DCYH Board Minutes

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 - 7pm - Kasson City Hall, Council Chambers, Kasson, MN

Attendees

Executive Officers

Ross Zumbach President	x	Jeremy Jacobsen Vice President	ea	Steph Lawson Treasurer	x	Thommi Fairchild Secretary	x

Board of Directors

Jason VerNess	x	Joe Biewer	x	Callie Bishop	ea
Jeff Fields	x	Travis Hunzeker	x	Tyler Coleman	x
Matt Eberhardt	ea	Mark Lang	x	Tom Michnowski	x
Jeremy Thompson		Rachel Wiste	x	Brooke Schaefer	x

Guests

Kristi Swanson	Raelle Hasse
Bob Montose	Katie Montrose
Reid Schroeder	Kelly Eberhardt
Nick Davidson	Nick Moore

Agenda

Call to order @ 7:00pm

	Agenda Item	Name of Presenter
1.	Consent approval of	Ross Zumbach
	a. September- meeting minutes, treasurers report + charitable gambling report	
	b. October agenda	
	Reallocation from Holly	
	Motion to approve: Mark Lang	
	Second: Tom Michnowski	

Motion Approved: Yes

2. ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS:
    a. Registration Update
        i. none
    b. DIBS — Callie Bishop via email
        i. I have 2 assistants trained and working on planning the season out.
            1. Priority:
                a. Fill HS games concessions for the whole season
                b. Fill youth games
            2. Youth games will start this weekend and the final HS girls 4X4 session is on Sunday.
        ii. After this month the plan is to post DIBS for the month ahead by the 20th
        iii. 26 players bought out of DIBS at registrations, (Current numbers: 128 travel/109 mite)
        iv. Plan to supplement hours with 1-2 burger nights with the legion
        v. ACTION ITEM: would like the full approved list of coaches (travel and mites) for DIBS credit/hours planning
    c. Concessions/Apparel — Rachel Wiste
        i. Blankets are in + more hats are coming
        ii. Set for apparel
        iii. New cheese machine ($160 replacement) stays in compliance with health department.
        Discussion on whether we should invest in a new cheese machine or individual microwavable serving cups.
        Motion to approve up to $160 for new cheese option (cups or machine): Thommi Fairchild
        Second: Jason Verness
        Motion approved: yes
        iv. General Sports and A-Z stores planned for Christmas gifts
        v. ACTION ITEM: Kasson Laser Graphics - need 12 more mugs to be eligible for fundraiser
    d. Equipment/Uniforms — Ross Zumbach
        i. Additional store was open and we can request one offs as needed
    e. Pictures
        i. We are in the final stages of planning between Kovach (Photographer) and Nine Hockey (location). A webpage will be built out with the DRAFTED details linked here. Plan is to communicate this out at the end of the week.
        Feedback is welcome prior to this going out if you see something. This is a sizable change for our organization, I encourage you to review so we can all answer questions as needed.
        https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ejq9IugvSEndwxUrH6QgEzod4zn7Ie50/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103138064081706792376&rtpof=true&sd=true
    f. Team Manager Update — Callie Bishop via email

i. Team managers are all in place for travel teams. Training and resources have been provided. If you hear or see issues please let me know. But the group is off running well especially on the new platform.

ii. I had no engagement with the mite manager selection process or their training. I was getting travel teams settled and before moving to the group. Questions on that should be directed to Zach. Recommend to coordinate differently next season.

3. FINANCE + REVENUE:
   a. Budget Update
   b. Fundraising Coordinator — Joe Biewer
      i. 8 books of raffle tickets left
         1. Pick up by November 7th or not allowed on the ice
         2. Mite kick off at Nine Hockey November 7th
         3. 1st round of checks has been cashed. 2nd round expected week of 11/13
      ii. ACTION ITEM: communication to be sent out stating pick up is required by November 7th or kids will not be allowed on the ice. Also stating the second round of checks will be cashed the week of November 13th.
   c. Advertising/Sponsorship: — Ross Zumbach
      i. Scheels Invoice - New kiddos $4,084.23 (equipment budget - 11 kiddos)
      ii. Team sweatshirts is out and should be communicated through team managers
      iii. New through General Sports this year - sublimated hoodie
   d. Gambling Operations — Brooke Schaefer
      i. Requests for funds from the gambling account:
      ii. 500.00 reimbursement to Brooke for the City of Rochester investigation fee - approved by Rochester
      iii. Permit fee for $150 to the site for Smoak BBQ - Charitable Gambling Board
         a. 95% revenue from lawful expenses from Smoak needs to be spent in Rochester and surrounding townships.
         b. ACTION ITEM: Does that include Byron?
      iv. Start cash bank for Nov 1

