

# Hibbing Chisholm Youth Hockey Association Minutes from August 2023

## Fairgrounds Arena 6:00 pm

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Board Members Present: Dara Swanson, Brittany Fisher, Michelle Vesel, Jessie Lundquist, DJ Erickson, Heather Larson, John Minor

Members of Association Present: Ryan Jaeger

Others Present: Hannah Forti

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Meeting Called to order at 6:00 pm on Monday August 21st.

### Opening Items:

- Approval of August Agenda - Michelle motioned to approve, seconded by Jesse. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of May, June, and July minutes - John motioned to approve, seconded by Brittany. Motion carried unanimously.
- John would like to hold off on increasing registration costs for players, suggesting the board looks further at different options first. (make addendum to July Minutes)
- Addend 'Move Up Policy' to July minutes.

### Presidents Report (Dara Swanson)

- For those not coaching, if part of HCYHA Board, still need background screening, safe sport, etc. (just need a volunteer number if not coaching – no cost). Get #/info to Brittany.
- Hockey Kick Off Day
- Policy re: HS eligible players/youth hockey (see attached document)

Approval of President Report - Motion to approve by John and seconded by Michelle. Motion was carried unanimously.

### Executive Report & Arena Report

- Change way we bill this year (last year – everything at once, or over 6 months, tickets billed Nov 1 or Jan 1)
- Sports Engine changed the system (financial) - a lot different (either everything up front, or everything goes on 6 payments) - so first payment changed until September 1<sup>st</sup> (through February 1<sup>st</sup>) families not getting hit up front right away.
- 41 kids so far registered.
- Fall skills (opened in July) 94 registered for this
- Tournaments: PWA (1 team canceling. Ryan will refund) - stated could not get a hotel room, but Brittany called and rooms seem to be available - no response from team yet

Approval of Executive Report (see 'August 21st, 2023 Executive Director Report'). Motion to approve by Jesse and seconded by John. Motion was carried unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

- tournaments
- current registration since July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- misc \$541 (revenue shared with Live Barn)
- MB (200 hours at \$37.50/hour) over 3 hour – 90/hour
- Chisholm - used 389 hours (last year) at \$75/hour

- Avario in Chisholm - credit for \$650

Approval of Treasurer Report. Motion to approve by Jesse and seconded by John. Motion carried unanimously.

## Committee Reports & Updates

### 1. Boys Coaching

- o Did meet. (discussion on coaches), along with move up policy.
- o Coaches are still being discussed/set, then will be brought to board for approval.

### 2. Girls Coaching (John Minor)

- o Prefer 8U to be combined with mites.
- o Sara Finly wanting to help with the program (former goalie for Alexandria program) - John in contact with her.
- o Initial numbers are a little behind at this time compared to prior...did pick up this past weekend.
- o Preseason activities (dryland) – well attended (High school level and down).
- o Girls Hockey Day September 20<sup>th</sup> (John looking for committee).

### 3. Fundraising (Brittany Fisher)

- Tickets are at printer – start disbursing 1 day before Labor Day weekend
- Brittany met with Steve E re: advertising (on ice vs programs)
- Brittany met with Christine re: invoices so it is tracked (send out Monday - \$ should start coming in September)
- Steve handles big corporate advertising \$1,200 (programs, etc. )
- Bingo: 3 Wednesdays in October (11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>) at the Do You Night Club (need to make flyers for advertising – Jesse will for online advertising/paper advertising). Will need 4 volunteers for each night (Brittany will add to Dibs). Need to buy bingo cards from Amazon (only things not included).

### 4. Gambling (DJ Erickson)

- DJ has paperwork/application together to apply to the state (attendees would have to attend gambling seminars), need city approval, need somewhere to store records x 3 years (Fairgrounds).
- Need to find a place to put pull tabs – Palmers?
- Ryan –gambling manager is time extensive – look into a paid position.

### 5. Building Committee Report

- Andrew (China) have stepped down - anyone want to take a position to oversee this?
- List of arena maintenance opportunities (Brittany's husband? group of guys to make metal box over internet box? - internet should improve? Will have to buy a new condivet? Will need some helpers.

### 6. Website

- Terms have been updated
- Bylaws have past individual names on here (categorized into group a, b, c – based on years? - how should we update this on bylaws?) ?keep names out so bylaws do not need to be updated with name changes – should update coach contact information - all board members to review to see if other changes, then Ryan will bring up to future board meeting for review/approval - For now, just update the groups and we can look at the remainder of the bylaws during the summer meeting.

### 7. DIBS

- Past DIBS (5 HS kids – need to waive?) others have been noncompliant with paying – how do we address this? Board agrees that a paid position is not the same as volunteering (they cannot collect DIBS hours in these situations). A few families continue to be noncompliant – what do we do? – this affects the kids. Brittany continues to work on this.
- Collecting checks to hold on to is a liability. There is only a certain time frame to cash, etc. (kids can't step on ice until fully paid).

- DIBS – Gabardi – waive (1<sup>st</sup> John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brittany) Brittany will let Christine know –Ryan will notify family of this.

## 8. Grant Writing Report

- Hannah will step into role of grant writer
- Items to work on – new arena (last grant was in 2018/2019 for half rink boards?), assistance on utilities (energy efficient grants.....IRRB has one for ???) Chisholm Community Foundation open thru the 30<sup>th</sup>? (anything arena specific?). Unable to consider dryland area at SE corner of Chisholm arena as they are redoing the arena and getting all new arena seating throughout.
- Hanna encourages further ideas/requests to HCYHA email.

## Old Business

- Heather Larson will take Concession Stand Manager position for both Fairgrounds and Chisholm concession stands - check bylaws regarding board members taking on paid position – Board OK with this
- Kent Swanson will take the Ref Coordinator position.
- PWA and Bantam A got to keep 1 of their jerseys as they went to state this year (this was voted on by board) - approved to replace jerseys
- List of needed positions for the association - boy's coordinator (DIBS)
- Welcome to Hockey Kick Off - October 14<sup>th</sup>. (do we need to contact college if doing things in the parking lot? insurance?)

## New Business

- Arena maintenance opportunities? Scott Sundvall and John Schweiberger want to do some inside Fairground arena things for dibs.
- Andrew (China) resigned – open board position – any ideas? lets table
- Policy for HS eligible players and youth hockey discussion. Review of HS eligible players? High School cuts made November 15-16? Motion to approve by Jesse and seconded by John. Motion was carried unanimously.
- What about other buildings in the Fairgrounds parking lot?
- What commercial buildings (empty buildings) can we use (lease) - skatable tiles, puck shooting, weight lifting, green astroturf, batting cage (let's get together with Hibbing Youth Baseball to plan!)... .could look into grants for equipment (can always be transferred). Invite Pete here to discuss open buildings – Brittany to reach out.
- Future: Join forces with other youth sports, such as baseball (Toni Potter), and softball (Josh McDowell). Price for renting ice at Memorial Building continues to go up. Attend City meeting(s) to discuss that youth sports positively impacts the community. Let's try to attend a city meeting first, and if there are no results, go to Gary at paper for an article (good supporter for youth supports). Lets have special meeting with the softball/baseball board.
- Mini-Mite/Mite Jerseys should be ordered with Tim at Range Sports in September to make it easier (less rush) - lets come up with a better system for ordering (maybe order 4 colors 1-15 and personalize later?)
- Regular Season starts October 16<sup>th</sup>

## Closing

Adjournment at 8:00 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:58 pm. Motion to approve by Michelle, seconded by Brittany.