

Meeting minutes for 10/9/24

Call to order at 5:02 pm

Board members – Renne, Veronica, Brittany, Jaime, Jason, Heather, Mindy, Laura, Erin, Dave

Excused: Jordan

In-person audience attendees: Andrea Petrie (JDIA parent and BLC), Eva Melancon (JDIA parent and BLC)

Motion to approve previous board minutes tabled to next meeting.

Motion made to approve agenda as amended by Laura, seconded by Brittany. No opposition.

Membership Feedback and Public Comment: Andrea Petrie 12U girls are leaving locker rooms a mess, parents have asked Andrea to pass that message to the board. Suggested a skills clinic hosted by JDHS for JDIA, believes it's important to have a good relationship between. Wants to improve communication between entities.

President's Report: Attended ASHA monthly meeting. ASHA is considering reducing board members from 52 to roughly 22. Renee is advocating for rural and roadless community representation. Renee would like to put her name forward to represent roadless/rural communities. Renee will forward ASHA bylaws.

14UB state tournament is changing from Kodiak to MAHA (Matsu Amateur Hockey Association). Dates are set and should be posted soon. 16UA will be hosted by Homer March 16-24. AHSA member Jamie Larson reminded state tournament fees have increased from \$900 to \$1200.

Cassie Campbell, Girls and Womens Hockey VP and Goalie coordinator, might be able to host a goalie clinic if we are interested.

Discipline coordinator with ASHA said coaches MUST have an approved helmet with appropriate straps, otherwise a 30-day suspension will be invoked.

Program being setup for ADM coordinators, Alec Venechuk has been appointed but will miss the first meeting. Mindy suggests Dave represent at the first meeting that Alec can't attend. Dave is willing and will reach out to Colby, ASHA coordinator for the program.

Renee suggests we need a conversation regarding Treadwell's certificate of insurance.

ASHA wants next seasons hosting requests in March for the following tournament season.

Renee emailed with Jeremy Lavender about pictures. Renee suggests the 23rd of November and will reach out to Jeremy. Eva will see if 16/18U wants them and we can set up a different day. Mindy reminds that parents want sibling photos and if Jeremy could give info regarding that.

Referees. Brittany will coordinate referees, Renee will share info/process with her. Refs start Oct 26, 2024 .

Treasurer's Report. Mindy, we are up for Preseason Registrations from last year from \$9,000 to \$17,000. Regular Season registrations are down slightly. SportsEngine Fees are high. We are losing our money using square. Draws attention to the gear bag process and difficulties associated with it.

Renee reminds Little Caps is starting.

Mindy suggests building spirit store stock for hosting the 12UA State Tournament.

Dave reminds that help for Little Caps only requires safesport and background check.

Mindy is concerned about pull tab money. We started out the year with generous checks, we haven't received anything in quite a while. Dave: historically pull tab money has been inconsistent, one time we went a year and a half without receiving anything. Dave suggests taking a photo of all JDIA kids and sending it to pull tab broker.

Mindy: Coaches travel. Highlights that we don't always collect enough to cover coaches travel. Highlights struggle with collecting information from coaches.

New Business:

1. Sandbag update (Andrea Petrie) First day went really well. First group had 10, second group had 25. We filled 1750 bags. We have 1100 to fill this weekend. Coordinator spoke with volunteers about teamwork and how impactful this is. Andrea suggests every year JDIA and JDHS come together every year for some type of community outreach to continue to improve relations. Andrea was pleased.
2. LC access to and use of finances. **To be Tabled until 11/13/24 meeting**
3. Gear Bag Rentals (partial returns & who is managing this?) **To be Tabled until 11/13/24 meeting**
4. SportsEngine (FY24 \$7,082.47 in fees, FY25 \$4,203.82 in fees) **discussed in treasurers report.**
5. Lamoureux Hockey Camp:

Erin says Lamoureux wants a firm yes or no for next year, he suggests August 4 - 7 or 8. We would be on the hook for accommodations and one vehicle. If we have a larger tournament he would bring more coaches. He wants to keep the cost at \$500 or below. Erin asked if he could bring a woman coach.

Heather moves to approve Lamoureux Hockey for next August, Veronica seconds, no opposition.

Suggestions were made to share camp info with other associations.

6. Discuss reimbursement for housing RMHS coaches.

Erin suggests a set process to reimburse families that provide housing. Mindy does not recommend reimbursing families and shares history. Dave suggests we not get in the habit of reimbursing. Also wants us to consider how many camps we have and how much we ask for. Board decides that we will ask for donations vs. offering reimbursement. Erin will discuss with Shane's what their expectations are for lodging RMHS coaches.

