

Blackhawk Hockey Association

Board Meeting

June 11th, 2025

7:00pm

Board Members Present: Allie Carroll, Rachel Spence, Ryan Anderson, Amanda Sprague, Kevin Keimen, Maysa Coty, Sarah Lokken, Billy Herman, Lucas Trickle, Mitchell Klopp

Board Members Absent: Jodi Volgren, Brent Rolling, Mike Brandenburg

Others Present: Ryan Lindquist

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Secretary's Report: N/A

Motion to approve secretary's report

Motion: Rachel Spence 2nd: Sarah Lokken All in Favor - Passed

Treasurer's Report:

1. Checking as of 5/31 = \$160,521 (includes capital improvement fund of \$22,900). Increase of \$18,684 from the same point last year.
2. Bank Loan 5/31 = \$8,019. Decrease of \$7,414 from same point last year.
3. Accounts Receivable 5/31 = \$6,575.
4. The following Invoices for Advertising were written off: Hudson Physicians, Macmillan Electric, Nilssen Foods, Phoenix Bar, State Farm Insurance, Thrivent. Total of \$4,150. State Farm rep - Chris LeMay was willing to pay and Thrivent just put up their sign last year and should be able to pay.

Motion to approve financial reports.

Motion: Amanda Sprague 2nd: Mitchell Klopp All in Favor - Passed

Old Business

Skating Treadmill:

We got the skating treadmill that will be placed in the area in the left hand side of the lobby by the entrance and a wall, etc. will be built. We will pay two thirds upfront and then when it is up and running we will pay the other third. All of the pallets for the equipment will fit on a 24' trailer. 2-3 guys could move it all by hand. We will take care of transporting and setting it up to save \$2,500.

We are looking for after market doors or other ways to cut costs. Also potentially work with Permar to use the locking mechanism from our old exterior door as well. Can also use the rubber that we have.

Hired Zam Driver Updates: Blake Lokken decided to not train. Brennen and Chase are trained. Following up on Jerome.

Divider in mens bathroom: Ordered? - This has been ordered but doesn't have a ship date yet. As soon as it arrives we will put it up.

Court Update: Court Monday 6/16 at 3:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Registration: confirm dates, cost, worker hours, etc. We are ready to open it soon so we will go ahead and do that as soon as it is ready. However registration will still close on July 31st. We also reviewed the registration costs and it will remain the same for this year since we increased it the last two years.

We also discussed changing the Summer hour time frame. It was extended through September in the past, but we've added a lot to the schedule. We potentially would end Summer hours through September 13th. With changing to electronic billing we need a clear cut off for sending invoices. Winter work hours would be September 16th through March 15th and Summer Work hours would be March 16th through September 15th.

Discussed winter work hours. Even if every family completed their 35 work hours we still exceeded the volunteer hours by ~900 hours. That doesn't count hours people didn't track, since they already exceeded what they needed. It also doesn't count some Zam shifts that were done in March, but we had count towards Summer work hours. We will always have some families that put in more than they need to, but we need to cut down that gap somehow. We could continue what we are doing this Summer and have paid Zam drivers during the Winter Season, have youth help in concessions, combine Summer/Winter hours, we can go down to 2 people in the roost for every youth game, etc. Do we want to increase hours across the board, have more hours for every kid you have playing hockey, etc. Ultimately the board's opinion was to not increase hours but to find different ways to cut down on some of the unnecessary volunteer shifts, potentially pay some Zam drivers, and find different ways to get families involved.

We do need to conduct a training for Mite families early in the year on all of the different volunteer opportunities because they have so many unanswered questions. The last couple of years we have not done a good training them. We need to do a better job showing how to use DIBs, how to do all of the concessions, time clock, gamesheet, etc. We could have a Mites liaison.

Motion to update timeframe for work hours. Winter work hours would be September 16th through March 15th for 25-26 and Summer Work hours would be March 16th through September 15th for 2025.

Motion: Allie Carroll 2nd: Lucas Trickle All in Favor - Passed

Motion to increase work checks for Winter to \$500 for return families and first years to \$400. For Summer hours leave it as \$500 per family.

Motion: Lucas Trickle 2nd: Billy Herman All in Favor - Passed

Pickleball: Next season they want to renew. They come from 8am-12pm about 3-4 times a week and paid \$2,000 last year to use the space. At this point we are going to table a decision until next month.

Fundraiser at Garage Bar: Brainstorm Ideas. The owner would love to help us with a fundraiser. We could do something in September/October timeframe. A big kick-off fundraiser/get to know each other. We will think of some ideas and potentially discuss at an upcoming board meeting or having the Fundraising committee work on it.

Swanson Family: The Swanson family has two kids in hockey. The father had a brain aneurysm and has been in and out of the hospital.

Motion to waive the registration costs for the Swanson Family

Motion: Allie Carroll 2nd: Billy Herman All in Favor - Passed

Jersey Discussion: New jersey design. There were red, grey, black, and white options. There were also discussions around the different logos. We have the High School Hawks logo and youth Hawks logo. Some people felt that the players have to earn the High School logo instead of having youth wear it. Some associations are using one logo for High School and youth. Most of the kids, which is who it should be about, would prefer to wear the High School Logo. Therefore we decided to use the High School logo for the entire association. For jersey colors we should do white no matter for home jerseys. Then the preference is either Grey or Red for away jerseys. Will send out mock-ups for us to review and will vote from that.

