

KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2023

Travel Director Clement called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM. Minutes recorded by Secretary Galloway.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Popma, Travel Director Clement, Secretary Galloway, Girls Director Wainwright, House Director McFall, Rink Appointee Sokol.

ABSENT: Treasurer Ozanich

STAFF: Office Manager Christ, Social Media Manager Michalak

MEMBERSHIP/GUEST: Kristyn Dougherty, Dennis Whitbeck

OPEN CALL: Limit to 5 minutes per person, no discussion (for timeline sake)

MINUTES: Review February minutes. **Motion to approve February minutes made by Travel Director Clement, 2nd by Girls Director Wainwright, YES votes from all, NO votes from none: PASSED.**

FINANCE/BUDGET: Treasurer Ozanich reported balance within expected range.

TEAM FINANCIALS: Treasurer Ozanich reported no late payments. Final budgets due April 1.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Jerseys – President Popma had nothing to report.
- Discipline – President Popma reported receiving Game Misconduct reports for **2009 Knights player** for Roughing, SafeSport: 18u Rebels Assistant Coach for choking adult son in lobby during tournament, Supplemental: 18u Rebels Assistant Coach removed from roster and suspended from all team activities pending SafeSport review.
- IT/Communications – Social Media Manager Michalak reported see attached report
- Election – Office Manager Christ presented election results. Chris Vedder, Travel Director Clement, and Girls Director Wainwright received top votes. Offer others opportunities to serve on committees. Standard format for elections. **Motion to approve results made by House Director McFall, 2nd by Travel Director Clement, YES votes from all, NO votes from none: PASSED**
- Finance – Treasurer Ozanich not present to report
- Coaching Selection – House Director McFall had nothing to report.
 - Travel Director Clement presented Mike Penner as 2009 Knights coach. **Motion to approve Mike Penner as 2009 Knights coach made by Travel Director Clement, 2nd by Girls Director Wainwright, YES votes from all, NO votes from none: PASSED.**

- Girls Director Wainwright presented --- **Motion to approve Jim Kirila, Tori Baumstar, Russ Holdridge, Abbey Helmenien, Drew Domzalski as girls coaches made by Girls Director Wainwright, 2nd by Secretary Galloway, YES votes from all, NO votes from none: PASSED.**
- Charity Event – Committee temporarily inactive.
- House Evaluation/Draft – House Director McFall had nothing to report.
- Arena/Ice Conditions – 2009 Renegades advised that a player broke an ankle due to a rut in the ice near the boards. Rink Appointee Sokol will reach out to family of player.
- Ice Scheduling – Rink Appointee Sokol not present to report.
- Alumni – President Popma reported Ronnie Attard participated in AHL All-Star Challenge, missed opening date to include question on MiM registration.
- Grow the Game – House Director McFall reported Biggby renewed for next year, \$20k for next year, getting prepared for next year
- House Development: nothing to report

DIVISION UPDATES:

- Learn to Play: Spring session starts April 8
- Mini-Mite/Mite: AAU tryouts for Brighton Ice, those that don't make are leaving KVHA, necessity for another AAU team, need a plan with KVIH moving forward
- House: Nothing to report
- Travel: 2008 Renegades request to continue with new coach, 18U Rebels request to continue, 18U rebels request is still denied
- Girls: Nothing to report

TRAINING/SKILLS:

- Bandits Goalie Training: _____
- Try Hockey for Free held on February 25, 2023. 30 participants.
- TCS Coaching Conference, June 22-24, 2023 in Ann Arbor (\$599 cost)

MAHA / USA HOCKEY:

- Kensington Valley hosted Non-state Round 2 Districts for Squirt B teams on March 12. 2 games, no problems.
- MAHA Non-state D4 Hockey Day held March 18th in Farmington Hills. 2009 Knights.
- 2009 Raiders and 2012 Renegades advanced to State Championships. 2009 won Bantam A Championship, 2012 Renegades won.
- Tryouts set to begin March 20, 2023.

PAST BUSINESS:

- Ice contract.
- Hockey director position. Posting, applications, interview dates

NEW BUSINESS:

- LTP lead instructor position.
- Review student coaching/officiating program.
- Yearbook distributed to teams. Consider signing event or end of season banquet.
- Made in Michigan summer camps.
- Annual Meeting new date for 2024 to not conflict with tryouts, make it more of an event

REQUESTS:

- Request from 2009 Knights for video review after player dislocated jaw as a result of an uncalled elbow to the head. **Video and information forwarded to Livonia who advised that player was sat by coach for incident.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM

Updated 3/17/23.