      Motion to approve cash bank of $7500: Rachel Wiste

      Second: Tom Michnowski

      Motion approved - yes

      v. Storage unit is full of old games back to 2017 (disposal $500). Quote to clean out the old tickets from storage and dispose of properly.
      vi. Office supplies for the location (paper copies, binders, ziplock baggies)

      Motion to approve $1250 for reimbursement of Brooke for $150 to Smoak, cleanup fee of $500 plus office supply reimbursement: Steph Lawson

Second: Tom Michnowski

Motion approved: yes

e. Pete's Security camera update- this was voted on last month.
    i. Excited about live monitoring + working on delivery during delivery hours

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:
    a. Social Media + Website
        i. Send communications to Thommi/Ross
        ii. Outlining expectations moving forward
        iii. Ref registration is live through Crossbar
        iv. Nate working on 2 forms not on website (grievances and donations)
    b. Community Promotions — Joe Biewer
        i. None
    c. Family Fun Night — Callie Bishop via email
        i. The annual event was another success even with it being a very busy fall weekend for families. Admission made $775. I will turn in receipts shortly. Pizza expenses went through the concessions account.
5. FACILITIES + TOURNAMENTS:
    a. Capital Improvements Update
        i. Bleachers all painted
        ii. Outdoor rink - Simon Hayes willing to do again this year (hoping for some extra supplies)
        iii. Touch ups on glass
    b. Home Tournament Director
    c. District 9 Update — Jeff Fields
        i. Game Sheet - D9 did not invoice the association that owed money; they will add it to the bill this year. If any money was owed, it was so small that invoicing was not necessary. Game Sheet rates will remain the same this year.
        ii. Discussion about coaches and referees signing the score sheet. Before the game, have both coaches review the rosters and NOT sign. After the game, have the coaches and referees review the penalties and score, then sign the score sheet. This will ensure that the players who are supposed to be on the ice are on the ice and that penalties are recorded and signed, so there are no discrepancies after the game. I believe this is important to send to the team managers so all volunteers follow the same protocol.
            1. Potentailly need 2 signatures from the coaches in future - will need to verify with D9 moving forward.
        iii. Scheduling meetings will be held on Oct. 11th for Bantams, Peewees, and U12. Squirts and U10 will be on November 8th.

iv. February 14th will be the last day for games at the following levels: Bantams, Peewees, and U12.
v. Bantam A and Peewee A will have 4 bids to Regions; all others will have 3 bids to Regions.
vi. Referee Level 1 training will be held in Rochester and Windom at the end of October. Hopefully, they will communicate the exact dates once they are secured. All other levels of training will be online.
vii. Open D9 board opportunities - Game Sheet Coordinator and Recruitment/Retention Director

6. HOCKEY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (HOC):
    a. All programs are open - initial mite ice time was last Sunday
    b. Dicks Sporting Goods Grant intended to be used for our hockey association - email sent to coaches for needs $800 to spend
    c. PWC team - decisions made as a HOC team based on level of play are made for the best program overall
        i. Bring awareness to respectful behavior and communication moving forward
        ii. Plans are in place for goalie
        iii. One player still needs to be assessed for a PW player -
        iv. Consistency requested for an injured player coming back to tryouts
        v. Same process as last year - communication on a case by case basis
        vi. Ebugs have been identified and schedules have been cross referenced
        vii. Kailee head coach - Matt Eberhardt, Zach Poesshl
        viii. Cannot fill from 12u or squirts for various reasons
            1. Bubble player being evaluated
        ix. ACTION ITEM: Looking for a consistent tryout procedure for those that are willing to be a skater and a goalie
        x. National goalie shortage (not unique problem to DCYH)
    d. Coaching Development - Nick Davidson
        i. Coaches selected and placed
        ii. Waiting on some background checks
        iii. Request - USA hockey reimbursement for those that registered and were not selected
            1. Was a requirement to submit applications
            2. Kristi Swanson and Greg Wood - help with goalies
            3. Jake Iverson - squirt B2 extra to help out
        iv. Non-vested coaches chose not to move forward cited #1 reason to decline
            1. Treatment from parents
            2. Parent violations need to be addressed
        v. Previously coaches all had to be approved by the board
            1. Budget - if a team has more than 2 non-vested coaches
            2. 4 max level coaches rostered per game (ideal amount)