COMMITTEES

Building & Grounds: Billy Herman will still be the chair. Jason Sykora and Craig Kent will also be a part of it. Will reach out to Travis, Tony, etc. to potentially be added as part of the committee.

Glass Inventory? - 4 sheets of the big glass and nothing else. Should get at least 3 more of the 3' x 4' sheets and we are waiting on quotes.

Coaching: Ryan Lindquist will still be the Director of Hockey. We have to add two girl coach representatives for the Blackcats. Jodi Volgren & Billy Herman will be those representatives, Jodi will be the Chairperson. Kevin Kieman will be added at the Mite level, we want to have someone at every level. Lucas Trickle will cover Bantam, Allie Carroll will cover PeeWee, and we are covered with Squirts.

Approve Coaching Budgets. We would pay head coaches \$1,000-1,500 and assistant coaches \$500-750. We had Zach Bresina and Keller Mara as goalie coaches. We also had Bella as a coach. The recommendation to leave the lower levels the same as we don't have an issue filling those spots. We need to be more aggressive with a Bantam coach. We had proposed up to \$2,000 before for Bantam. We would recommend \$1,500-\$3,000, depending on experience level, also potentially reimburse for expenses. We will post on Social Media and could also.

Motion to pay up to \$3,000 and reimburse expenses for away tournaments. (Meals (Per Diem) and Hotels)

Motion: Lucas Trickle 2nd: Ryan Anderson All in Favor - Passed

Concessions:

Scott Kaiser will stay on as the chair person with Ashley Melland and Amanda Sprague staying on the committee.

Fundraising:

Maysa Coty will be the new chair person for the fundraiser committee. They have a golf leader (Mitchell Klopp & Amy Peavey), brat stand leader (Jerry Petraitis), and Bags Tourney (Candy Sykora & Andrew Carlson). For the Brat Stand Sarah Pommerening will be coming off but Jerry Petraitis will be staying on for the brat stand and he might have someone that can take over for Sarah. Everything goes through Nielsen's for the food, which has been great. All of the overage can go back to them. which is a huge savings. Ryma will also be staying on for what she is doing to pull sponsors, etc.

Pizza fundraiser discussion-dates. Katie Swanson was leading this but having some issues. We want to run the Pizza fundraiser in late September and early October instead of during registration.

Mites & Membership:

Allie was sitting as the chair and Lea as the registrar with Billy, Mike, etc. helping out. Bret Tiffany, Kevin Keiman, and Megan Wolf will stay on the committee. Sarah Lokken will now be the chairperson to help relay information from the committee and board. Billy and Mike are ok coming off, Lea Kaiser will stay on as registrar. Lucas Trickle will also stay on the committee. Apparel will stay with Lucas Trickle and Allie Carroll. Maysa Coty will stay on as the Parade Coordinator.

Scholarship:

Rachel Spence will be the chair person with Amanda Sprague and Mitchell Klopp also being on the committee.

Finance:

Brent Rolling will stay on as the Chair person and Mike DeLong will continue to be a part of the committee as well. Sarah Lokken will be added.

RFYA/BHA Girls Co-Op:

Plan for transitioning to JOGG, executive meeting had in May. We had a meeting to discuss a lot of things about how the co-op used to work and how we need to operate moving forward. All U10 will get new jerseys through JOGG. All U12 and U14 will keep their jerseys and if needed can get new ones through Jodi V.

Scheduling: Lucas Trickle will stay as the Chair person with Mike Olson also on the committee. Zach Bresina is now the head of officials and replaced Mike Findlay. For youth tournaments it is staying Jodi Volgren (girls) and Deanna Bignell (boys).

Communication/Website: Ryan Anderson and Rachel Spence are on the communication committee. MaryAnn handles the website. Mitchell Klopp will be added for social media along with Allie Carroll. John Bresina is staying on as point person for LiveBarn.

Board Liaisons

D2: Adam will stay on as the chair for this. We do need to declare teams during the July meetings. Not sure if it is the number of teams or which level. Both the PeeWee and Squirts should play B1. The Bantam will likely stay at B2.

Tournament Coordinators: Approve dates - PeeWee Feb 6-8, Squirts are changing to Feb 20-22 as they are moving back it was too challenging to fill the tournament in early November. Bantam Dec 26-28, U10/U12 Dec 12-14, U14 Jan 9-11, Mite Jamboree Jan 2-4, Fusion Tourney Nov 27-29. Everyone agrees.

Mite/LPH - Scott Kaiser:

U10 - Amanda Sprague:

Squirt - Rachel Spence:

U12 - Mike Brandenburg:

PeeWee - Scott Peavey:

U14 - Andrew Carlson:

Bantam - Brent Rolling:

U16 - Ryan Anderson:

Next Meeting: July 16th, 2025

Adjourn: 9:16 pm *Motion: Amanda Sprague 2nd: Billy Herman All in favor - passed*