Social Media Update

Board Meeting

March 20, 2023

Upcoming Events/Posts

1. April-Senior and commitments spotlight
2. April-2000th follower (Partnering with Perfect Edge)
3. April/May-Spring Hockey

Last 30 days of insights

Reach

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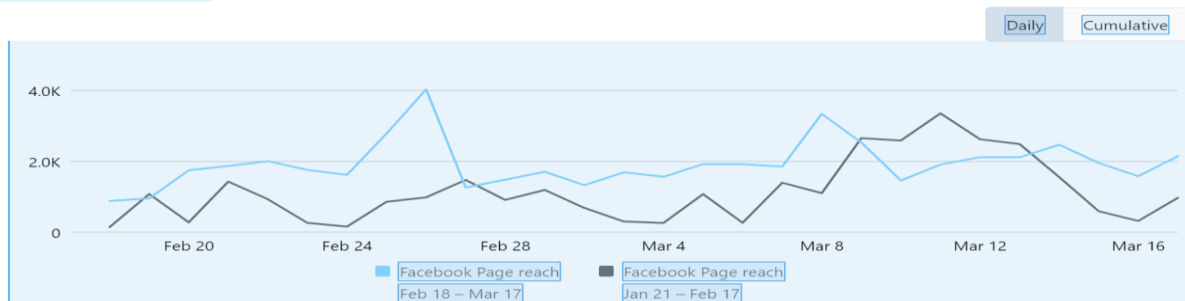
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Facebook Page reach

22,577 ↑ 62.7%

Instagram reach

912 ↑ 61.4%

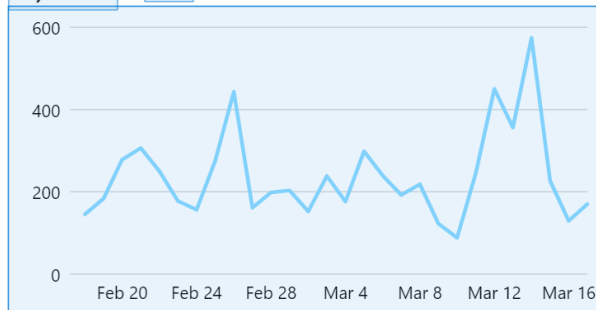


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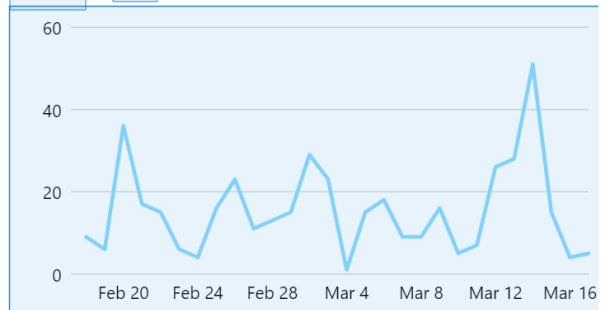
Facebook Page visits

6,647 ↑ 72.1%



Instagram profile visits

432 ↑ 188%

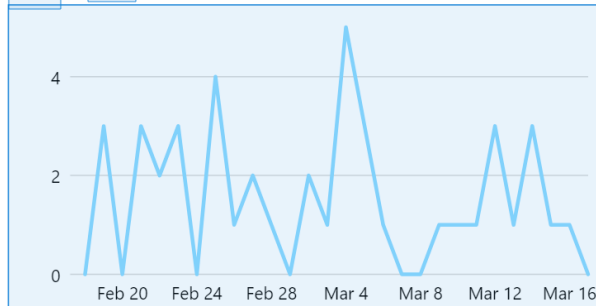


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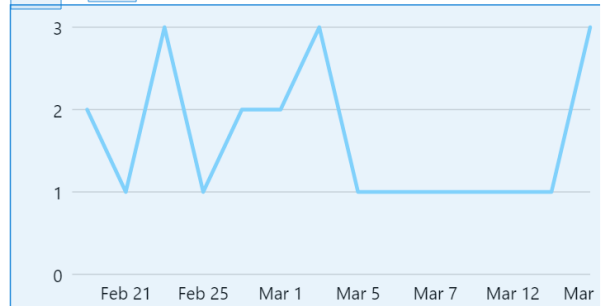
Facebook Page new likes