3. 5 non-vested at bantam, 1 at 12u, 1 at peewee c (currently 7)
    a. $15,000 last year paid to non-vested coaches plus expenses
    b. $50 per day stipend

vi. Plan to renew coaches site

vii. Coaches:

1. Bantam A - Cody Shillo, Cory Potash, Tanner
2. Bob Montrose + Katie Montrose
3. PWA - Jess Stanich, Chris Fordham, Jeremy Jacobsen, Keith Stanich
4. PWB Travis Bebee, Frank Sueara ben shear asst
5. PWC Kailee Thomspon Jack Poessehl, Matt Eberhardt
6. 12U - Tony Gibson, Heidi Wightman, Cory Knass, Katie Hansen
7. Kaci Green , Zach Erlensen,
8. B2 - Eric Hoffman, Kyle Wicks, Tyler Coleman, Mark Lang, Jake Iverson
9. SQC - Ben Swank, Miller, Matt Hoberger
10. 10U - Austin Lucas, Dave Drache, Joe Schimek

Motion to approve to coaching staff: Jason VerNess

Second: Joe Biewer

Motion approved: yes

viii. Current year expected: $12450 before expenses + $6600 tournaments + $2800 usa hockey reimbursement

Motion to approve an increase from $5000 to $20000: Tom Michnowski

Second: Jason VerNess

Motion approved: yes

e. Goalie Development - Nick Moore

i. Goalie gear inventory spreadsheet and gear organized

1. 6 full mites goalie sets (including a full right catcher)
2. Lease gear

ii. Mites goalie plan - 1 pager

iii. Goalie nights - scheduling with Crossbar (Howie created a goalie “team”)

iv. 1 youth chest protector needed - sports headquarters credit??

v. Goalie section on website - looking to build out

1. Squirt changes next year (opportunity to rotate goalies through)

vi. Alex Bjerk confirmed for goalie sessions again this year

1. ACTION ITEM: need to verify pricing

f. Girls Program - Katie Montrose

i. 2 teams are up and running

ii. 3 U12 play down girls

g. Referee/Officials Update (handouts x2)
    i. 3-4 games per season
    ii. Need adult help
    iii. Arbiter issues last year - host one in dodge county (November 8th @ 10am-ish)
        1. Goal is to get all officials into arbiter
        2. Expectations on blue handout
        3. Game schedules from team managers - Reid needs them sent by email (outstanding PWA, PWB, PWC, 12U)
            a. Email reid schroedertreid@gmail.com
        4. Game changes should be sent using the following format for "subject". If changes are within 72 hours, send Reid a text as well.
            a. FORMAT: Date, day of week, time, visiting team, and league or non-league
    iv. Crossbars is for W9's
    v. What is the budget for training officials - approved $500 for this year
    vi. Thought of a small rack for youth officials for jerseys that will fit most kids
    vii. Dicks sporting goods - can that be leveraged?
    viii. MN hockey - mouthguard attached to the cage

New Business

1. Donation request from City of Mantorville for Riverside Park ice liner

    a. My name is Matt Wohlenhaus and I am on the park board for the City of Mantorville. Last year we purchased an ice rink setup for Riverside Park. I never would have imagined how well used it was! It uses a plastic liner that unfortunately was damaged throughout the course of the year and as a result of the storm that brought an abrupt end to the season. Our budget for the year was already determined by this time and we do not have the money to purchase a new liner set aside this year. I was told by a hockey parent that the board has donated money in the past to various organizations. I am wondering if the organization would be willing to donate toward the purchase of a new liner. A company in MN called Blue Lakes Plastics sells the exact liners that are used by EZ Ice at a fraction of the cost. The liners cost $528 for one big enough to cover our 50X100' rink setup. Please reach out to me at 507-272-9754, or by email at mwohlenhaus@hotmail.com with any further questions or information. I look forward to hearing from you

    Motion to approve $528 for ice liner: Jeff Fields

    Second: Rachel Wiste

    Motion Approved: yes

Adjournment of DCYH board meeting @ 9:24pm

Motion to adjourn: Rachel Wiste

Second: Tom Michnowski

Motion approved: Yes