



PAHA Board Meeting August 25th 2015

Attendance: Jerry Timm, Trista Teuscher, Michelle Babcock, Brian Stinger, Diana Guiney, Sarah Montgomery, Chrysta Szalkowski

- I. **New Business-** Register for Hockey! Petoskey Winter Sports Park-September 13th 2:00-4:30 p.m.
Looking for Volunteers! Please arrive at the Winter Sports Park at 1:00 p.m. for set-up. We need a chaperone for the Ice Rink/Rollerblading. Chaperone to watch the open areas/basketball courts. Chaperone to watch over the bouncy house.
- II. **Old Business-** Inheritance: Currently we are dealing with a woman at Huntington Bank, located in Traverse City in regards to the recently inherited trust. (Mary Andrews) The trust has been finalized and we have been given the balance. The total comes to 1.3 Million. After the total was established the IRS approved us for a 5% draw yearly, which gives us an approximation of 50K a year. (Possibly) Things are currently stunted and cannot move ahead because the bank requires a copy of the original PAHA By-laws signed by the current PAHA Board. The question was tabled as to how we would like to receive our disbursements of this yearly increment of money. Options include: Quarterly, Monthly, Yearly? After some long discussions on these variations, for checks and balances purposes, we have decided to have the monies distributed in three separate increments, (October-December-March) Diana made a motion for this arrangement, Seconded by Jerry Timm, all were in favor and the motion passed. A question was posed as to whether or not this money is taxed? It is not taxable as it is in a tax free charitable trust.
- III. **Ice Fees and Schedule-** Diana spent time in discussion recently with Jimmy VanAntwerp about the cost of the ice this season and the discussed increase of the ice per hour. The rink offered PAHA a blanket amount of \$60,000 for the season which would allow us unlimited access to the rink. So not only would this fee cover our ice time for practices, it would cover any of our games, any of our skills sessions, etc. A question was posed, what if we don't have the funds available to us as promptly as we need them to be? We decided as a board we can make the agreement of the \$60,000.00 blanket amount contingent on receiving the money. Diana made a motion to accept this for the 2015-16 seasons. Brian Stinger seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed. We are also planning to enforce our payment rules and watch our records more closely this year. Allowing some to play without paying on the scheduled times is not going



to be allowed this year. Please understand we have bills to pay/therefore we must have your ice bills being paid on time this season. Thank You!

- IV. Building Improvements**-The board is well aware that questions regarding the building, need for improvements, maintenance, etc. will be asked. The board agrees that we need to see how this all plays out this first year, possibly through to the second year as well. Upgrading the rink, while necessary, may only happen in small increments for the first couple of years. The rink is privately owned therefore, making improvements is really not PAHA's responsibility. The money was left to help youth hockey players, to increase availability for children to learn to skate and become hockey players, it was not left to improve a building. Therefore, having skills camps paid for through the trust, or skating professionals who may come in a teach skills, paying for tournament play, etc. buying equipment for use on the ice, teaching aids, coaching clinics, etc. is more in line with what the man who left the money was wanting. One thing PAHA does need is a laptop and a printer. The benefit of having these owned by PAHA is the fact that they can be passed down from one board to the next, mainly the treasurer. The board discussed a possible donation that the rink could use to make improvements. We also discussed giving each team a sum of money, that money would be held by the board treasurer, and it would be available to each team, their individual team increments, but in order to use the money, the board needs to approve what it is being used for prior to disbursement of your team's funds. The board has to be involved as it is the board's responsibility to manage the money and how it is being used.
- V. Fund Raising**-Trista discussed a new fundraiser with the board. Redwings ticket sales. Depending on how many tickets we sell there are different benefits given to the group selling. For example: picture taken of your team on center ice, being able to skate on the ice during a period break, etc. We also discussed our two for one cards, redoing the contributors, keeping the contributors that are most popular with our purchasers. We discussed Butt Plates again, but this topic has been voted on in the past by the board. Butt Plates cost \$250.00 per player, if you wish to sponsor an entire team; it is \$250.00 times the number of players.
- VI. Select teams**-The opportunity is being made available to squirt and peewee players to try out for a, "Select" team this fall. It will require setting aside weekends from the schedules of home teams in order for the select teams to play in tournaments. This is throwing up red flags around the district as that seems unfortunate for home teams, several players sitting out a weekend of games due to one or two players being off and gone to a game for the, "Select" team. Our District 7 board will soon be discussing the, "Blackout" dates and deciding how these schedules should be made in order to benefit all players on all teams.

VII. Ice time schedule-

Mondays- 6:30-8:30 Peewees/Girls team

Tuesdays- 5:30-6:30 Mini's/Mites

Wednesday- 5:30-6:30 Girls Team/6:30-7:30 Peewees

Thursday- 5:30-6:30 Learn to Skate/6:30-7:30 Squirts

Sunday- 12:30-2:00 Mini's/Mites



VIII. Happy Hockey-Ice goes on September 10th! September 14th, the rink should be open for business! Check with the rink for open skate times and drop in stick and puck times. 😊

IX. Fall Skills Sessions-At this time, there are plans in the works for some skills clinics to be held over a couple of weekends or weeknights this fall. No schedule has been determined, so stay tuned! Please plan to utilize the rink's open skate times and open stick and puck times to get your players on the ice.

X. Conduct/Warnings-The PAHA board will be putting together another added sheet concerning conduct to our registration night packet. While we all sign a form for USA Hockey stating we will always maintain good conduct surrounding our hockey association, our rinks, opponents rinks, locker rooms, stands, in and around any property related to our kids and hockey, this means hotels, motels, restaurants, stores, etc. We still feel there is a need to remind ALL parents and players that we expect you as parents and players to be respectful of one another, of all teams and parents we come into contact with. We expect the Best behavior from our players in the locker rooms, on the bench, on the ice, and so forth. As a way of enforcing these rules we are planning to go to a warning system. More than two outbursts that required written warnings, a player will be asked to sit out one game but encouraged to come and cheer on their team while they are being sat. Outbursts include parent's outbursts as well. You will know you have been warned if you receive a letter stating you are facing your first or second warning. A third will result in a missed game for your player. If the infraction is of more magnitude and we see fit to discuss the infraction as a board, it is possible you would be asked to miss more than one game. These will be resolved on an individual basis. Please understand hockey is supposed to be a fun activity, a Character building opportunity, a time to see coaches and parent's working together peacefully, players learning to accept each other equally. Thank you for taking part in PAHA Hockey let's make this a great year by working together!!!

XI. Meeting Adjourned-9:42 p.m. (Diana)

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