43 ↑ 53.6%



New Instagram followers

23 ↑ 53.3%





Season Recap:

Pre-Season Expectations:

- Work together as one team, every player on every team improves and has fun
- Lot's of high fives and smiles!
- Build a identity with your teams, additional tournaments, off ice and team events
- Be responsible for Mite program equipment and pucks
- Assistant coaches have drills ready to go and know the plan
- Head coaches try and get enough volunteers to be a rover at practices and not stuck at one station (Pull kids aside, one on one attention)
- First team of the day gets pucks out, last team puts them away

Takeaways:

- Creating Teams went really well given we had 102 kids this season (17 per team)
- We assigned equal amount of "A" players and "B" players on each team so we could run two half ice games each week that weren't lopsided
 - I ranked each player in the evaluation skates 1,2 or 3 (1 advanced, 3 Novice)
 - Worked through friend requests and came up with 6 competitive teams
- Getting Coaches on the same page started out really well and for the most part sustained. ***The hard part here is a lot of times the coaches' kids are the better players and they get the itch to try and make the program more like a travel team and move away from the rec league, skill development model we have set up.***
- Practice plans I felt were great and we can probably create a folder for each practice done this season since they were all typed out.
 - Had a rotation that one coach each week was responsible for creating the practice plans for every team so everyone was on the same page prior to hitting the ice. If no zam was done stations were already ready to roll adding to ice time
- Games went well with half ice games, equal teams and equal skillsets playing each other
 - Last month we flipped to full ice (Hockey Rules) with refs which went really well.
 - Teams played non conference games and each team played two tournaments
 - One team entered state tournament
- Select Team (Barracuda's) was an awesome addition and should be continued
 - They played a handful of scrimmage games and two tournaments
 - Players were selected by the coaches from watching the first month of the season instead of a tryout.
- Jamboree's went smooth, had a few minor compliments but overall kids had a blast and they were a great celebration of the season
- Equipment upgrades of new goalie gear, new nets, new divider pads all played a huge role this season in making things run smooth.
 - Full puck bags kept disappearing need to put in a fix in for that

2023 KVHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT

The following are the candidates for the 2023 KVHA Board of Directors. Each elected Director shall hold an office for a term of two years, except for the member filling the remainder of any vacant terms. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes will be entitled to the longest terms of office.



KRISTYN DOUGHERTY - NEW CANDIDATE - 14U RAVENS BLUE MANAGER

Kristyn lives in Milford with her husband and three children. Her children have been playing youth hockey in the area since 2014 across multiple associations and she has managed youth hockey teams since 2017 with a thorough understanding of the USA Hockey, AAU Hockey, and MAHA programs. All three of her children have recently gone through the USA Hockey Referee Course and this has helped her gain insight into the referee procedures and how the game scheduling work. Kristyn's 20+ years of people leader experience in the automotive industry and volunteering on youth sports committees and Cheer Boards has helped her develop excellent communication and problem-solving skills will assist her in helping the board continue to improve current programs and expand to new opportunities.

Kristyn would like to join the KVHA Board to be an advocate for youth hockey players in our area to ensure opportunities for every level player as they age up through the association. Additionally, she would like to continue to grow and expand the girl's hockey program within KVHA and be a source of information for parents looking to help their player(s) grow and develop.



CHRIS VEDDER - NEW CANDIDATE - 2012 REBELS

Since Chris's son started at KV in 2017 he has loved being at the rink. He had a blast as head coach of the Brighton Ice team but since that time, he often finds himself on the phone helping others find a team or giving hockey advice. He has learned a lot from others at the rink and is trying to grow his son in a positive way in the game. Hockey has turned into something that he will always be a part of and he finds joy in growing the game. This is a perfect way to give back and have fun doing it.

Chris has a military background working as a member of various teams both overseas and domestically. He is excited to use his experience in the areas of player and coach development, student coaching, the BIGGBY 8U program, Learn to Play and growth events such as Try Hockey Free. He is looking forward to an opportunity to give back and grow the game and is excited to share the same feeling that he has every time he comes to the rink with families new to KVHA.

Chris and his wife, Heather, have been married for over 10 years. Their son currently plays on the 2012 Renegades as a defenseman and their daughter is an avid dancer, cheerleader, and softball player.

