

# Blackhawk Hockey Association

## Board Meeting

August 14th, 2024

7:00pm

**Board Members Present:** Allie Carroll, Rachel Spence, Billy Herman, Scott Kaiser, Mike Brandenburg, Ryan Anderson, Brent Rolling

**Board Members Absent:** Scott Peavey, Candace Sykora, Lucas Trickle, Amanda Sprague, Jodi Volgren, Andrew Carlson

**Others Present:** Ryan Lindquist, Brett Tiffany

**Call to Order:** 7:06 pm

**Secretary's Report:** Made a minor correction to the report.

*Motion to approve secretary's report*

*Motion: Allie Carroll 2<sup>nd</sup>: Billy Herman All in Favor - Passed*

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. Checking as of 7/31 = \$164,802 (includes capital improvement fund of \$14,850)
2. Have rink payment of \$24k coming out for cooling unit.
3. Bank Loan 7/31 = \$14,228
4. Income was lower for July as we did host the Big River tournament in July 2023, but not this year. We will make that up with Blaze tourney we host in August.
5. Zamboni repair cost was \$15,334 more
6. Lost \$3,845 for Syttende Mai festival

*Motion to approve financial reports.*

*Motion: Scott Kaiser 2<sup>nd</sup>: Billy Herman All in Favor - Passed*

## Old Business

**Theft Updates:** Still being investigated by Baldwin PD. It is very active. Still TBD.

**Registration Update:** 191 Registered-wrapping up a couple more that need to register. Only a couple of surprises. 25 people in LTS right now. Will have a try hockey for free day through USA hockey to help boost numbers. Squirt is at 22. Bantam is at 16. PeeWee is at 15. For girls just from our association U10 is at 15, with 2 more potentially from U8. U12 are at 16, U14 are at 3 U16 are at 2

**Annual Meeting:**

They are going to seed at all levels this year, they will not use my hockey ratings for rankings. The coaches will vote for rankings. They tried it at the higher levels previous years and it worked well.

We are hosting the U14 state tournament in 2025.

They did pass the rule that if there are 14 or more players on a team we cannot move players up to that team. They might not follow that rule for girls as not every association has U8 girls hockey. This will apply for 8U moving up only. Our association did get recognition for our U8 growth. 68% growth over the last two years.

Attended positive coaching alliance. Coach the coaches to be positive and good role models.

Discuss with the board about making the Mission statement more direct and ensure it hits core values of the association.

**Scheduling:**

Met with RF 7/16/24 Update - They went through their process on how they use Avario with color coding at age level, and if at home or away. Scheduling is well on its way. Girls have to be in RF every Monday for AJ Bucchino Read and React training. Fusion is also on the road a lot this year, not many home games. Only ~3 home games a piece between RF and Baldwin.

**NEW BUSINESS****AI Weeks Gun Show:**

Vote on Gun Show - June 12-15. With the new cooling system there is a chance we can keep the ice during the whole year, which could allow us to rent more ice and make some additional funds that way. We aren't sure if we want to restrict ourselves until we better understand what we want to do with the new system.

*Motion to deny gun show for next year*

*Motion: Scott Kaiser                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Ryan Anderson                      All in Favor - 0 aye and 7 No*

**PeeWee Release:**

Vote on release of 1st year peewee Jackson Snyder

*Motion to deny the release*

*Motion: Ryan Anderson                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Rachel Spence                      All in Favor - 6 aye and 1 nay*

**Committees/Liaisons:**

Update org chart and liaisons. Scott Peavey will take PeeWee. Brent Rolling will take Bantam. Rachel Spence will take Squirt. Scott Kaiser will take Mites. Amanda Sprague will take U10. Andrew Carlson will take U14. Mike Brandenburg will take U12. Ryan Anderson will take U16.

**Vote on Move up:** Vote on move up of 2 players to U16 Blackcats with the 09/08 birth years. Two players with 2010 birth year and need to vote. Hattie VanRanst and Brooke Rolling

*Motion to approve the move up of Hattie VanRanst and Brooke Rolling*  
*Motion: Billy Herman 2<sup>nd</sup>: Allie Carroll All in Favor - Passed*

**Borrow Trailer:** Borrow for Chili Fest-Gloria and Craig Rasmussen. They have used it previously. They usually use it 2 times a year for St. Croix county fair and White Berry farm. This is a fundraiser for cystic fibrosis. We are ok with this.

**Key Fobs:** Review Access. Scott and Allie will go through list and ask the appropriate people to return their Fobs.

## COMMITTEES

**Building & Grounds:** update on coaches room. It is done except for a couple of minor things. It is smaller and will get some complaints. Recommend having RF coaches use the Refs room. We won't say they can't use our skate sharpener, but it will naturally reduce people using it. Coaches room is off limit, but can use skate sharpener.

