



**April 3, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

## **Meeting Agenda**

**Type of Meeting:** Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

**Location:** Long Meadow Golf Course

**Invitees:** Brian Akashian, Brendan Akashian, ~~Craig Brown~~, Steve Chambers, Joe Kelly, Mike Ryan, Elly Smith, Amy Sullivan, Jay Trovato, ~~Sarah McCoy~~, ~~Paul Sicard~~, Dan Tobin, Kerri Thumith, Derek Gogas, Courtney Smith, Nicole Lenzi

I. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from March 6<sup>th</sup>

**MOTION TO ACCEPT: by Tobin**

**SECOND: by Kelly**

II. Officer Reports

a. President (Trovato) – New board member introductions

President Trovato thanked Elly Smith and Amy Sullivan for their years of commitment to the board. Their hard work and dedication was very appreciated by all.

b. Treasurer (Brown):

Some first payments were bounced back due to multiple draws on the same account

c. Coaching Director (Brendan Akashian)

Trying to finalize coaches: Looking for volunteer at Squirt 2 level

Reaching out to parents who volunteered in the past

Kelly reaching out to Emily Millet for Squirt 2

Bantam: Vigent, Trovato possible coaches

Rosters have been finalized; Parents have been contacted if there were concerns

III. Open Business

a. Rosters & Coaching for 2023-24 (Brendan Akashian)

Looking for goalie alternates to bolster rosters and allow team goalies to skate out

Boomer Baseball player to try goalie for Squirt 2

Kelly- Revisit alternates later in the year if roster sizes are low

b. Uniform updates: jersey order, practice jerseys, socks (white?)

Sullivan- Nothing ordered at this time; need to confirm when board would like to place order. Typically ordered in May

Akashian- Request a mock up for new design

Trovato- Spoke with vendors regarding reversable socks (black/white)

Trovato- Discussion regarding Stock Blackhawks socks for black and white

Trovato- Practice Jerseys: Received an ice credit \$2,500. Potentially use this money toward practice jerseys? Price out practice jerseys, reversable practice jerseys.

c. Transition of roles from outgoing board members

Learn to Play/Little Bruins Coordinator

Mike Ryan to take over Little Bruins Coordinator, E. Smith to provide contact information

C. Smith, Gogas, and Lenzi to assist with Learn to Play check in process

All board members need to communicate with the board when a player wants to “try it out” at the LTP level.

Uniforms and Apparel

Thumith to take over Uniforms and Apparel

IV. New Business

a. Goalie Skills – Shield Goalie Academy proposal: \$150/session for up to 4 goalies

Discuss ideas on goalie clinics, to pair with Development ice time: ex. One Sunday a month

Discuss with Craig Brown on available funds

b. Goalies for Squirts

Zaharas to try out goalie

c. Practice ice needs for next year

Trovato- Adding a Bantam Team: Potentially have Mites and Squirts together for skills, PeeWees and Bantams to skate together for skills. Need another hour for Bantam practice during the week.

Discuss with Craig Brown about funding for another hour of skate for the season

Tobin- Ask rink management about additional days (Monday, Thursday, Fridays)

Sullivan- Discuss running a body checking clinic for new players at the beginning of the season to adjust them to the physical game play

d. Golf Tournament planning...4 months away!

Lenzi- Venmo was a huge success last year. Potentially reduce the number of prizes (may have been overwhelming). Reduced number of prizes with higher value requests. Need to further discuss ideas for after party from the golf tournament.

C. Smith- Fundraising ideas: parents' night out, 20% give back from brothers pizza after a skills night, superbowl squares

V. Around the Boards

Kelly- Hawks players night out at Wamesit, Bowlero. Something for players to have fun away from the rinks.

Kelly- Inquiring how to acquire more home games at the Janas for next season. (Trovato to email VHL) for follow up.

Thumith- New Hawks Banner in the lobby or move the banner from the rink to the lobby, increase signage for Learn to Play

Akashian- Look into the Tsongas Arena for hosting additional ice times/practices

Thumith- Bring Hawks program flyers to schools that will be sent home with kids (However, this would need approval from school departments)

Travato- Shed needs to be cleared out

Akashian- Discuss having an "Open Shed Day" prior to hockey season with a cookout/street hockey games

Akashian- Allocate one meeting in future to generate ideas/new topics

Akashian- Discuss ideas on how to keep top level players in the program who also want to play on travel teams

Ryan- Reimbursement for coaches, discuss further at next meeting

Ryan- Is it possible to have a summer skating camp at the Janas, discuss further at next meeting

VI. Adjournment

Accepted

VII. Next Meeting: Monday May 1<sup>st</sup>