

**KENSINGTON VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**MONDAY February 19, 2024**

President Clement \_\_\_\_\_ called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Minutes recorded by Treasurer Dougherty.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** President Clement, VP Popma, Travel Director Vedder, Girls Director Wainwright, Treasurer Dougherty, Rink Appointee Mainhardt, House Director McFall,

**ABSENT:** Secretary Galloway, Learn to Play Director Whitbeck, Mini Mite Director Schulz

**STAFF:** Office Manager Christ, Social Media Manager Michalak

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**MEMBERSHIP/GUEST:** None

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

**MINUTES:** Review January minutes. **Motion to approve January minutes made by President Clement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Travel Director Vedder , YES votes from Popma, Dougherty, Mainhardt, Wainwright, McFall , NO votes from N/A :**  
**PASSED/FAILED.**

**FINANCE/BUDGET:** **Treasurer** Dougherty reported balance within expected range. Expense credit card purchase update.

**TEAM FINANCIALS:** Treasurer Dougherty reported zero late payments. Initial budgets due. Any known outstanding: 14 Renegades, 14 Raiders, 13 Rengades, 11 Rebels, 09 Warriors.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- Jerseys – House jersey redesign for 2024-2025 season
- Discipline 18U Rebels player Match penalty. Suspended through August 31, 2024, attend 8 hour anger management course, 3 years probation; 16U Rebels player for unsportsmanlike conduct; 14U Admirals player 4 penalties in a game; 16U Rebels player 4 penalties in a game.
- IT/Communications – **Social Media Manager Michalak reported** \_\_\_\_\_
- Election – **Office Manager Christ** – Secretary, VP, House Director all up for re-election. Some interest from members in joining the board – Brandon Camerella.
- Finance – **Treasurer Dougherty** Feb/March combined payments are being processed, 6 left that requested split payments. No late payments expected.

- Girls Director –
    - 2024-2025 coaches have been selected, see below
    - MAHA committee has declined 140 Ice Den girls program exception to allow 14U T2 Girls, encouraged the 140 Ice Den to start with 8U girls program and build from there.
    - Coaches have agreed to work together at the various age levels in regard to tryouts.
  - Coaching Selection –
    - **House Director McFall**: No action needed, yet
    - **Travel Director Vedder**: All coaches have been interviewed, teams with an \* are pending due to high school.
      - 2015 Rebels – Chris Baldas
      - 2015 Renegades – Jeff Bancroft
      - 2015 Raiders – Dennis Whitbeck
      - 2014 Rebels – Bobby Kelley
      - 2014 Raiders – Wes Yarnell
      - 2014 Renegades – Joe Dzikowicz
      - 2013 Rebels – Casey Jordan
      - 2013 Raiders – Jeff Mynatt
      - 2012 Rebels – Greg Desana
      - 2012 Raiders – Patrick McFall
      - 2011 Raiders – Travis Oliver
      - 2011 Renegades – Todd Mailloux
      - 2010 Rebels – Ryan Wrathell
      - 2010 Renegades – Scott Kelly
      - 2010 Raiders\* – Paul Dunphey
      - 16U Rebels\* – Nick Griffin
      - 16U Raiders\* – Mike Penner
      - 18U Rebels\* – Mike O’Keefe
      - 18U Rebels\* – Brad Graham
    - **Girls Director Wainwright**: All coaches have been interviewed, 12U T3 interviews scheduled for 2/20. Should have 11 girls travel teams.
      - 8U T2 Dennis Whitbeck
      - 10U T2 Russ Holdridge
      - 10U T2 Abbie Helminen
      - 12U T2 Drew Domzalski
      - 14U T2 Andrew Christopher
      - 14U T3 Jim Kirila
      - 16U T2 Jason Edick
      - Andrew Christopher
      - 19U John Angerman
- Dougherty motions to approve, Clement seconds. Approved.
- Charity Event – Committee temporarily inactive.

- House Evaluation/Draft – **House Director McFall**- No report needed at this time.
- Arena/Ice Conditions – With change in ownership at KVIH, we need to review with rink management on process for receiving and reporting issues.  
Hartland Pond – it was reported a KVHA player was injured due to ice conditions.
- Ice Scheduling – Tryout dates from teams have been established and shared with Rink Appointee Mainhardt. Working through the approval and exact ice times – should have approval by 2/24/24. Spring ice requests from the teams have been requested by Office Manager Christ, she will help the teams work together within age groups/sharing/etc.
- Alumni – Vice President Popma Kurt Goselin was traded to the Orlando Solar Bears, Rink Appointee shared the idea for an Alumni Wall within the rink, would need some alignment on what would earn a spot on the wall, etc.
- Grow the Game/House Development – **House Director McFall**
  - Finishing up the budget including the money we get from Biggby. Have the commitment from Biggby for the grant for next year.
  - Need at least 6 more intermediate nets before next year. Rink Appointee Mainhardt is going to support with equipment requests on behalf of the rink, he has a vendor coming in next week to work with them on orders.
  - Mite and Mini-Mite Director support has been great all year, this was a good addition. We would like to support them back with needed equipment.
  - Try hockey this Saturday 2/24 at Noon. Livingston United and 12U Ravens are hosting.
  - Pads get ruined by coaches of older teams using them as blocking dummies, requesting older teams not use them to preserve them. Working on storage to preserve them further.
  - Social media is effective, but patrons are overwhelmed by this – getting into schools has worked in other areas – paper flyers help when kids can take them home. Promoting the high school teams would be helpful – give it a Brighton or South Lyon theme for example, use some of the high school players to help on the ice at practices and activities.
  - Block grant from MAHA was approved, will take a few weeks to process.

#### **TRAINING/SKILLS:**

#### **MAHA / USA HOCKEY:**

- MAHA summer meeting (minutes not yet published)
- USA Hockey announced neck laceration protectors will be required for all youth players beginning 08/01/2024.
- MAHA 2023 Presidents Meeting 2023-2024 Focus Points
  - Areas of importance and opportunity for KVHA
    - Association of the Year contest: Points for obtaining membership growth, Points of other initiatives they will provide growth, Awards \$7,500 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$5,000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$2,500 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
    - As of 11/19 KVHA is in 9<sup>th</sup> place with 328 points (leader has 467 points)

### **PAST BUSINESS:**

- Pinckney donation request
- Livingston Classical Academy fundraiser request
- D4 Hockey Day costs and planning
  - Event went well. A lot of MAHA help for the weekend.
  - 4 teams advancing to States from KVHA
    - What help will be given to the teams advancing to states? Past we have contributed \$500 per team. Need to consult the budget and make a proposal.
- Hockey Challenge Camp – Sarah Dunkel-Jackson
  - Cancelled last meeting due to the transition – planning to meet March 1<sup>st</sup>. Working on plans for the summer and what resources are out in the community.
- Memorandum of Understanding between KVHA and Mark Schaffer

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- KVIH officially sold to Black Bear Sports Group on 02/01/2024
- Jersey vendor review for 2024-2025 season
  - Brian and Michelle will review these and report out to the group at the next meeting.
- MAHA closest rink rule revision
  - This will have an impact on some players from Northern Livingston County and Southern Genesee County. Goes by Google Map distance, not direct. Teams may put in for an exception to MAHA if needed.
  - 50% team rule amended. If both associations and the district agree, the team can move with 50% of more.
- 16U Rebels player left team leaving outstanding balance
  - The player did pay one check and they will pay the remaining. The team should be made whole.
  - Remaining player with 3 year suspension – team decided to just call it a wash.

**REQUESTS: Nothing new.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:34PM

Updated 2/19/24.