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DENNIS WHITBECK – NEW CANDIDATE – HEAD COACH MITE BENGALS, LITTLE REBELS INSTRUCTOR



Dennis is a Level 4 coach who has played hockey his entire life. He is currently the Head coach of the Mite Bengals and is also coaching our Little Rebels program. He has been coaching with KVHA for 3 years and he is passionate about youth hockey. His philosophy is to teach players to be the best they can be, and that everyone's strength is that they are unique. Dennis has worked as an engineer for over 12 years but has never served on a board of directors. He is a team player and mentor and will use his personal and professional skills to help shape the long-term goals of the KVHA and improve both the strengths and weaknesses of the association. He would like to continue helping with growth programs and incorporate more team building and "how to play hockey" philosophies for the younger kids. He is interested in helping us grow our development programs for players, coaches, and student coaches as well as proposing rule changes and helping with disciplinary matters.

Dennis lives in Brighton with his wife and three kids, and you can usually find him at the rink with either his 8 year old son or 4 year old daughter, or playing on his men's league team.

KEVIN GIRARD - NEW CANDIDATE - 2012 REBELS



Kevin is pursuing this opportunity with the KVHA Board to put his years of sales management experience, his people skills, and his organizational talents to work engaging and supporting hockey families, new and old, while bringing fresh ideas and different viewpoints to the Board. He is eager to give back to the community that has supported him and his family through a rough time and is looking to do more to give back to the association that they plan to be a part of for years to come.

Kevin is interested in developing the student coaching program, growing the game, and creating policies that support players, coaches, and families under USA Hockey's Safe Sport program.

Kevin lives with his family in Fenton and his son Vincent plays on the 2012 Rebels.

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BRIAN CLEMENT - CURRENT KVHA TRAVEL DIRECTOR; 2009 KNIGHTS HEAD COACH



Brian currently serves as the KVHA Travel Director and was the former Treasurer. Currently he is the Head Coach 2009 Knights and this is Brian's fifth consecutive year coaching in KVHA. Brian has been involved with the game of hockey for his entire life not only as a player but also as a coach from the Mite to High School levels. As a business professional of twenty-two years in the commercial insurance industry, Brian works closely with non-profit organizations and has served in various roles on Boards of Directors and committees not only within the sports realm but also within healthcare, scholastic, and community outreach programs.

Brian's main focus is to keep kids in the game of hockey by finding creative ways to enhance the playing experience while keeping the game affordable.

Brian resides in Brighton with his wife and twin boys. In the summer months Brian enjoys watching his boys play competitive baseball from 'behind the fence' and family time is spent sailing and fishing on northern Lake Huron.

JEFF OZANICH CURRENT KVHA TREASURER - SQUIRT GENERALS HEAD COACH



Jeff has over 15 years of coaching experience in hockey, soccer, and volleyball. He has played hockey (still plays twice a week) for most of his life and has a passion for the game. He is the current coach of the Squirt Generals. Jeff's coaching philosophy has always been to focus on the positive and reinforce successful behaviors to continue to develop his players.

Professionally, Jeff has worked in finance for more than 20 years. He is a commercial lender for a regional bank and works closely with large corporations. Jeff also spent over 15 years of his career in upper management. Jeff has held other roles on Boards of Directors but is looking to expand into sports.

Jeff hopes to continue to keep KVHA as one of the top hockey programs in the area and further ingrain himself in the community. He would like to help focus on player development and growing the game. He would like the opportunity to assist in helping players transition from the learn to play leagues into house leagues and provide another point of view in making important decisions for KVHA.

Jeff, his wife, and his two children have lived in Brighton for almost five years. Both his children are very active in sports. When they are away from the rink and the soccer field, they spend time at the lake fishing and boating.

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MICHAEL WAINWRIGHT - CURRENT KVHA GIRLS DIRECTOR, Founder: Michigan Elite Hockey and Sports Academy



The growth of the KV Ravens is something we should all be proud of. I consider myself lucky to have been involved since day one. And our KV board has always put the Girls program front and center. My goal is to keep it that way. My Raven is off playing in college, but I'm still motivated to keep this train rolling.

We are in the middle of coach interviews right now for the 2023/24 season and it's looking like we may have 10-11 Raven TEAMS skating out of our rinks this year with lots of growth at the youngest ages. That is simply outstanding. We have one of the largest and in my humble opinion best Girls programs in the state and country for that matter.

It's the dedication and passion of our coaches, volunteers, parents and namely the players that keep me involved. It's been a lot of fun and very rewarding. My goal is to keep it that way for everyone involved.

Please vote for up to 3 candidates

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