount we receive but increase satisfaction with winners. Need to check with Amanda to ensure it fits within the budget.
- Positive Coaching Alliance
 - Commons area at the High School for parents and coaches. Waiting for ISD728 approval.
 - We can track registration via Google doc for one of three sessions.
 - Penalty for not attending:
 - Coach pay is contingent on attending
 - Dates are set for: Oct 8, Nov 7, Dec 3

Volunteer Coordinator | Chris Rustad

- Confirmed that Junior Gold is not required to do dibs
- We will need locker room monitors for preskates and tryouts; background screening required.

Equipment Manager | Michelle Brandt

- Travel team jerseys are on order, and still waiting for socks to arrive.
- Mite jerseys are here and need to order Little Elks jerseys.
- Jayne offered to schedule EMTs. Jess will reach out Jayne with tryout schedule.

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Equipment Manager Asst. | Amanda Stanley

Arena Commission Rep | Mike Westgaard

Ice Scheduler | Jess Milless

- Pre-Skates are all set-up.

Goalie Coordinator | Mike Gatzke

- Devinir is set-up and preskates/tryouts are getting set-up
- Adding goalie content to the website to create more resources for families
- Asked that Level Directors let coaches know that coach development signups are coming in. Want to be sure we get everyone that wants to leverage the free training in before they fill up.
- Would love to see all ER coaches Bronze certified for goalie training

Little Elks | Heather Palumbo

- Still planning on two sessions this season, waiting on confirmed ice schedules
- New jersey colors are being ordered. Working with Equipment Coordinator on rental dates/time.
- Goalie equipment will be used again this year

Rostering | Kelley Klebs

- Emailed out coach trackers to Level Directors, and asked Level Directors to send the tracker form to coaches who have signed up for this season.
- Reviewing registrations for parent background checks
 - Level directors to assist by emailing parents without current background checks
 - Background checks from other activities may qualify just need to submit to USA Hockey
- Board Roster almost complete, just awaiting one background check completed
- Emailing for waivers and starting to get them in

Director of Development | Ben Jaremko

- Two Brothers Hockey have signed a 3-year extension on their space
- Inquired about sponsorship opportunities for this season. Previously sponsored mite teams and last year did apparel for U12A and AA. Would like to sponsor Mite jerseys this year.

Tournament Coordinators | Cassie Stone, Deanna Hernandez

- More mite teams signing up
- Food trucks are expressing interest
- Tournament swag is getting ordered

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Referee Coordinator | Marlin Haney

Game Sheet/Team Manager Coordinator | Lynn Bauer

Paul – Social Media

- Inquired about what type of content the board would like to see for the upcoming season.
- Discussed highlighting sponsors, TBH, PCA.

Adjourn Board of Directors Meeting @ 9:01 PM

MOTION to approve:

MOTION: FREITAG

SECOND: REMICK

MOTION CARRIED by vote unopposed

POST Board Meeting Discussion/Motions – GroupMe

August 21, 2024

MOTION to limit Junior Gold to two (2) teams for this 2024/25 season.

MOTION: MISKE

SECOND: FREITAG

MOTION CARRIED, by vote 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Remick)

September 5, 2024

MOTION to authorize the purchase of a subscription for Team Genius (\$9/player) for the purpose of making our tryout score entry more consistent and less time-consuming.

MOTION: FRITCH

SECOND: REMICK

MOTION CARRIED by vote unopposed

September 15, 2024

MOTION to waive the volunteer hours for XX family for the 2024-25 winter hockey season due to hardship.

MOTION: JANSEN

SECOND: FREITAG

MOTION CARRIED by vote unopposed