

September 4, 2024 Shakopee Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:03p by President Johnson.

Meeting attendees: Chris Johnson, Becky Benson, MP Marschall, Erik Peterson, Vanessa Breimhorst, Curt Zins, Jon Rademacher, Josh Barrick, Shana Meyers, Jillann Luth, Jon Pherson, Scott Reed, Jackie Grumish, Nick Von Borken, Chris Stanek, Kristine McGuire, assorted group of parents and coaches.

1. **Gambling Update.** No updates. Lions made payment to reimburse the gambling fund.
2. **Treasury Update.** Jillian motioned to approve June 2024 and July 2024 financial statements via email. Jon second, motion passed unanimously.
3. **Tournament update.** MP Marschall gave an update that all tournaments are final except Jr. Gold pending any future changes. Tryout planning and schedules will go out soon and Board Members will be needed to be present for tryouts, including those tryouts that are offsite. Jon has a few calendar updates that will be released as times are updated.
 - a. Registration update. Chris sent out letters drafted by D6 to all new association travel members to verify that addresses are accurate as well as any penalties associated with violating residency rules. 5 teams have gotten into the Fargo tournament which will be one team at every level. Bantams 67/8 goalies/ peewee 51/ 6 goalies; sq 43 and 5 goalies, U12 44 and 5g, U10 15 and 3g.,
4. **Payment for Signs and Stickers.** Jillann Luth Motion to pay Valley sports \$1750 for Helmet Stickers; Jillann motion to pay Dahlen signs \$420 for signs for the fair. Chris second each motion and both motions passed unanimously.
5. **Try hockey for free.** This will begin soon per Danni (via Zoom). U12-13 coaches are needed and will require further recruiting per Jon. W9 is needed with coaching applications. Possibly reaching out to Moe who is involved in many female camps. Need to put an advertisement out on MN hockey website; Jon will write up the need and Danni and Jon will get to MN Hockey.
6. **Mite Update and Gear update.** Becky gave an update. 56 signed up for fall mite camp. Will table for one more day for quote from Becker arena and then compare with current quotes. Need Mite nets and dividers and before Mite Jamboree. Mite Numbers: Rookies at 21, M1-13, M2-15 and 5 have asked to move up to M3/M4. Upper level mites is 59. Little wild starts tomorrow, Calvin, Mitch, and Vanessa will be helping out. Traditional Hockey with moms-reaching out to schools to publicize and get athletes on ice with moms(run by WAM and their coaches) will be October 5 at Shakopee rink from 12-2.
 - a. Girls high school players are making a MM sticker and Becky is wondering if we want to order. 1 sticker that is 1.4" in. Becky will explore costs and delivery.
7. **Apparel.** Jon gave an update on HDM gloves as the store is open through General Sports. (\$130 per set).
8. **Fundraising.** Chris is still looking for a pizza assistant and will work with Curt to find someone to assist distribution. Hockey Golf Tourney is full, great sponsors and hole in

one insurance has been covered with no cost to association. There will be 2 shuttles from the Bowl there and back.

9. **D6 updates.** Chris gave further update from D6. Letter of residency are new and include potential \$2000 fine. Team size needs to be 13-15; A team minimum is 13 with no exceptions. Other teams(not A level) minimum is 11.
 - a. Gave additional squirt guidance related to scrimmages in which there will be D6 officials there. Josh Barrick has been involved in ice scheduling for scrimmages. Scrimmages will depend upon other teams tryouts dates, some of which are after Shakopees.
10. **Rescinding Previous motions.** Chris discussed motions passed at the July 18, 2024 meeting regarding participant 4 and 5 and their waiver motions relying on the additional information from D6. Jon spoke on the positions of move ups and how it affects Peewee and squirt numbers, and any decision made tonight will have future number effects that will need to be determined, including board decisions. So any decision made tonight will have ramifications either way. Potential threat of movement. Von Borkern spoke about how participants trying out may not give their best on tryout days if they don't anticipate playing up from the Peewee level in which they wanted. Lots of discussion on how to tackle these two players and if we pull them back then we could possibly field an A team and skip the scrimmages. Jon has talked with the families of these two participants. and they are on board with whatever the outcome is. If the two participants try out for peewee (nothing changes) than there is no option of them playing squirts. **Chris makes a motion to rescind July 18th motion on waivers for participant 4 and 5. Erik seconds. The motion passes 5 to 4. (Aye EP, CJ, JR, JL, VB; Nay CZ, MP, DA, BB)Participants will play with squirts this year and will scrimmage as D6 has required.**
11. **U10/U8 girls HDC Recommendation.** HDC recommends girls within the specific birthdays (June 1 2015-May 1 2017 who are eligible for 2nd grade) be allowed to try out for U10 teams, in which there would be 2 teams and would have 8 players remaining at the U8 team. Recommendation is 13 and 13 for each team. Survey results stated no 2nd graders would try out but there is nothing prohibiting them from trying out. Lots of parental discussion regarding peers and what the definition of peers are. U10 parents feel that they are not being heard and that this decision does not enhance the community of their hockey players. Discussion lasted for over 45 minutes. Apparently there are only 2 goalies who have committed on a part-time basis only. Need to clarify the percentage of players that are allowed to move up via MN Hockey/USA hockey rules. **Motion tabled contingent on clarification from D6 regarding the $\frac{2}{3}$ rule about same age level on Squirts/U10 or above.**
 - a. Two-thirds of the players on teams at the Squirt level(U10) and above must be within the age classification in which the team is registered. Players who "peer up" as a result of a June/July/August birthday qualify for purposes of satisfying the two-thirds requirement and are not considered play ups. Exception: In case of low player numbers, players from multiple age groups may be combined on a single team, with the approval of the cognizant District Director and the USA Hockey Minnesota District Registrar.

- 12. AA, A, B2, B2, and C will be the teams for the 67 Bantams registered plus 8 goalies.**
- 13. Open Discussion.** Junior gold questions regarding tryouts and how many teams will be confirmed. Jon gave an update on expectations going forward. There will be a tryout process similar to every other level. 16 skaters at Jr Gold b. Dont have all the registrations needed and there wont be any outside players from other communities. They are getting new association jerseys this year. The two B teams will be an even distribution but discussion about. Contrasting discussion about having even tryouts but also having coaches preference on certain teams which doesn't make sense.
14. Becky made a motion to purchase up to \$600 worth of first aid kits to keep at the rink. Would be purchased from Amazon and the coaches would be in charge of the bags. **Motion to purchase second by Chris and motion approved unanimously.**
15. Alicia Bravo wants to run CPR classes for all coaches in which there will be further discussion on scheduling in exchange for their required dibs hours. Chris will outline for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Oct 9, 2024 at the Tin Shed.