

**Blackhawk Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting**  
**February 12th, 2025**  
**7:00pm**

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

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

**Others Present:**

**Call to Order:** 7:04 pm

**Secretary's Report:** N/A

*Motion to approve secretary's report*

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. Checking as of 1/31 = \$159,265 (includes capital improvement fund of \$22,900). Decrease of \$8,622 from same point last year.
2. Bank Loan 1/31 = \$10,541. Decrease of \$7,270 from same point last year.
3. 990 return was completed, signed and filed
4. 1099s for referees were prepared and mailed

Cash is down compared to this time last year, but we did pay Rink Tec \$24,850 for the final payment on the cooling system and another \$9,001 for the filter system in Sept 2024. If we take out just those 2 expenses, which we won't have this year, we're actually up \$25k. We also recently paid for a new Sparx Machine, new Tables & Chairs for the Mezzanine, and the new AED.

*Motion to approve financial reports.*

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

**Old Business**

**Lights Quote for Rink:**

Installing lights for pre-game with main lights turning off. Can use it for tournaments, open skate, etc. We would like to have a unit that has a base set of lights where we can then build on it. The current quote provided two lights on both ends of the rink with a few more lights on the Home side. They would all be installed on the rafters. Would need an electrician to put in sockets in the ceiling. If we went all in it would be \$20k. It would have a control box in the Roost. It would be two lights with logos. It would also have a fog machine that would dissipate quickly. We would also need to get a quote for electric work to put that in.

- Backpack Vacuum:** Purchased and will be delivered tomorrow
- Helmet Sticker:** Arrived and some of the kids already have them, they look good! May consider having them required in future seasons and have them remove other stickers on their helmet for a more unified look.
- New Sparx:** Arrived and Set Up. We did reach out to refurbish the old machine and they haven't got back to us yet. The preference would be to keep it and have it as a back-up. We'll wait to see what the cost is to refurbish it.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Tourney Raffle Money:** Some parents thought it was being kept for an end of year party. Bantams have done it, Squirts did it last year, etc. The teams have kept \$200-400 and the raffle raised \$1,000+. There is nothing in our association rules that requires raffles and almost every tournament does it to raise money for the association. However there is a benefit to allowing the team to keep some funds to incentivize them to put more into the raffle and ensure it is done for every tourney.

*Motion to allow teams to keep 50% of raffle money earned from tournaments with a max of \$250 to go towards a year-end party.*

*Motion: Scott Kaiser 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lucas Trickle All in Favor - Passed with one no*

- U14 State Feb 21-22:** Updates and things that still need help and planning. We are behind a little as WAHA had the wrong e-mail address. Scott had the brackets made for the state tournament. Trophies are here, pins are here, the State Champion banner is here. Rachel will check if we have enough patches for the tournament.

We can put together a goodie bag for each player. Jodi will pull stuff together.

Rachel will put together the pamphlets for the tourney.

For Decorations Jodi has stuff from the state tournament. Scott can also put things together. Candy is also going to help.

Will purchase new game pucks for the tournament. The refs are good to go for the tournament.

- Summer Ice:** Talked to Lashchenko. He will rent ice, but nothing in June. Ryan Therros who is a Juniors coach and he is interested in some ice this Summer. We could move Mites camp. Jill would like to do more Power skating and do it in the Summer. Zach DeMars Tuesday and Thursday for 2-3 hours each week from Menomonie. Ultimately we do have people interested in renting ice and that is before we have

really done advertising and would be in our first year of having ice throughout the Summer.

We also discussed how competitive we are for pricing. There is a group that indicated they were paying around \$150/hr. They run a camp with 3-4 different teams out of Hudson. However they could be getting a discount for the multiple ice rentals and something we can look at in the future as we build on it.

*Motion to keep ice in for the full year*

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

**Squirt Game Resch Fee:** \$150 Association Cover due to High School requiring the game to move.

*Motion to have the association cover the fee*

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

**Mezz Rentals:** There has been some confusion regarding our Mezzanine form. One person had some confusion. They wanted it at 6pm on the week of state for the 23rd. It is listed as \$50 just for the Mezzanine. Some rinks charge \$150 for Mezz rental during open skate. Some charge \$250 for birthday parties with the Mezz and skate. The hard part is anything outside of hockey needs to be approved by the Village, that isn't the case for other rinks. We can table this and potentially look at a role for a party event coordinator for any ice rentals, mezzanine, etc. Will take the form down for now to avoid confusion.

