

Homer Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
via Zoom Meeting online
Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Call to Order: President Mink called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

Members Present: Leslie Slater, Tracey Knutson, Ian Pitzman, Melanie Dufour, and Mike Spencer

Members Absent: Justin Adams, Jay Pearson and Dana Gregoire

Others Present: Joey Kraszeki, Registrar; Chip Landmesser, House Council Rep (left 7:25pm); Heidi Stage, Bookkeeper; Dean Kildaw, Rink Manager

Approval of the Agenda:

Melanie Dufour moved to accept the agenda with the change of date from 2020 to 2021; Mike Spencer seconded. Unanimously approved.

Approval of December 9, 2020 Minutes

Tracey Knutson made a motion approve the minutes as written; Mike Spencer seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comments upon matters already on the agenda: (3 minute time limit)

Joey updated the board on the process of setting up the raffle ticket sales on the website. It is currently depositing into the WF checking account instead of the AK USA gaming account. The board decided it can stay that way and a check to transfer funds can be processed later. Also, who is going to absorb the transaction costs? John confirmed that HHA will incur these costs.

Announcements

- Foraker class's availability – John reminded the board of the availability of classes through Foraker and the benefit they provide.
- Open Treasurer and Secretary positions – John asked the board to pass along any potential candidate names to him.
- Board Member Fundraiser – E-bike raffle – tickets to sell at \$20 per ticket. Tickets will be ready to sell by December 24th Skate on the Lake event – Melanie reported the 1st ticket has sold. Each board member is encouraged to contact Melanie for tickets to sell.
- SafeSport Compliance – John followed up on the email he sent out re: completing the Safe Sport certification. All board members are required to complete and volunteers are encouraged as well. There is a budget line to reimburse people as requested.

Reports – each Committee Chair will have a 2-minute time limit to comment on their written report and provide any last minute updates that didn't make the written report, regardless of board membership.

- Written reports were distributed via email.

Pending Business:

- Board Member Individual Donations – John reminded the board to make their annual donation. Leslie asked for clarification on recording date and Heidi confirmed it is for the current fiscal year.
- Projected Rink Finances/Fiscal Review – John highlighted some positives: advertising was billed and money coming in, WeSkate program up and running successfully, as well as the Covid grants received. There is a 2nd round of grants that HHA will apply for too. The downside is the ice rental numbers; registration is at about 60% but does not match the participation numbers. Dean said people just aren't comfortable yet to come to the rink. Mike said he has had several people reach out about Microbells. John said he spoke with Mike Barth and the high school team is tentatively set to start practicing on the 11th.

- Open ice online reservation – (sticktime, BB, open skate, etc.) – non-Covid – Leslie has been talking with the city and the possibility of sharing their program, but right now that is not an option. She commented on the high cost of one of these programs and currently it is not financially feasible.

New Business

- Skate on the Lake – new date – John said that although this event has been canceled twice, he is looking at Winter Carnival weekend on Saturday, February 13th. Dean commented that the event can be simplified to just having skates and hot cocoa there. After board discussion, the date of Saturday, February 6th was decided as the target date.
- Mid Year Budget Review – set date – John reported that the board approved the current budget, knowing it would change due to the Covid circumstances. He asked Shelly Laukitis, Finance Chairperson to facilitate a work session with the board. John suggested the date of Wednesday, January 20th at 6pm via Zoom.
- Cash raffle implementation – set date – There was board discussion on how best to deal with this. Mike suggested selling over the summer to take advantage of tourists. John mentioned selling at the rink when Black Jaxx BBQ is there. Melanie said stores like Ulmer’s are not allowing raffle tickets to be sold in or outside of their premises. Heidi commented on a couple things: if you give kids tickets for such a long period of time, you might have a problem collecting them and there are no managers over the summer, so a draw date of the fall would be best when HHA is back in full swing. Dean mentioned that not all the youth players are registered for this year. Fundraising committee will discuss this further before a decision is made.
- KBA Protocol and Operation Plan – play for members – single games –Leslie said the plan is to play teams from towns that have the same Covid rating as Homer does (or less). Dean brought up the fairness of allowing the Mariner team to have home games with teams from out of town but not doing the same for house teams. Ian feels we should not wait for a KBA meeting, but to open on Monday for Peninsula play to be consistent with schools opening and our Covid numbers being down. Tracey said she agrees with Ian. She is more concerned with hosting the state tournament and bringing in teams/families from outside the Peninsula. Mike added that if Kenai teams want to rent Homer ice, then they should be allowed to do so. There was discussion on locker rooms and how that would work, as well as spectators. John asked for a motion in favor of opening up for games.

Tracey Knutson made a motion to have the KBA Advisory Committee work quickly over the next couple of days to amend the current game policy to allow at this point, inner Peninsula game play and some rental of Homer ice to Peninsula teams. Ian Pitzman seconded. Motion passed.

- 12U Tournament Hosting – John asked for a motion for HHA to rescind Homer’s desire to host the state tournament. The logistics and timing is unfortunate. Homer does not have a team in the tournament. The community backlash could be detrimental to HHA’s reputation. Ian would prefer waiting until next month to make the decision but understands everyone’s point of view. Melanie mentioned that this will be a lot of work by volunteers. Mike said there has been talk of combining a Kodiak 12U team with the Homer 12U team but nothing definite. John said he and Chip will work with ASHA for scheduling something next season.

Tracey Knutson made a motion for HHA to contact ASHA and rescind Homer’s bid to host the 12U state tournament and let another Anchorage host it; Leslie Slater seconded. Motion passed.

Informational Materials (list of packet materials that coincide with the meeting)

- 12-9-20 Minutes, 12-31-20 P&L, 12-31-20 Balance Sheet, 12-31-20 Budget to Actual, Letter from Mike Barth and 2021 State Tournaments list

Comments of the President

John thanked everyone for all of their efforts.

Comments of the Voting Board Members

Melanie asked what the status of Microbells is? Mike said he has contacted Dana but has not heard back yet. You can register online, but there is not any dates or times posted yet. Dean said Dana is currently in Anchorage; Joey wanted to clarify that registration says it is open for all age groups except Microbells.

Melanie was thankful for the ice time for college kids over the holidays. Dean wanted to clarify a part of the KBA report, that there was not a skater with Covid at the rink; it was their family that had it.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 3^d at 6:00 pm via Zoom

Adjournment: Melanie Dufour moved to adjourn; Tracey Knutson seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.