

EHA Board Minutes
February 14, 2011
Edina City Hall Community Center

Present: Pat Foley, Peder Larson, Dan Rectenwald, Bob Levy, Jon Palmer, Jim O'Neill, Dan McGraw, Jon Foust, Billy Klein, Judy Goodman, Renee Hunzelman, Carrie Knowles, Joanne McGarry, Peter McComber, Todd Shuman, Kathleen Vorlicky.

Bob Levy made a motion to approve minutes at 7:10; the motion was approved.

Financials: Jon Palmer wrote all the checks for team rebates. Seventy-three thousand dollars was refunded to teams. Financials are trending similar to last year's numbers, with the addition of more Mites.

Tournaments: Billy Klein reported the O'Connor Tournament went really well, with amazing attendance at all levels. Emails were sent to the EHA recognizing several coaches for their fair play in shootouts. Dan Rectenwald pointed out what a great vibe there was over the weekend with 40 percent of kids in the EHA present, along with their families and friends watching. Four Squirt games went to overtime and three to shootouts.

District 6 will be holding the 12A Tournament at Braemar Feb. 20-25.

Gopher Women's Night Out with Girls Hockey went very well. February 26 for Mite Night for Gopher's Men is nearly sold out with 300 responses.

End of Year Survey: Joanne McGarry sent the End of the Year Survey to all board members. It has been modified per the board suggestions. Once again the survey will be strictly anonymous. Respondents will be able to fill in the appropriate team and the

coaches' names. Come up. Other Edina sports' associations use this survey company. Pat Foley suggested we send a cover letter with the survey pointing out it is an independent company and distribute it earlier. Bob Levy suggested we add a box to allow participants to put their name on the survey. It will take approximately five to ten minutes to complete the survey. Dan Rectenwald suggested we get it out before the end of the year. He also discussed how it's organized and the how information is distributed.

Connecting With Kids Award: Junior Gold A Coach Bill Smith won the Connecting with Kids' Award for his EHA contributions. He will be recognized February 24 at the Braemar Clubhouse. Some of the comments about Bill included his unique ability to restore players' confidence and how he gives back to the community.

He has coached hockey since 1983.

New Board Applications:

The Board discussed the various names that were submitted for the new board.

Co-President Elects' Joanne McGarry and Billy Klein will spearhead the recruiting process. Jon Foust suggested we look at what skill sets are needed from prospective members. Some of the areas include finance, fund-raising, team sponsorship, dashers, the Junior Gold program and coaches' certification. Dan Rectenwald recommended the reviewing the group names, setting up the meetings for interviews. Recommendations will be made by the next board meeting.

Goalies: Peder Larson reported on development of the goalie program. A discussion followed relating the goal tryouts and the use of Stauber's Goalcrease, which has had a positive response. Levy pointed out nearly all of the EHA Stauber sessions have

been used. Pat Foley believes there is a gap in evaluating the goalies. Specific drills for goalies should be implemented in tryouts. Must have skilled shooters at the tryouts.

Baseline Concussion Testing: Jim O'Neill will research this and report at the next meeting.

District 6: Tom Terwilliger suggested the EHA obtain more information on how District 6 is organized, structured. Bob Levy is researching this topic.

Bob Levy voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20.