

Homer Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Homer Harbor Master's Conference Room
Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Call to Order: President Barth called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Kari Arno, Corbin Arno, Drew McClure, Scott Owen, Karl Thomas, Leslie Slater, Mike Barth, Lacey Velsko, and Melanie Dufour (arrived 8:40 p.m.)

Members Absent: Justin Adams, Joanna Owen

Others Present: Joey Kraszeski

Approval of the Agenda:

Corbin Arno moved to approve the agenda as written; Drew seconded. Motion passed.

Next HHAAB - not yet scheduled

Next KBAAB - 7-10 days before next whole board meeting

Approval of April 7, 2022 Minutes:

Corbin Arno moved to approve the minutes as written; Mike Barth seconded. Motion passed.

NOTE: There was no May board meeting. However, there were two work sessions on May 10th and May 11th at the Homer Harbormaster's Conference Room.

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

- None

Announcements

- Mike (announcements are covered below)

Reports

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

Questions for KBA - concrete car parking stops/blocks. Clarified cost & where they'll be placed (\$100 each x 6; in handicapped parking spaces near rink entrance). Scott ordered flashing for roof repair today (2x\$55 = \$110).

Corbin asked about removing glycol from Zam pit pipes; Mike said that the area is ready (glycol removed & pit pumped of sludge) for whenever Corbin wants to install new piping.

Finance: Grant request deadline Jul 1 for Rasmuson Foundation. Mike had discussed KBA items with the Finance Committee. If granted, funds will be released by end of July, so could use it before rink is opened in fall.

Pending business - 1. awaiting word from Fire Chief (Les)

New business – Status update and suggested processes for hiring rink manager: background check, get references. Have standardized process (checklist). Expectation on salary. Give range (\$3,500-\$4,500). Q: Is there a budget for relocation? No. Drew suggested: LS to have initial phone conversation with all applicants (describe what we do, learn their expectations), then set up 2nd for interview that will involve more (interested/available) board members. There may be four individuals to interview (2 have not submitted a complete application). Board would like to proceed by having interviews SET UP FOR ALL FOUR FOR NEXT WEEK if possible.

- Treasurer's Report – Mike. 2022-23 Budget: \$53K DEFICIT so far. Drew requested that we set a date to revisit/re-evaluate, more formally, the budget in mid-season to understand how well things are going. Finance Committee *does* review monthly.... Mike will make sure that is relayed to board. PlayBook will help track budget in “real time.”

Corbin Arno made a motion to accept the 2022-23 budget as presented; Drew McClure seconded Passed unanimously.

- Mike pitched the idea to purchase a power floor scrubber as it's so difficult to keep rubberized floor mats clean. This unit mops, vacuums, sanitizes all-in-one; is a walk-behind unit. \$8K. Mike suggests that we lease a unit for the time being. It would allow us to learn how well it works before outright purchase, and Finance Committee would have more time to find a grant that could be used to apply to the purchase. A few features of the unit were noted: brand is “Bulldog Scrubbers”. \$800 add'l for cleaning wand. ≤26” wide, can negotiate turns to get into locker rooms; will be stored in warm area (Zam or compressor room). Lease cost goes toward purchase, Mike checking to see if there's penalty to pay off earlier, break lease early. 36mo @\$237/mo., shipping cost - \$200 (as of April '22)., Figures to \$2800/yr. Mike said that we can use some of \$10k rink reserve to start. It was also mentioned that because it's easy to use, we could ask members to run it on some scheduled basis. Moved by Corbin, seconded by Scott, to enter into 3-year long lease. Will be finalized through e-vote.
- Team sponsorship (Drew) – various options to offer different levels of team sponsorship were listed (e.g., \$200 helmet sticker, higher price for having sewn-on jersey patch, additional price for sewn-on name patch, etc. up to \$1k). Justin did leg work to put it together. It was noted that there should remain an option for unspecified donations. Drew will update the draft policy to reflect this, as well as a notation that HHA will receive a 10% cut. Teams (& their managers) need to be aware of this cut. Corbin suggested deposit down on jerseys, refunded when returned in good shape (concern about patch removal causing damage to jersey).

Pending Business:

- Sprinkler Repair – KBAAB – waiting to hear from Fire Chief to discuss a waiver in keeping fire suppression in place over the rink.

New Business

- Coaching Clinic – plan is to have one in the fall.

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

- 5-31-22 P&L with previous comparison, 5-31-22 Balance Sheet with previous comparison, 2022-23 HHA Draft Budget

Comments of the Non-Voting Board Members

None

Comments of the Voting Board Members

Food Truck owner asked if power could be provided to cross the parking lot to be closest to road (A: could be done on a temporary basis using extension cords). Emerald Air approached Leslie to ask about vending from the lot and would like to start ASAP with selling hot dogs and bear claw ice cream bars primarily.

Leslie began preliminary research into putting calcium chloride on parking lot. Spendy.... \$2700 for just 1/2 of main part of parking lot. Scott offered to contact City of Homer to see if they could help. Corbin mentioned that Moore & Moore would have the capability to apply it and suggested contacting them to see if they would do it gratis.

Karl - met roofer who's new to town who will look at roof to offer suggestions to fix leaks. Karl will make arrangement to meet with this roofer.

Tentative plan for coaches' meeting in July.... Very unrealistic in terms of timing as people are busy with summer activities. 1st week of August more likely.

Kari - asked if rink clean-up is scheduled. A: Leslie said it will be later (August or so) after interior projects are done and summer users (e.g., dog training group) have finished (so there will be a lesser need to clean twice).

Melanie – suggested that we continue putting out a monthly newsletter through summer. Shelly supervises Meg, so Shelly is point of contact for advertising/outreach efforts.

Q : Scott was asked if he has pursued the idea of hosting a concert at the rink parking lot. A: He's started to, but still has more details to research; the idea is still active.

HHAAB Topics:

Huge discussion of rate structure for all programs (policy is being revised; will be presented at next meeting, or possibly as e-vote next week). Some general considerations: tiered structure for members/nonmembers for drop-in events (lower for members). Locker rooms will be available to member groups, but most likely not for non-member groups. Locker rooms will be locked to minimize janitorial needs (we know from experience that unattended children track in sand (hard to clean up and hard on skate blades) & leave a trail of food crumbs & beverage containers).

Drew asked his company for \$2500 donation of excess laptops (which HHA could use for practice sign-ins). This led to a short discussion about liability waiver acknowledgement by non-HHA members.

Fee discussion – proposed to set at \$150 per person (up from \$100 as previously discussed). Youth team membership (to cover ice fees for the year; currently at \$960 based on \$20/sheet) was considered to be raised a little bit (to \$1100 per youth skater— which would automatically give them HHA membership). Fee increase justifiable based on increased energy costs. Can now be paid on monthly basis instead of all up front. Needs to be verified about who qualifies for discount for multiple family member registration (3 family members of any category??). Drew will address the latter in the next revision of the policy.

Questions: What about youth groups not on teams? MicroBells - nonpaying members (for 1st session). \$200 for next session. Icebreakers, Glacier Girls – will have member vs. non-member fee structure.

WeSkate - since they would only use public skates (not stick time), could rationalize lower membership rate (i.e., \$100). Only dry locker room use.

Cancellation policy discussion tabled.

No goalie at all & skater numbers are projected to be low for Bantam or Midget teams (so it's looking unlikely that either team will be fielded).

Comments of the President

Mike - none.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 6th at 7:00 p.m. (tentatively, there may not be a July meeting)

Adjournment: Kari moved to adjourn; Drew seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.