7. **Locker Room Monitors.** Laura pulled a list of approved volunteers. Renee suggests that

teams deal with Locker Room monitors at the team level. Renee points out that even timekeepers/score keepers need to be approved USA Hockey volunteers. Andrea suggests improved communication from the board. Renee says cultivate approved monitors at team level and she would be willing to train monitors. Andrea suggests a way to sign up at the rink for safesport. Eva asked if we could host a safesport training. Heather will reach out to USA Hockey and ASHA regarding training. Renee will help monitor.

8. BoD approvals via GroupMe and/or email.
 - a. Should the JDIA board appropriate \$1900 from the Comp fund savings account to pay for the Termination Dust Tourney fee?
 - Motion did not pass, zero votes yes, 8 votes no.
 - Lots of discussion. The \$5,000 in the account is seed money for the possible start of up of a Comp team/league.
 - b. Will JDIA contribute \$200 towards the IIHF girls event in Juneau (ceramic painting and pizza) on October 12th?
 - Motion passed. 10 votes yes, zero votes no.
 - c. Vote to reimburse coach Derek Shane \$99.99 for the purchase of a rolling TV stand for showing coaching film in the locker rooms.
 - Motion passed with 11 votes yes, zero votes no.
 - d. Mary Anne Headings is the approved Treasurer for the BLC. Does this Board approve granting her authority to sign and have online access to only the BLC account?
 - Motion passed with 9 votes yes, zero votes no.
 - e. Approve the 2024 raffle ticket proof provided by Alaska Litho.
 - Motion passed with 8 votes yes, zero votes no.
 - f. Vote to approve the purchase of 35 youth neck guards for a total of \$594.65
 - Motion passed with 10 votes yes, zero votes no.

Old Business:

Nothing further to report.

Committees and Discussion:

1. Promo gear and fundraising: Store is open. Jason: First store orders should ship mid-October. The initial order of jerseys will ship next week. Second order will ship Nov 12, 2024 . Jason suggests anyone else who registers late use a House jersey and fill out an agreement. Renee asks about board logoed gear, can we have it embroidered in capital embroidery? Jason will check. Dave will buy new locks for the connex.

Veronica: Concessions. Suggests the team gets the funds made the day they worked. Does not want to divide and share. Andrea suggests JDIA front the cost and then reimburse themselves as funds come in. Jamie thinks teams keep what they earn in that weekend. Jamie will help oversee food transfer amongst teams.

2. Registration: Laura: Regular Season registrations are up from last year. She would like to look into other options other than SportsEngine. Looking at Crossbar, fees are significantly lower.
3. Coaching/clinics/camps: Dave: all coaches that have requested uniforms have them. We are under budget. He was able to outfit people out of the connex. Some names need to be embroidered. He believes we are well under budget.
4. Girls Program: NTR
5. Discipline: NTR
6. Board Oversight: NTR
7. Scheduling: Brittany wants to finish inputting the schedule after December.
8. Travel/Team Manager Coordinator: NTR
9. Gaming committee: Mindy will reach out to pull tab contact.
10. BLC: Meeting yesterday. Renee: overall conclusion is bad communication. Renee extended an invite for BLC and JDIA board to meet. Renee drafted a shared spreadsheet for JDHS home game. 8U playing between periods, how will that work with so many kids. Eva will add to the BLC agenda JDIA players getting into games for free. Andrea will bring ideas to the BLC on how to execute that. Erin will be the contact for JDIA with BLC regarding players getting admittance into the game.
11. State Tourney Committee: Renee made clear to ASHA regardless of whether we have a team we will host 12UA. Heather will organize a state tournament committee, Jamie and Dave will help.
12. New Logo/Design: NTR
13. Sock Order -We decided over email that traveling kids should order black game socks. Heather would like JDIA to purchase game socks and parents buy from us to ensure all players have the same socks. Dave suggests we tell everyone to get black socks and people can get whatever kind we want. Jason said the easiest/quickest is for the board to purchase and get reimbursed. Eva says it's easiest if parents just have to pay and not order. Jason suggests parents pay for socks. Veronica uses QR code for purchase ease. Heather will collect estimates of players traveling from managers and create a group me poll.
14. Bylaw wrap up - Heather will create a subcommittee to bring suggestions to board.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 PM