

Twig Amateur Hockey Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/24/24

Meeting called to order at: 6:07 pm by *Rayanna Gaskell*

Board Members Present: Rayanna Gaskell, Scott Welty, Shae Nehiba, Stef Peterson, Heather Caron, Dan Johnson, Gabe Jorgenson, Nikki Knaffla, Lee Anderson

Board Members Absent: Cody Gaskell, Jessica Hawkins,

Other Association Members: Kristina Maki, Kaitlyn Burke, Jen Talarico, John Oliver, Terry Dunbar, Carl Burk, James Lapine, Ryan Creuer, Hillary Creuer, Dawn Clark.

Meeting Minutes review/approval:

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to Approve the Septemeber meeting minutes

Motion by S. Nehiba to approve the September meeting minutes

Seconded by S. Nehiba

Motion passed unanimously

Treasury Report – Cody Gaskell

- Account Balances:
 - Checking \$ 43,469.12
 - Savings \$ 10,993.28
 - Investment- \$24,635.96
- Planning on creating a check ledger to record check transactions. Viewable Google Doc being created.
- R. Gaskell will begin creating clear financial information for the association.
- New Zamboni, estimated at \$15,000 final price. Needs work still.
R. Gaskell asks to hold vote increase the spending budget for a new Zamboni to \$25,000.
Motion by D. Johnson to vote.
Seconded by G. Jorgenson.
All in favor of increasing Zamboni budget to \$25,000. Voting results: Unanimous, all in favor. Approved.

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Treasury report

Motion by G. Jorgenson to approve

Seconded by H. Caron

Motion passed unanimously

Rink Director Reports

Scott Welty– Personnel

- PAHA requested to purchase TAHA Zamboni. Board declines. TAHA will continue to utilize this machine. Can be stored in a purchased Connex box or car port. *R. Gaskell asking for all in favor of keeping the Zamboni with Twig Hockey.*
Motion by S. Welty.
Seconded by N. Knaffla.
Board Member vote count: Unanimous, all in favor. Approved
Table agreement to purchase Connex box.

- 18/36 registered players have paid to date. One registered player with TAHA being reimbursed.
- Only one registered player not registered with USA hockey due to registration number issues.
- Only one Board member missing background check.
- \$1100 per fixture on new LED lights, decision discussed during Grand Lake Town Hall meeting; still looking into rebates before final decision.
- Town Hall would like to see Brine tank change. Discussed possible holding tank instead.
- District Meeting info discussed including coaches expectations to sign off on players mandatory gear including neck guards and helmets.
- Sending registration info to Fundraising for raffle payment info.
- Receipts of purchases from John Deer machines, including tires given to president.
- All tractors hooked up and running, some work still required.
- Will need to purchase a few batteries for equipment and to reimburse TAHA member.

S. Welty asking for motion to approve \$600 of purchases as outlined in list.

Motion by C. Gaskell to approve

Seconded by G. Jorgenson

Board Member vote count: Unanimous, all in favor. Approved

Dan J./Gabe J. - Facilities

- Potential new Zamboni has several new found issues, repairs may be above and beyond what the machine is worth. Looking into another Zamboni the dealership currently has for sale.
- Boards are painted, with one coat left.
- Discussing no buy out from volunteer duties for flooding. Possibility of not in good standing if not completed. -Floating idea.
- Mirage player completed volunteer work at TAHA, painting rink benches.
- Squirt B2 Schedule complete.
- M2 Voyager League complete.

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Rink Directors reports

Motion by S. Nehiba to approve

Seconded by H. Caron

Motion passed unanimously

Maintenance Director's Report – Lee Anderson

- Rink doors still need work. Adjustments needed to make post and door stronger.

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Maintenance Directors reports

Motion by S. Peterson to approve

Seconded by S. Nehiba

Motion passed unanimously

Equipment Director's Report – Shae Nehiba

- New M2 Goalie gear needed will be \$440.
S. Nehiba asking for motion to approve purchase of Goalie Gear.
Motion by R. Gaskell to approve
Seconded by S. Peterson

Board Member vote count: Unanimous, all in favor. Approved

- Squirt jerseys: Full set \$140, includes white jersey and dark jersey and socks. *Floating idea until after PAHA tryouts.* Considering Squirt only fundraiser.

