

# July Meeting Minutes

July 15th, 2024

## Attendees

<b>Jake Remitz</b>	<b>Jeff McGrath</b>	Shaun Curtin
<b>Justin Brown</b>	<b>Joel Millard</b>	<b>Jens Frederickson</b>
Ashlee Horwath	<b>Chaz Afong</b>	Dave Zschokke
<b>Candace Mealey</b>	<b>Brian Borgestad</b>	<b>Chelsey Rosethal</b>
Jess Lewis	<b>Brian George</b>	<b>Winnie Brown</b>

Quorum was established with highlighted voting members present.

## Welcome

- Attendees joined the conference call.

## Meeting Minutes

- The June meeting minutes were not approved as they were still under review.

## Motion Updates

- There were no updates on motions from previous meetings.

## Gambling Business

- Ashlee provided updates in Phil's absence.
- There was no income generated for the month.
- Summer activities at Lucky's Bar have concluded.
- A recurring expense for publicity items has been removed from the budget.

Motion	Mover	Second	Outcome
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<i>"I'm asking for approval of the membership for the listed items."</i>	Chelsey	Chaz	Passed
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<i>"To approve the check registries of all gambling fund accounts, reconcile bank statements of all gambling fund accounts, monthly activity and tax returns."</i>	Chelsey	Chaz	Passed
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<i>"For the next month's budget." (August Budget)</i>	Chelsey	Candace	Passed
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## Year-to-Date Financials

- Jens presented the year-to-date financials.
- All expenses and invoices have been accounted for.
- Jens suggested a proactive approach to requesting tournament fee reimbursements, aligning with practices observed in other associations.

Motion	Mover	Second	Outcome
Motion to approve the year-to-date financials.	Jens	Chelsey	Passed

## Unfinished Business

### Third-Party Finance Audit

- Jens summarized the findings of the third-party finance audit.
- The audit yielded positive results, with no significant issues identified.
- The auditors recommended enhancing financial controls, considering the volunteer-driven nature of the association.
- Based on the audit, no immediate corrective actions were deemed necessary.

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Motion to approve the audit.      Jens              Candace              Passed

## **Bylaws Review**

- Candace provided an update on the ongoing bylaws review being conducted by Paula.
- Paula is in the process of finalizing a memo containing recommendations for updating the bylaws.
- Key areas identified for review include the organizational structure, the frequency of reviews, and the establishment of clearer distinctions between bylaws and policy documents.
- The subcommittee, in consultation with Paula, will review the memo and present their findings at the next board meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Registration Status**

- Jake presented an overview of the current registration numbers, highlighting the positive impact of the recently concluded early bird discount promotion.
- Key statistics:
  - 12 coach applicants (compared to 21 the previous year)
  - Boys traveling: 88 registered (projected to surpass the previous year's total of 159)
  - Girls traveling: 36 registered (compared to 56 the previous year)
  - Mites: 85 registered (representing over half of the previous year's total)
  - First skate/Intro: 14 registered (compared to 64 the previous year)
- Fundraising information has been made available on the website and is now included in registration confirmation emails.
- The board explored the potential of utilizing Crossbar's features for enhanced communication, including the possibility of sending app notifications.
- Concerns were raised regarding instances of players not receiving email communications.
- The feasibility of implementing a system through Crossbar to allow players to select jersey numbers during the registration process was discussed.

### **Coach Applications**

- Dave confirmed that interviews for coaching positions are scheduled for the week of August 5th.

## **Refund Policy**

- The board engaged in discussions regarding the implementation of an "intent to try out" form for players considering trying out for high school hockey teams.
- The purpose of this form is to promote transparency and facilitate more accurate team declarations.
- Justin put forward a suggested deadline of August 1st for the submission of the form.
- The board deliberated on potential consequences for players who participate in high school tryouts without informing the association, taking into account the financial implications of team changes and potential disruptions to established rosters.
- A consensus regarding specific penalties was not reached during the meeting.
- The topic was tabled for further discussion and consideration, with the possibility of forming a subcommittee to develop a comprehensive policy in the future.

## **Tryouts and Next Steps**

- Justin provided an update on the planning progress for tryouts.
- A group of 8 to 12 evaluators, consisting of individuals with experience at the Division 1, Division 3, and professional levels, has been assembled.
- The tryout schedule is currently being finalized, with an emphasis on simplifying the process and reducing unnecessary complexities.
- To minimize potential distractions during the evaluation process, the board aims to limit the number of observers present in the evaluation room.
- The proposed tryout schedule and evaluation plan will be presented to the board for review at the next scheduled meeting.
- The possibility of securing ice time at OJ rink a week earlier than in previous years was discussed. This adjustment is being considered to accommodate fall sports schedules and provide players with additional practice opportunities.

## **Jerseys and Next Steps**

- Justin outlined the board's plan regarding jerseys for the upcoming season.

- Reversible China jerseys will be utilized for both tryouts and practices for all travel players, encompassing both boys and girls teams.
- To ensure proper sizing, confirmation requests will be sent to all travel players.
- It was noted that jersey numbers assigned for tryouts will be distinct from those used during the regular season.
- The process by which first-year PeeWee players, who are transitioning from the legacy jersey program, can obtain their jerseys was discussed.
- Justin will be responsible for directly contacting the families of first-year PeeWee players to provide guidance on the process and inform them of available jersey numbers.

## **General Board Updates**

### **Operations Updates - Justin Brown**

- Justin is in the process of finalizing ice allocation based on the received team registrations and plans to provide a more comprehensive update at the next board meeting.
- Regarding the sound system upgrades at OJ, Justin is currently awaiting a response from the facility and intends to follow up to inquire about the status of the project.

### **Boys Hockey Updates - Chelsey Rosenthal**

- Chelsey is actively working on finalizing the team declarations, noting that there is still some uncertainty surrounding the PeeWee level.
- The proposed start date of October 12th for checking clinics has been confirmed to align with Phill's availability.
- The importance of providing ample and accessible checking clinic opportunities for all players was emphasized during the board's discussion.
- Chelsey, in collaboration with Jon and Justin, is in the final stages of securing ice time allocations, indicating that the majority of the requested ice slots have been successfully secured.
- To provide dedicated time for skills development, Chelsey is exploring options for securing consistent ice time, potentially on Sunday evenings.
- All six online sessions for the Intro to Hockey program have been filled. Chelsey is currently coordinating with OS to finalize the instructors for these sessions.
- Tryouts for the upcoming season are tentatively scheduled to commence on September 20th at the Roseville ice rink.

### **Girls Hockey Updates - Brian Borgestad**

- A jersey fitting session has been scheduled for July 25th at the Roseville ice rink.
- Brian is working in conjunction with Jon Jones to secure warm-up ice time, anticipating high demand and potential scheduling challenges.
- In a positive development, three referees with existing ties to the association have been successfully recruited. This is expected to potentially reduce referee-related expenses for the upcoming season.
- Mark your calendars! Tryouts for the 12U and 10U levels have been scheduled for September 27th and 28th.
- To keep parents informed and engaged, a town hall meeting is currently being planned.
- Brian shared his intention to schedule a meeting with the varsity coach to discuss the timing of high school tryouts in relation to the association's tryout schedule.

### **Secretary Updates - Jake Remitz**

- Jake's primary focus has been on effectively managing the registration process. This includes addressing inquiries related to coupons and implementing necessary updates to the association's website.

### **Adjournment**

- Joel motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Chaz seconded the motion.
- The motion to adjourn passed unanimously, and the meeting concluded.