

## **Blackhawk Hockey Association**

**Board Meeting**

**May 15th, 2024**

**6:30pm**

**Board Members Present:** Allie Carroll, Rachel Spence, Billy Herman, Candace Sykora, Amanda Sprague, Andrew Carlson, Lucas Trickle, Scott Kaiser, Ryan Anderson, Mike Brandenburg, Brent Rolling

**Board Members Absent:** Jodi Volgren, Scott Peavey

**Others Present:** Kelly Brunclik, Ryan Lindquist

**Call to Order:** 6:31 pm

**Secretary's Report:** NA

*Motion to approve secretary's report*

*Motion: Amanda Sprague 2<sup>nd</sup>:Andrew Carlson All in Favor - Passed*

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. Checking balance \$148,389. Increase of \$46,124 vs last year.
2. Bank Loan \$16,032. Decrease of \$6,947 vs last year.
3. Money for Lucas' clinics starting to come in, but it will be going back out.
4. Work checks were deposited and the Blackcats WAHA check is still outgoing
5. Still waiting on HS registration money

*Motion to approve financial reports.*

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Brunclik hours request:** Covered the basics of the previous meeting that the family requested a full refund of Winter Hour work check, but the board approved 50%. There was a discussion of the concern in how the coaching staff handled interactions with the player. The difference between the High School team and the Association was



**Damage to Walls:**

There is significant damage from pucks in the North East corner of the rink, back where the old Zamboni is parked. No one knows when the damage occurred but likely happened while the old Zamboni was being rented to River Falls. Plan to fix, get a designated shooting area, and have prevention of this happening again. Some of the damage is not new. A potential communication to the association was discussed. We need to make the association aware as fees could increase if that isn't watched. There will now be a camera in that area so we can identify when and who did it. A proposal was made to send out a message about how we have a camera there, we will put a fine of \$500 for first offense, \$1000 for 2nd offense, etc. That was tabled for the time being.

The board discussed the need for a shooting/dry land area. There is a camera in the shooting room. Various options were discussed to repair and open up the shooting area at the Mezzanine level. More conversation is needed to discuss an exact plan, cost, etc.

**Pickle Ball:**

We received a request to lease again. They did drop off a card with \$100 as a thank you. Last time we charged \$1,500 for the lease. It was until April 2024 with certain black out dates. He understands if we need it for dry land practice, etc. he understands that takes precedence. There is a potential we charge more or not renew, but this was tabled for the next meeting.

**Jill Ewald-Schoen:**

Power skating rate info. Last year was different and it was \$10 per session. Her time is worth it. She is proposing \$60/hour. If she has 10 people here. She was paying \$15 per session and we made ~\$700 from her on it. The time slots are during the day in the Summer. We would receive some of that.

*Motion to Approve for Jill to get \$60/hr*

*Motion: Brent Rolling 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lucas Trickle*

*All in Favor - Passed*

**Roles to fill:**

D2 - Aaron will do it again, but this will likely be his last year and it would be good to have someone else step up this year to start learning it. We are checking with someone that could take this on.

Tournament Director - Deanna Bignell has agreed to do it. She is a good communicator, she doesn't have hockey knowledge, so she will need help. The expectation is that she is at every tournament, but it isn't a requirement. She has kids in hockey that might have games/practices going on. It is ok if she pops in and/or is available by phone during the tournaments. The managers and head coach of the tournament should all be aware of what is going on. She will track how many hours of work she does for it and report it as any non-DIBs hours are claimed. Scott was going to connect Deanna with Jess to share her knowledge and get Deanna ready to go

**AI Weeks:**

Paint floor? - Would like to have a gun show here next Summer. He is putting together the proposal. Even if we approve it, he still needs approval by the Village board to host the gun show. He also needs security, etc. He wants white lines painted and would like to do that ASAP. He would cover the cost for the paint and would have a \$3MM insurance policy for that day, etc. This has been done before at the rink but previously it was an organization that brought in the gun show. At this point we are going to hold off until the village give approval and we get further along.

**Box area below the stairs**

We need additional secure space for hockey equipment. There will be some additional space upstairs, but we could box off area below stairs in the rink. The Supplies and Labor would be donated to do that. There isn't enough storage space for jerseys, socks, etc. Looking for approval to build something underneath the stairs.

*Motion to Inclose below the stairs if needed for storage, not at the association cost.*

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

**COMMITTEES**

**Building & Grounds:**

update on coaches room project. Still going, almost completed. It was also discussed that we need new rubber in locker rooms 3 & 4. We also need 2 new nets for goals and for those goals to be powder coated. It was around \$550 for the net accessories. Can we get approval for rubber for locker rooms 3 & 4. It cost \$3,500 last year. It would cost up to \$4,000 to do that.

