

Homer Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Kevin Bell Arena Locker Room #5  
Tuesday, December 12, 2021

Call to Order: President Mink called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Members Present: John Mink, Mike Barth, Melanie Dufour, Drew McClure, Corbin Arno, Tracey Knutson, Joanna Owen and Leslie Slater

Members Absent: Justin Adams

Others Present: Heidi Stage, Bookkeeper, Blake Hill, Rink Manager and Joey Kraszeski, Registrar

Approval of the Agenda:

Mike Barth made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Microbell/8U helmets, 10U Tournament, Coaches kids skating at their practices and Website Registration to New Business; Joanna Owen seconded. Motion passed.

John made a motion to approve the addition of Public Skate to New Business; Joanna Owen seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of November 2, 2021 Minutes:

Tracey Knutson made a motion approve the minutes as written; Joanna Owen seconded. Motion passed.

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

- Joey stated that USA registrations are still rolling in; she plans on submitting the team rosters to USAH this week.

Announcements

- Welcome Blake – John welcomed Blake to the rink manager position. He has been working two weeks. Leslie said she feels like he has taken to the job like a duck to water. He said he is learning rhythms and still figuring things out.
- Open Board Seats – John says he feels like things are stable right now but is ready to welcome new members.
- Rink Positions – Leslie reported there have not been any applications submitted for the rink assistant position. Blake said a lot of people use Facebook or LinkedIn when job hunting.
- Fundraising Committee – Skate on the Lake - John reported the event will take place on Christmas Eve, Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-4pm.

Reports

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

- Financial Report – Mike reported that the Balance Sheet should be dated 11-30-21; not 12-13-21. Heidi was out of town and did not do a deposit at the end of November. She did a \$20,000 one today. She is going to contact the team managers and check on their team payments and see if there are any issues to deal with. The P&L reflects income is up compared to 2020 and expenses are down. If you strip out the \$154,000 in Covid grants out from last year's financials, we are doing much better with earned revenue this season.

Pending Business:

- Sprinkler Repair – KBAAB – Leslie reported that there has been no activity.
- KBA Protocol for COVID-19 – Leslie reported there have not been any changes to the protocol. There has been an increased interest in public skates.

New Business

- Dean 'Thanks' – John asked the board for ideas on how to acknowledge Dean's contribution to the association over the past eight years. Leslie suggested a banner with photos that would have room for signatures; the

approximate cost of \$200. Mike suggested honoring him before a high school game. The board unanimously in favor of this. Leslie and Mike will work together on dates.

- Booster Club Concession Use Approval – John said he was approached by the booster club to use the space for their fundraising efforts. Blake shared his experience of cleaning up after them. He also said Fritz Creek General Store has offered to donate prepared food for HHA to sell.

**Mike Barth made a motion to have the KBA advisory board evaluate vendors and food selling options in the concession stand and chose the one they feel is the best option; Corbin Arno seconded. Motion passed.**

- Skater 'drop in' billing for non-rostered – Drew – Since there is no 14U team, a youth skater has been skating with the 12U team and getting charged \$20 each time. This has been adjusted so they will be charged \$20 first practice, \$20 second practice and nothing for the third practice. There was further discussion about coaches' children being on the ice during their practice times. There was a complaint from a member about this disparity. Joanna offered
- Website Registration – Drew reported about the new company called Play Book based on the east coast. The cost would be higher, approximately \$1,000 annual vs. \$500 currently paid to Sportsengine. The board agreed to move forward with this switch after the first of the year. It will be included in the 2022-23 budget, but funds will be allocated if needed for the 2021-22 season.
- 10U Tournament – HHA has paid for two 10U teams to go to the state tournament; they have since decided to switch to one team. The fee to pull a team out of the tournament is \$1,000 or four 8U players could move up to create the second team. There was board discussion on the safety of younger players participating.

**Tracey Knutson made a motion to inform the 10U team that they have only one team in the State Tournament; Joanna Owen seconded. Motion passed.**

- Microbell/8U helmets – Blake reported that some brand new Microbell helmets had been stripped of some parts, also the 8U team has used Microbell and WeSkate gear without prior permission. Mike said people do not respect other people's property and suggested getting security cameras. Blake suggested hanging the locks on some of the internal doors to limit access.

**Tracey Knutson made a motion that the rink manager work with the KBA Advisory board to get a unified key system for the critical rooms that are an issue and in the next newsletter there is an announcement to the membership as to why this change is being made; Mike Barth seconded. Motion passed.**

- Rink Closure Protocol – Leslie – John reported about the rink closure last week. The KBA advisory made the decision due to weather conditions. The KBA has the authority to do this with or without full board support. If this situation occurs again, there can be discussion on new protocols.
- Xmas Eve Skate on the Lake – Melanie and John – John reported he is turning over the event to Melanie and Corbin. Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-4pm on Beluga Lake. He encouraged the board to participate as much as possible.

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

- 11-2-21 Minutes, 11-30-21 P&L with previous year comparison and 11-30-21 Balance Sheet with previous year comparison, House Council Updates and Updated 2022 State Tournament list.

#### Comments of the Non-Voting Board Members

Joey said she will be out of town for two weeks until January 1<sup>st</sup>. Blake inquired about starting a Facebook page for the rink. Melanie said there is one but we need to get the password from the group that set it up. She will contact them to get the info.

#### Comments of the Voting Board Members

Corbin extended his thanks to Blake and welcomed him aboard.

#### Comments of the President

John reported that HHA received a grant from Homer Foundation for a Communications Director. The Finance Committee will be crafting a job description and getting it ready to post. John said he will be in and out of town with family issues after the first of the year.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 11th at 6:30 pm

Adjournment:

Mike Barth moved to adjourn; Joanna Owen seconded.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.