

Blackhawk Hockey Association

Board Meeting

December 11th, 2024

7:00pm

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

Board Members Absent: Scott Peavey, Amanda Sprague, Jodi Volgren, Scott Kaiser

Others Present:

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Secretary's Report: NA

Motion to approve secretary's report

Motion: Brent Rolling 2nd: Lucas Trickle All in Favor - Passed

Treasurer's Report:

1. Checking as of 11/30 = \$170,562 (includes capital improvement fund of \$22,900) This is down \$10,590 from last year.
2. Bank Loan 11/30 = \$11,785 This is down \$7,194 from last year.
3. Advertising Income down \$7,150 from last year

Motion to approve financial reports.

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

Old Business

Theft: Update on Next Court Date. Had first appearance, and waived his prelim hearing. There is a conference at DA's office December 22nd. Then there is pre-sentencing in January, but that can change depending on the meeting. The judge did order a non-contact order. He cannot have any contact with any complainants including BHA. He can only pick up and drop off his kid.

Restrung Nets: 1 net done and just got back to BHA and the other one went to get done. It ended up being \$295 for the one net, and should be around the same for the 2nd. Want to only use them for games. There was discussion about buying two brand new nets so we would have 6 full size nets total. We can purchase brand new nets, fully strung, for \$1,100. We would need a dolly to move the nets around and store them properly in the area. This was tabled for now.

NEW BUSINESS

Work Hour Reduction Reqs: Kalli J and A Weeks. - The Weeks family have 20.5 hours, which includes 3.5 hours that she has already signed up for and has to do 5 hours of cleaning. The approval is to finish the remaining obligations and complete the 5 hours of cleaning.

Kalli J - Has triplets at the mites level and a one year old daughter. She is married but he lives in Jamaica. She is willing to help, she hasn't asked for any assistance, and is doing things for the Mite Jamboree. It is approved to reduce her hours to 12.5 for the season

Ice In and Out Discussion: Blaze/Selects Tournaments: April 11-13, May 9-11, and Aug 15-17. Reviewed Xcel cost per month to understand how much it costs to keep ice in for May, when usually it is out then. Will continue to do a cost analysis.

We should look at having a role for someone to actively sell ice time for teams around the area. Would also need to look at hiring someone for building maintenance to do the Zam work and do things around the rink. Other rinks will pay someone an hourly rate and then there is a commission for any additional ice time they sell.

Fundraiser/Sponsorship: Discussion on what the role looks like. The information was really handed off without a lot of guidance. We need someone who really wants to own selling dasher board or bigger signs for sponsorships. Ryma would like to continue to push through this year and try to figure out what we don't do great and what we can improve on. She feels she has the Dasher Board part figured out now. However we need to understand the bigger picture. What is the benefit of being a sponsor/donor outside of having a Dasher Board sign. Need to do some more marketing. There should be some fundraiser and sponsorship meetings together.

Ideas for Improvements: Looking for ideas/discussion on improvements. This is an ideation session and then we can discuss what we will move forward with in future meetings.:

- Fix the shooting room, converting upstairs with a workout facility. (Stick handling, shooting room, weights, etc.) That might move the board room downstairs to make more room upstairs. The shooting room has had some repairs but the shooting cloth is ripped.
- Good idea to move the board room downstairs and it can be a multipurpose room for other reasons.
- Have a light show for introductions, a lot of rinks are having that.
- More triangles for kids to use for learning to skate
- Power floor scrubber
- More cones, etc. as a lot has been broken, etc. We could cut a door in the back of the home/visitor bench to make more room for storage. Also change the lockers for shelving
- Skate rental could bring more people in.

- Extending the Mezzanine out. Hermantown extends out 1 ½ feet and wraps around the rink.
- Put speakers upstairs.
- Purchase small tables and chairs for the Mezzanine area
- Better air fresheners for the bathrooms

Helmet Sticker:

Looking for approval. Have two options. Healey is \$3.50 a pair, which doesn't include shipping/handling. They are coming off, curling, etc.. Snyder hockey, two side stickers, one front sticker, and the numbers. That would be \$6-7. That would be similar to what Strauss sells. We would need to do a bulk order of 50-70 sheets.

Motion to pay up to \$1,000 for helmet stickers which will be sold to players.

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

COMMITTEES

Building & Grounds:

Door Quote Updates - Lindus is willing to do the doors at cost. Approximately \$3,500 per door for 3 doors. The Village quote was around \$21-22k for the 3 doors. Will get the formal quote from Lindus that includes full installation, etc. and bring it to the Village for approval.

It is time to get a new Sparx machine, the current one is getting rough. The cost is \$1,300-\$2,100 depending on the model.

Motion to pay \$3,000 for the commercial Sparx machine

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

Coaching:

Concessions:

Slushie Machine - purchase new one proposal. We are on the 5th slushie machine of the year. During the Varsity game slushie blows up everywhere. We have had big messes with the Slushie machines multiple times. So far we have sold 664 - \$1,300, which is about \$650 in profit. Last year sold 1,200 about \$2,500 in sales, which is \$1,300 in profit. Would like to just purchase brand new ones, it would pay for itself. If it breaks we would be responsible for paying for it, as right now the vendor comes and fixes it. Could potentially look at getting a Icee machine instead of a Slushee machine.

Motion to Approve \$1,500 for a new slushee machine which would include shipping, warranty (if applicable), etc.

Motion: Rachel Spence 2nd: Billy Herman All in Favor - Passed

Fundraising:

Update on Raffle Tickets. Should arrive Monday-Tuesday. We have 125 books and 121 families it will go to, minus the high school families. If we sold them all we can net \$30k. It would be good to incent the kids for selling their full books they would be put into a drawing for \$700 of prizes. The drawing will be February 12th with tickets due by the end of January.

Motion for \$800 to purchase prizes for incentive for kids selling their raffle tickets.

Motion: Candy Sykora 2nd: Brent Rolling All in Favor - Passed

Mites & Membership:

Scholarship:

Finance:

RFYA/BHA Girls Co-Op:

Scheduling:

Communication/Website:

Board Liaisons

D2:

Tournament Coordinators: Wendy Gonzalez has volunteered to get trained in as the new Tournament Coordinator for next year

Mite/LPH - Scott Kaiser:

U10 - Amanda Sprague:

Squirt - Rachel Spence:

U12 - Mike Brandenburg:

Peewee - Scott Peavey:

U14 - Andrew Carlson: Handled 1 issue this week.

Bantam - Brent Rolling: Handled 1 issue after complaint from BRF.

U16 - Ryan Anderson:

Next Meeting: January 8th, 2025

Adjourn: 8:56 pm

Motion: Allie Carroll 2nd: Lucas Trickle

All in favor - passed