

Homer Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Kevin Bell Arena and via Zoom Meeting online
Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Call to Order: President Mink called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: John Mink, Justin Adams, Mike Barth, Melanie Dufour, Drew McClure, Corbin Arno, Joanna Owen (arrived 7:30 p.m.), and Leslie Slater (on speaker phone)

Members Absent: Tracey Knutson

Others Present: Heidi Stage, Bookkeeper, Dean Kildaw, Rink Manager and Joey Kraszeski, Registrar

Approval of the Agenda:

Mike Barth made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Team Sponsorships, Players moving up and By-law changes to New Business; Corbin Arno seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of October 6, 2021 Minutes:

Justin Adams made a motion approve the minutes as written; Corbin Arno seconded. Motion passed.

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

- Joey said the registration process is still not going smoothly.

Announcements

- Welcome Drew – John welcomed Drew to the board. He is on the HHA Advisory side.
- Open Board Seats – HHAAB Chair and HHAAB member - John said he would like to get the HHA Advisory Board Chair position filled but willing to wait for the right person.
- Rink Positions – Leslie reported there were 6 applicants and 2 will be interviewed this week. She also received an application for the newly advertised Rink Attendant position. John
- Fundraising Committee – John reported the committee has not met yet. It consists of Corbin, John, Melanie and Heidi right now. More members are always welcome.
- Drew asked about looking at Budget to Actual. Heidi will include that report monthly in the board packets.

Reports

Board and non-voting advisory members have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the written reports to the respective chairs if present.

- None

Pending Business:

- Sprinkler Repair – KBAAB – Leslie reported that there has been no activity.
- KBA Protocol for COVID-19 – John said the case count has gone down in the last three weeks. Joey said SP Hospital is getting transfers from Soldotna. John asked the board if HHA should be modifying or drastically changing anything? The general consensus was to stay the course. Leslie expressed her concern that the rink isn't doing everything they can to help track positive Covid cases and skaters quarantining. This was discussed at the initial coach/manager meeting but will need to be reiterated and reinforced going forward. It was noted the PeeWee team is in need of a manager.

New Business

- Team Sponsorships – Justin asked for clarification. The website says \$1,000 and the new forms say \$2,000. There was discussion on levels of sponsorship. HHA Advisory will review the Sponsorship policy and make suggestions.

- Recommended By-law changes – Drew spoke about the process of how new board members join the board. Under Article IV : Board of Directors – Section 5 Eligibility Requirements (**new proposed section**):
 1. *Must be 18 years of age or older and meet the requirements of a General Member in good standing set forth in Article II Section 1 of this document.*
 2. *Must be free of violations and suspensions enforced by USA Hockey, Alaska State Hockey Association, HHA, SafeSport, or other state organizations and governing bodies for violating applicable policies as a player, coach, official, spectator or volunteer.*
 Section 3. Nominations and Elections: (**new proposed section**):
 3. *Add: 'WHO MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS SETFORTH IN ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5'*
 There was board discussion on who would regulate this? John suggested that he and Drew work together before the next meeting. By-law changes need full membership approval at the annual meeting in April.
- Online Registration & Website Hosting Alternatives – Drew and others – Joey reported about the ongoing troubles with Sportsengine that started early in the season. She has contacted them multiple times and the issues still remain unresolved. Drew said a couple new software programs have been reviewed and one has stood out from the others: Playbook which is based on the east coast. The new company would cost more per year than Sportsengine currently does but they offer a lot of desirable benefits. Playbook would create and customize to fit HHA needs. Mike asked when this would be implemented? John said the sooner the better. Joey added that all skaters would need to be registered before this happened. There were concerns about switching over mid-season. The board decided to gather more information from Playbook and plan on changing over after the season is over in April.
- Parking lot electrical extensions – John – Open discussion – John commented on the attachment he included in the packet. HHA would need permission from Homer Spit Properties and get it approved by the City Planning Commission. He feels attaching something to the building would be an easier solution. John will continue working on this and will keep the board updated.
- Summer flooring – John – Open discussion – John talked about the possibility of making money during the off season in the summer months. He researched a concrete floor and the cost is over \$200,000. There was discussion on what the return would be to do this. John feels this could be attractive to the City of Homer as a prospective venue for conventions and conferences and could possibly be partially funded by the City. John said he will continue to work on this throughout the year and see where it goes.
- Raffle Talk – Open Discussion – John asked the board for their thoughts. The board agreed the kid cash raffle should happen. This will be discussed further at the Fundraising Committee level. Justin asked about the Vegas raffle? This also will go to Fundraising for discussion.

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

- 10-6-21 Minutes, 10-31-21 P&L with previous year comparison and 10-31-21 Balance Sheet with previous year comparison, HHA Bylaw Proposed Revisions, Batting Cage Evaluation, Correspondence USA Hockey Officials, Special Project-Flooring, Special Project-Electrical Pedestals, 2022 State Tournament Registration and the ASHA Team Contact List.

Comments of the Non-Voting Board Members

Joey said she will be out of town from Nov. 12-20 and she asked about the State tournament registration that is due December 1st. She is unclear at this time as to what teams are participating. Heidi said she will be gone from Nov. 12-Dec. 5 but will be reachable while away. John can facilitate submitting the state application and payment on time if need be.

Comments of the Voting Board Members

Joanna said the 10U team had said they are splitting but I talked to Ryan since then and they will not be splitting. They have only had 12 kids or so at practice and will be staying with one team. He said if they did split they have a manager but need a coach still. I also mentioned the issue with the Dad from 10U and John, Justin, and I will be meeting after the board meeting to discuss this.

Mike said there is a high school game on Friday. Melanie asked Leslie about zam training? She spoke with Dean about this. Justin said this is a critical piece of our rink and should only be operated by well trained people. Currently we have enough trained drivers. The new rink manager and rink attendant will be trained accordingly upon hire. Drew brought up the idea of batting cages and reminded everyone that he included info in his report. He feels this could be a profitable venture for HHA. This will be discussed further and passed on to the Finance Committee. Justin said the 10U team is at approximately 21. There is discussion of splitting into two teams.

Comments of the President

John said there was an inappropriate post from a parent that was upsetting. The post was eventually deleted.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30 pm

Adjournment: Justin Adams moved to adjourn; Mike Barth seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.