With having the ice through the whole year it could be time to invest in additional skates for rentals. We could hire somebody to run that, and other aspects at the rink. It would be good as a community outreach, get more people on the ice, etc.

**Annual Banquet:** Dates and approve budget. The American Legion costs \$150 and includes the tables, chairs, etc. It was March 25th last year and the budget was \$3,500. The total ended up being \$3,900 and with the cash donations and it ended up being \$2,900. Everything went well with the catering last year except for the Spaghetti. Would likely do a different option (Mac and Cheese).

Will look for a date the week of March 24th and pick a date. The event will start at 5:30pm.

Rachel will take on getting the awards, etc. The group of women that have helped in the past will likely help and use it towards the Summer work hours. It will be around 4 hours a person. The Mite LTS coaching staff would get Summer work hours as well. Each session is 45 minutes so it wouldn't be half the hours.

*Motion for up to \$4,000 for the Annual Banquet.*

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

*Motion for LTS coaches hours to go towards Summer work hours*

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

**Rink Impr Ideas Cont:**

Would be great to have an area that list all of the players that went on to play in Juniors, College, etc. from the association. It would also be nice to have something with all of the records. (Goals scored in a season, career) This is something to discuss at a future board meeting.

**COMMITTEES**

**Building & Grounds:**

Door Quotes on the agenda for Village Board Meeting Tonight at 6. The Village has approved the door order. We have to figure out if we need to pay for it and the Village pays the half of it back or how that is being handled.

We also have to watch the back door as it has been open a couple of times. We need to figure out how we keep it closed. It is a fire exit so we have to allow access but no one else needs to use it.

We also need to do something with the door by the ref room as the glass rattles a lot. The door is twisted a little. We have tried to level it out and nothing seems to solve the problem. Will find out the cost for a new door.

Would like to do all of the boards in Lexan. Polyester banner plus the Lexan is going to be done for Western Wisconsin Health. That is the 4x8 banner. For \$225 is the smaller decal. We also need to get the sign for the photography company for the Zam donation.

**Coaching:**

Keller went above and beyond for PeeWee but did not fulfill obligations for Bantam so there will be a reduction in the total we pay him. We need to pay all of the non-parent coaches.

**Concessions:**

Jeremy said that the costs at Huebsch are about as good as we will get. He said it would be best to get under a contract now before the prices potentially go up with Cintas taking over. The rugs we discussed at a previous meeting have been ordered.

There is a water leak issue with the back of the Cappuccino machine. We could put in our own shut off valve as there is a slow leak right now.

We did not purchase a new slushie machine but it has done really well over the last month. We will continue to watch this.

**Fundraising:**

Drawing Tonight - \$15,760 raised before payout. \$3,000 cash payout and \$670 in prizes. We will net a little over \$12,000!!

We need to put out feelers for someone running the Syttende Mai event. Ryan A will take care of that.

Since we have our beer license we could sell some beer and do a broomball tournament for Windmill days. The Village would like us more involved for Windmill days and broomball could be a good option. We make very little money from the brat stand so it could be good to do that instead.

We also discussed the order of our fundraising events. There was some concern with the timing of the raffle tickets so we discussed flipping the raffle and pizza sales. But there is some benefit to doing it over the holidays. At this point we are going to keep it as-is.

- Mites & Membership:** 60 LTS Kids have signed up! The Mites season has wrapped up.
- Scholarship:** Needs to get sent to high school coaches. The scholarship committee has confirmed everything has been sent out. Rachel will e-mail Mike to find out what they do. We need to get the forms to the seniors to fill out. We have 12 seniors (7 boys and 5 girls)
- Finance:** N/A
- RFYA/BHA Girls Co-Op:** Feb 24th 6 p.m. Baldwin (RF and BHA executive boards) We discussed the tentative agenda for the meeting to get the boards thoughts about what we want to do short term and long term. We do agree there are some adjustments that can be made, but we want to ensure we have an equal partnership in the co-op. We are also both trying to grow our girls programs, as we are working to build our overall associations. We don't believe we'll be able to have any set timing on future plans until the new boards are in place and will need to watch as the programs continue to grow.
- Scheduling:** N/A
- Communication/Website:** N/A

### **Board Liaisons**

- D2:** They were upset that we didn't take part in a playoff... They didn't give any notice, no communication, no brackets, etc. Didn't find out until the day before the games and we had to forfeit.
- Tournament Coordinators:** Discussed with Wendy and she agrees that boys tournament coordinator is not the best fit.
- 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:** March 12th, 2025

**Adjourn:** 9:00 pm

*Motion: Allie Carroll 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ryan Anderson All in favor - passed*