

**Blackhawk Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting**  
**January 8th, 2025**  
**7:00pm**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Scott Peavey, Jodi Volgren, Brent Rolling, Andrew Carlson

**Others Present:**

**Call to Order:** 7:08 pm

**Secretary's Report:** Redacted some information from the Secretary's report regarding the incidents that were discussed in the last meeting. This is consistent with past board minutes and we keep records of what occurred separately.

*Motion to approve secretary's report*

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. Checking as of 12/31 = \$167,596 (includes capital improvement fund of \$22,900). Decrease of \$1,932 from same point last year.
2. Bank Loan 12/31 = \$11,163. Decrease of \$7,239 from same point last year.
3. Sales tax for 4th quarter was filed and paid.
4. 1099s are being prepared for referees
5. 990 still needs to get done.
6. We should get a reminder out to team managers to collect for tournaments and get it deposited.

*Motion to approve financial reports.*

*Motion: Candy Sykora 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lucas Trickle All in Favor - Passed*

**Old Business**

**Theft:** 12/26/24- There was a settlement conference. On 1/24/25 Pre-trial/scheduling conference. Nothing else has changed.

**Restraining Nets:** Completed and paid for!

**Helmet Sticker:** Have they arrived? - They have not arrived yet. We received an update that they were all printed December 30th, the person lives in Lakeville, and should have them soon.

**New Sparx:** Ordered and should arrive sometime next week. Will talk to the Sparx rep to see what the cost would be to refurbish the old one and potentially have it as a back-up, use in a raffle, or see if someone in the association wants to purchase it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Cleaning Hours:** Discuss 5 hours of cleaning requirement. At this time we are going to keep the cleaning hour requirement in place. We will add cleaning shifts for busy weeks around the tournaments and after High School games. Members should read the handbook and volunteer page, if there are any complaints we will address each one off. Potentially find a lead person for cleaning after Varsity games.

For next year we will revisit the handbook and potentially remove the 5 cleaning hours broken out. If we do that we will structure the cleaning differently with DIBs.

A final point of discussion was potentially having a new member liaison. They can develop a packet that helps onboard new hockey families to what they need to know and/or do as part of the association.

**Tourney Dates for 25-26:** Discuss possible tournament dates. Lucas Trickle sent out the tentative schedule based on what we did this year. Everything is approved to stay the same, but we are going to move the Squirts tournament. It was discussed to combine their tournament with the Bantam or U14 tournament or have another combination of teams paired together for a tournament weekend. We will need to finalize that soon.

**Projects:** Want to move ahead with any? We need to get tables and chairs in the Mezzanine to watch the games from the windows up here. Web Restaurant or New Line has the table and chairs. It would cost around \$3,500.

Would like to get a new rug for \$300-500 that has a logo on it. Jeremy works for Huebsch, they would have rugs with the logo on it. We could rent it or purchase it. There are also some rubber/rugs that need to be replaced in certain areas due to wear and tear. Lucas will get some more information and share that with the board.

Shooting Room - \$750 that the family donated gets earmarked towards the shooting room and they would like a plaque. Would like a new floor that is more durable, windows to see in, a couple new shooting tarps, etc. We also have left over dashboard material, but it has a lot of marks on it and is beat up.

Power Floor Scrubber would be around \$2,400.

More Skating triangles have already been made so we don't need more of those for now.

Would also like up to \$350 for the back-pack shop vac to get in the corners and clean the rink better.

LiveBarn is going to update our equipment and move to a better position as well.

Discussed having a light show/set-up. There are a lot of different options. There would be a switch board that would control the master lights and the light show. Scott Kaiser will look into it and find out what options there are.

*Motion to Approve up to \$3,500 for tables and chairs for Mezzanine*

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

*Motion to Approve up to \$550 for a back-pack shop vac that includes the rechargeable batteries*

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

**U14 State Tournament:**

Prep plan/committee? - Jodi/Candy/Rachel did the committee. We need decorations, signs, goodie bags, etc. Ryan will set up the DIBs needs. Candy will take the lead as the decorator/organizer. Would like 5 volunteers to help with that prep. Delegate out for goodie bags, decorations, etc.

**COMMITTEES**

**Building & Grounds:**

Door Quotes on the agenda for Village Board Meeting Tonight at 6. Lance called from the meeting and Lea was there as well. The Village was ok with the two quotes. One quote was for \$21,760 for all 3 doors. The Lindus quote was \$3,800 per door, for a total of around \$11,500 for all three doors. Our proposal was that we would pay up to half. We need the Lindus quote updated to have one total cost with all of the specifics detailed out for the Village Board to finalize an approval. For the doors we will want windows in them for the doors by the concessions and steel over by the compressor room. They need the quote down to the dollar and they tabled it until their meeting next month.

Rinktec reached out regarding the ongoing maintenance. It will cost \$2,600 to shut down and start up or for 3 maintenance calls instead. For people that are open year round they generally do 4 maintenance calls. Will start sending out feelers for May/June ice to see if we can keep the ice in the rink year round.

**Coaching:**

N/A

**Concessions:**

Slushie Machine - still running current machine. It broke again after coming to fix it again today. Scott will order a new Slushie machine based on the approval from the last board meeting.

**Fundraising:** Update on Raffle Tickets. Ordered 40-50 more books and would be here by the end of this week. If we sell all of them it would be \$35,800 raised. We have the gifts to incentivize them. Will have a table set up at the High School games between now and February 1st. Will send out the sign-up sheet for families to sign-up.

**Mites & Membership:** Jamboree completed. Concessions and Raffle income was down a little but overall it was a success.

**Scholarship:** N/A

**Finance:** N/A

**RFYA/BHA Girls Co-Op:** Still tabled until at least the end of February.

**Scheduling:** Tournaments previously discussed

**Communication/Website:** Learn to Skate now on the website

#### **Board Liaisons**

**D2:** Playoff brackets to come out.

**Tournament Coordinators:** Andrew Carlson might be interested.

**Mite/LPH - Scott Kaiser:**

**U10 - Amanda Sprague:**

**Squirt - Rachel Spence:**

**U12 - Mike Brandenburg:**

**Peewee - Scott Peavey:**

**U14 - Andrew Carlson:**

**Bantam - Brent Rolling:** Signed Formal Warning for Bantam coach was received and will be kept in the files

**U16 - Ryan Anderson:**

**Next Meeting:** February 12th, 2025

**Adjourn: 9:18 pm** *Motion: Lucas Trickle 2<sup>nd</sup>: Amanda Sprague All in favor - passed*