

# Duluth Girls Hockey Association Board of Directors – Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: 08/28/2024 @ 7:00 PM

Location: The Other Place Bar & Grill

Attendance: Judd Medak, Ashley Hirt, James Hoppe, Kevin Evans, Jenny Jaspersen, Kyla Ekstrom, Bill Whiteside. Ali Randall guest.

## ***Agenda items***

### 1. President Update – Judd

- Approval of July Minutes - motioned by Ashley to approve and second by James
- Next Meeting Date - September 25th at Ridgeview at 7:00
- “Season Tracking Spreadsheet” review. - working on getting equal preseason ice time with boys teams at the same levels
- - John Paulson working on a write up on the history of IB for our 30th anniversary to share in the community, website and social media. Judd provides a quote.

### 2. Vice President Update – Ashley

- Recruitment, Events & Scholarship - tournament committee met with Visit Duluth. They are interested in helping out with the weekend and beyond(hotel costs, online program, sponsorships, etc)
  - Merch sales have been strong at events lately.
  - Duluth Grill fundraiser changing, will communicate changes on website
  - IB IB coming together for Oct 6th.
  - City of Duluth task force. Ashley encourages everyone to attend one of the town halls
  - Working on a girls/women hockey recruitment event
  - District 11 approved a girls hockey committee.

### 3. Treasurers Report – Bill

- Bank balances are healthy now due to tournament payments. Bill shared a 2024-25 season budget.

### 4. Development Director Update – Mike

- Anja reported that goalie camp was a success. Coaches set at 15's with interest for a 12A coach as well. Mike would like to schedule a coaches meeting once evaluation ice is scheduled.

5. Level Coordinator Check-in – Kyla, Kevin, Judd, Ryan

- scheduling for 8's, 10's and 12's filling in. 15's need more swing games. Superior will have a 14U team this season that is interested in playing our 15's. Judd is waiting on approval from D11

6. Secretary and Communications Update - James

- waiting on Stewart's and neck guard store
- will send email with recent updates this week
- sent IB flyers to all ISD709 schools to share in parent newsletters

7. Equipment and Apparel Update - Jenny

- Socks were ordered Aug 16 with a 5-6 week expectancy for arrival (~Sept 30)
- The fan store is being worked on by DSP. I have had multiple conversations on ideas for gear and am confident we will have a good store with desirable items to purchase!
- We are short on helmet stickers and regular stickers. Anyone know who we purchased those through? I can try Beth again too.
- Since my last note on the jersey returns from last year, I received one set back. I'll verify but ballpark, I think six sets did not get returned last year. In addition, there are approximately seven Goalie sized brand new 8/10 jerseys that are not in the locker. Were these in goalie bags? If not, I will mark them out of inventory.
- Lastly, as much as everyone would like warmups and jerseys ready asap, there are logistical issues with doing this now. For jerseys, we need teams picked and sizing identified. For warmups, we need registrations in and sizes identified. Please provide feedback on warmup designs and feel free to offer recommendations on how to speed up this process this year or next year. I would love to have this more streamlined than the way it is set up presently. It all seems a bit last-minute. My recommendation would be earlier registration and sizing at time of registration. I'm sure the first goal has a lot of barriers, but ideally that is the best way to make this move faster in the future.

8. Scheduling Update – Cubby

- no update

9. Tournament Update – Pres/VP/Committe - Committee meeting on September 4.

Alli Randall gave high school updates including projected numbers, locker room renovation, and possible IB nights at certain home games. DNS will be reading to local elementary students and will hand out IB pamphlets.