

Homer Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Kevin Bell Arena and via Zoom Meeting online
Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Call to Order: President Mink called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:06p.m.

Members Present: John Mink, Corbin Arno, Leslie Slater, Mike Barth, Joanna Owens and Jay Pearson

Members via Zoom: Tracey Knutson

Members Absent: Melanie Dufour, Justin Adams and Mike Spencer

Others Present: Heidi Stage, Bookkeeper, (zoom) and Joey Kraszeki, Registrar (zoom) and Dean Kildaw, Rink Manager (7:24pm)

Approval of the Agenda:

Corbin Arno made a motion to approve the agenda as written; Mike Barth seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of July 13, 2021 Minutes:

Corbin Arno made a motion approve the minutes as written; Mike Barth seconded. Motion passed.

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

- Joey reported she spoke with Anna Culley re: insurance coverage. Players need to be claimed in the HHA system to be covered. Also, all board members and anyone else who has contact with kids needs a background check and must complete the Safe Sport program.

Announcements

- Registration Open – Joey said registration is ready to launch once she gets the go ahead from the board. John said this will be decided after the meeting when everything has been discussed.
- Volunteers and Board – Safesport requirements – John encouraged everyone to get
- Ice Volunteers – any more needed? – John said there were a handful of helpers and it goes faster with more hands. The board could spread the word that more volunteers are welcome. Tracey asked if there was an online sign-up sheet? Leslie said to contact Dean if interested.
- Dust-off Clinic – Mike Spencer is the contact person for this event. John directed all questions to him.

Pending Business:

- Sprinkler Repair – KBAAB – Leslie said there is nothing scheduled at this point.

New Business

- Coach Approval – At this time, both Dana and Dave have pulled their names from the 8U coach position; John suggested postponing the vote until more information is collected. There was board discussion.

John Mink made a motion to move the coach approval to an e-vote next week; Mike Barth seconded. Motion passed.

- COVID 19 Mitigation Plan Approval – Leslie reported about the revisions made to previous seasons plan. The main change is the addition of vaccinations required in order to be in the building without a mask; non-vaccinated visitors will be required to wear a mask. The priority is to protect all of HHA members, both youth and adult. John stated that he does not believe there will be the grants available like last year. His main concern is protecting both the association and the membership. He suggests following what the Kenai Peninsula Borough is doing and stressing 'symptom' free facility vs. 'covid' free facility. There are other contagious illnesses people are exposed to. Joanna spoke about the fact that vaccinated people can still transmit the virus and can get sick too. Tracey added that we need to follow the facts: a large percentage of the people hospitalized are unvaccinated and there is a small number of vaccinated people that have had break through cases. She feels

strongly about asking HHA asking their membership to get vaccinated and she is in favor of mandates. Symptom free isn't good enough she said, as it has been proven that people with no symptoms can still spread the virus. She stressed the staff needs to be protected and she advocated for getting N95 masks for them. Corbin stated he feels the government and CDC should not be trusted. He said people afraid of covid should stay home and other people can live their lives the way they chose. John said he wants kids on the ice, he wants the building open and he wants to keep the staff safe. There was discussion about the mental health of kids and the importance of being able to participate in activities. Mike said he does not support HHA requiring vaccinations. It should be the choice of the family. Joanna reiterated that she feels all kids should have to wear masks, regardless if they are vaccinated or not. Joanna suggested a mask zone and a mask free zone. Mike asked if this is holding up registration? Yes, a plan needs to be in place before the rink opens. John asked Leslie to update the plan based on the input and have further review by the KBAAB. The idea being that the entire board could then approve/disapprove a new version via an e-vote. Then, it will be incorporated as part of the registration process.

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

- 7-13-21 Minutes, 7-31-21 P&L with previous year comparison and 7-31-21 Balance Sheet with previous year comparison, 2021-22 Coach Applicant list, USA Hockey Playing Rule Change Summary, USAH Playing Rules Points of Emphasis and USAH Standardized Discipline Policy.

Comments of the Voting Board Members

Joanna asked Microbell/8U issue from the work session meeting. There needs to be a Microbell/8U discussion at the next meeting with suggestions from the HHA Advisory committee.

Dean said he needs more volunteers to help with putting the ice in. He will send out an email.

Heidi shared that HHA was awarded a \$13,000 general operating grant from the Roy A. Hunt Foundation.

Comments of the President

None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 pm via Zoom

Adjournment: Mike Barth moved to adjourn; Leslie Slater seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.