Mike Findlay updates on cooling system. There will be a fence put up with two 4x8 doors around the cooling system. It will be 6 ft tall with privacy/anti climbing lathing. The city is paying for this. There was discussion for a remote monitoring system for \$4100. The company can monitor it and it would be nice to have that. We can add it at any time, so we will defer a decision on it for now. There is also a cover that goes over the filter to avoid pollen, etc. getting into it. That is \$9k. That was a big recommendation that Rink-Tec made prior to moving forward. To clean it manually we might need to have someone come out and take care of it, which would be a service fee. It takes opening up the side and undercarriage of the unit. With the screen you just need to pull it off and power wash it once in a while.

*Motion to approve to pay up to \$9,100 for the cover on the coolant system filter*  
*Motion: Rachel Spence 2<sup>nd</sup>: Scott Kaiser All in Favor - Passed*

**Coaches:** Update on coaches/applications. We've had 32 coaches and 2 managers so far. A lot are new people for mites, LPH, etc. Had one person that played Junior Gold that is between High School, etc. He lives in Roberts and from Stillwater. He has coached hockey before. He would be interested in being Bantam head coach since a manager would handle the administrative side. There is a Doctor living in Menomonie and moving to Baldwin, did help coach Bantam last year. He could be a good fit. Could bring on Keller to help coach PeeWee and Bantam goalies and bring him to goalie practices. That would be 30 practices for Bantam and 30 for PeeWee or 50 total between the 2. Could also offer additional money to help

coach Squirt goalies. Don't need to vote as we have already approved the non-parent coaches pay last month.

Only need tryouts for squirts. We may move up a couple of mites as two teams of 11 could be tough. We will only have 1 PeeWee and 1 Bantam team.

**Concessions:**

Proposals for concessions. Approve up to \$500 for more pots, pans, lids, food bins, baskets, shelves, and a 2nd pizza oven.

*Motion to Approve \$500 for Concession equipment*

*Motion: Scott Kaiser 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ryan Anderson All in Favor - Passed*

**Fundraising:**

Pizza Fundraiser continues, update fundraiser committee, potential for fundraiser at Garage Bar. Lisa Lovestrang is helping to transition this since she no longer has a player in hockey. For Garage Bar could have Spaghetti dinner with hockey players being the servers... More info to come. Ryma will keep the levels for the dollar amount for sponsorship the same this year but it will be revisited next year. Some packages are overly complex and would like to simplify it for next year. Finally we will take some signs down for people that haven't paid last year.

**Mites & Membership:**

Brett Tiffany-introduce as new Mite director and possible mite proposal - Megan will be co-director for the girls. Caitlyn Olson will be the manager. We have to identify a vendor for clothing, which they can choose.

The request is to create a Mite checking account under the Association account. They talked through everything and the worst part of last year was dealing with money. There are 60 mites and there was 200-300 transactions into Venmo alone, not including outbound funds. 85% of all payments were via Venmo last year, the rest was via cash/checks. Have a Venmo solely for the Mite account, instead of using a personal account, limits the risk of intermingling personal funds and can go directly to the Mite account. They can also write out checks. We would have to check with the bank and it might not be possible for someone to have signing authority if they aren't a part of the board. With having it as a sub account of the main account then there is visibility for everything going into and out of specifically for mites. Brent will be following up with the bank to understand our options and will discuss this again.

**Scholarship:**

Update Committee

**Finance:**

Update on Insurance Coverage - We signed new lease and village wants us to increase coverages. For general liability we need to increase from \$1MM to \$2MM. That is \$970 more annually to the \$2,300 we are paying. We also need to increase our personal property rider as the cooling system is considered personal property and we don't have enough. That would be \$719 and that would give \$700k. We would move our annual insurance bill from \$2,300 to \$4,000. The current insurance company are very challenging to work with and

we are going to shop around. We will up the coverage right now and then can cancel later if we find a better deal/better insurance company.

**Scheduling:** NA

**RFYA/BHA Girls Co-Op:** NA

**Communication/Website:** NA

**Additional:**

#### **Board Liaisons**

**D2:** Update from Adam - he is officially our D2 rep. All levels must be filled before they have more than 1 team at a level. Warm-ups have changed from 5 minutes to 3.

**Tournament Coordinators:**

**Mite/LPH:**

**U10:**

**Squirt:**

**U12:**

**Peewee:** We will be purchasing Pinnies for \$150 for the PeeWee level to use for scrimmaging, identifying different lines, etc. We do have jerseys that are used at the Bantam/High School level, but those might be a little too big.

**U14:**

**Bantam:**

**Next Meeting:** September 11th, 2024

**Adjourn:** 9:13 pm

*Motion: Brent Rolling 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rachel Spence All in favor - passed*