*Motion to For up to \$4,000 for new rubber mats in locker rooms in 3&4*

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

**Coaches:** We may need a Bantam coach and may need to look at paying for one. There are some possible candidates of people that will do it that will be discussed with them.

**Concessions:** NA

**Fundraising:** Need to determine if we have a Bean Bag tournament. Only 7 teams out of 32, there are potential 3 more, but that would only be a \$200 profit. Also beer, etc. would need to be purchased. We bought the bags and boards, but we can return them. However they can be used in the future. For Windmill days they host a Bean Bag tourney on Saturday. It started small and has become a big event, we need to start somewhere and have something that replaces the softball tourney. Liquor license is only good for this event and we have everything ready. The decision was made to move forward with the event.

Brat stand is a go, everything is set up. Discussed final details for the event that was needed.

A new fundraising app is now available. They hire people to go around to the businesses in the area that will sign-up and offer discounts, etc (Similar to a Coupon Book but has a larger scope and businesses can change what deal they are offering). For every subscription sold they get \$60 and we get \$30 back. It is a fundraiser that never needs to end. If people renew their annual subscription we get the \$30 every year without having to sell them again. A lot of associations around the area are on board. The person is going to come to our next meeting. We would want to come with some incentive for our players/families to sell the app. The app representative is going to present it at the next meeting and we can discuss it after that.

**Mites & Membership:** Should get a good turn out for the parade with the Summer work hours attached.

**Scholarship:** See above

**Finance:** Currently talking to the insurance company to get it in line with the lease. We only had \$1MM in coverage but the village wants \$2MM.

**Scheduling:** Everything is on the calendar that was provided with the information that was provided.

**RFYA/BHA Girls Co-Op:** Meeting with executives last night 5/14/24-overview

Discussed the Fusion/Blackcat and 16U team as there would be 39 High School players if we don't field a 16U team.

Discussed RF suggestion to do a 50/50 split of costs. This would have benefitted us last year, but the previous 3-4 years it would have cost us more. Over the last 8 years there is about a \$1k difference in cost. We could look under the Blackcat bylaws and determine if that needs some revision so that we have approval on any costs that are occurring before agreeing to that.

There is a chance at some point in the future we may need to split up as there have been some concerns from WAHA that our co-op is getting too large.

Moving forward the plan is to roster of all coaches, no practice coaches that are not rostered.

Blackcats will likely align with RF on the Locker Room Monitor being handled by coaches. If there isn't a female coach or not enough then we would have Locker Room monitors, but it is the coach's responsibility.

Ryan Anderson has been added to the Blackcat committee as another person to help with communications and Co-op needs.

Skate sharpening was discussed as we have it in the equipment room. To limit the chaos and limit the security issue we may want to keep it limited to BHA members. In RF any Blackcat can sharpen skates there. We will monitor this and potentially open it up for RF Blackcat families to sharpen their skates at our rink.

*Motion: Keep the RFYHA and BHA costs for the Blackcat Co-op as prorated and not split 50/50*

*Motion: Allie Carroll 2nd: Candy Sykora - All in Favor - Passed*

**Communication/Website:** Went through the website and did some clean-up and put Trickle down for scheduling and put DIBs down.

**Additional:**

**Board Liaisons**

**D2:** Provide update from Aaron V. - Major issues with SportsEngine and moving to Crossbar. Most associations in MN are moving to it. RF is sticking with SportsEngine and we are for now. It might become incompatible with Game Sheets. There will be training on Gamesheets. There will be coach/manager meetings. St. Paul is not co-oping with Mounds View any longer, they will now co-op with West St. Paul. Looking at not having stacking of teams. Mahtomedi had two Pee Wee B teams go 42-0, they would need a PeeWee A team.

**Tournament Coordinators:** NA

**Region 6:** U8 player movement, need to have that determined if any playing up early in the year. There might be an elimination of any U8 player moving up.

Next year a coach cannot pull a team off the ice. If you pull a team off the ice they could be suspended for a year. If the coach feels it is unsafe they should be able to pull them off the ice. However some coaches were pulling team from the ice because they didn't like what they were seeing from their team. If that happens there could be some teeth to it.

We are hosting a 2025 girls state tourney. Put in for A/B for both girls and boys for 2 teams each. WAHA will pick at random for state tournament so we don't know if we will get a tourney or what tourney it might be.

**Mite/LPH:** NA

**U10:** NA

**Squirt:** NA

**U12:** NA

**Peewee:** NA

**U14:** NA

**Bantam:** NA

**Next Meeting:** June 12th, 2024

**Adjourn:** 8:37pm

*Motion: Lucas Trickle  
Passed*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Amanda Sprague All in favor -*