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Equipment Director's report

Motion by S. Peterson to approve

Seconded by N. Knaffla

Motion passed unanimously

Tournament Director's Report – Shae Nehiba

- Squirt Tournament: 4 teams registered.
- M1 Tournament: 3 PAHA teams registered.
- Mom gifts have been purchased.
- One tournament check provided.

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Tournament Director's report

Motion by S. Welty to approve

Seconded by L. Anderson

Motion passed unanimously

Fundraising Director's Report – Stef Peterson

- 21 fundraising signs paid for.
- Grocery bagging December 28-29th, Pike Lake Super One.
- Player and Alumni Questionnaire being sent out. Responses will be used towards potential grants.
- Lake Country grant submitted.
- Applying for Dick Sporting Grant.
- Doing Kwik Trip card fundraiser.

Co-Fundraising Director's Report – Jessica Hawkins

- Nothing to report

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Fundraising Director's report

Motion by S. Nehiba to approve

Seconded by L. Anderson

Motion passed unanimously

Concession Director's Report – Heather Caron

- Checking: \$4037.49'
- Savings: \$5017.87

Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Concession Director's report

Motion by S. Nehiba to approve

Seconded by G. Jorgenson

Motion passed unanimously

Old Business:

- Squirts try-outs, will have to wait for results. Hoping to have a PAHA player or two potentially come to (or back) to Twig if necessary to keep fair team numbers.

- Great Learn to Skate numbers currently.
- Clothing store is complete and being emailed.
- Halloween Bingo even coming up.
- Wilderness Game 2/15, same weekend of Squirts Tournament. May look into different dates.
- Parent Meeting night: Tuesday, November 12th. 6pm.

New Business:

- R. Gaskell looking into Little Chippers; MN Wild Program selling and/or sponsored box.
- S. Welty connection with someone with knowledge of cooling systems and rink technology; noted association did all volunteer work and \$1.1million for system and slab.
- Squirts using one locker room will promote team comradery. Twig only practices for Squirts will now welcome M2's.

Other Association Members discussion *initiated at beginning of board meeting by association members and non-association-members present:*

- Hillary Creuer, *Association member*: Bring bylaws into question, disagreeing with article 9 and 10. Asks for back up plans if more than 1 TAHA Player makes PAHA Squirt A team. Suggests bringing up M2 players to Squirt level to allow TAHA Squirts to play for PAHA; Waivers could be reconsidered annually; merge with PAHA for a year as a trial run. Suggests bringing registration funds for peewee's and bantams back to TAHA.
- Terry Dubar, *non-association member*: Promotes PAHA and TAHA. Discusses possibility of TAHA and PAHA combined Squirt teams for the season; suggests combined TAHA and PAHA logo with games and practices still being held at Twig. Open to PAHA and TAHA having further discussions. Confirms Squirt A team numbers are objective based on skill. Numbers cannot be provided to TAHA before tryouts to consider solutions. Asks TAHA and PAHA to begin having combined board meetings.
- Dawn Clark, *Association member*: Discusses revenue shared still with combined teams and families still willing to play at TAHA.
- James Lapine, *non-association member (Waivered)*: Discusses future TAHA player registration numbers and current skill level of players. Raises question of if TAHA players can use indoor ice after November.
- Kaitlyn Burke *non-association member*: Discusses multiple years when PAHA and TAHA combined prior to their new indoor rink but has since gone back to separate associations. Would be willing to have Squirts play games at Twig if combined too. Affirms issues of concern are not being brought to PAHA board.
- Tara Talarico *non-association member*: Asks if TAHA waivers have increased because of indoor rink. Suggests creating an agreement between PAHA and TAHA that can be used over the years. Reaching out to families to see who is willing to play for TAHA. Confirms any waived players volunteer duties are still completed at TAHA however registration fees go to PAHA.
- D. Johnson, *Board member*: Discusses concerns of the opportunity to be on the A team being taken out of the parent's hands with current TAHA bylaw regarding the lottery.
- C. Burke, *non-association member*: Discusses concerns of try-out numbers and if PAHA kids are told they don't make the team over TAHA kids but then not all invited TAHA players can go.
- TAHA Board Response: Bylaws do not require mandatory tryouts and TAHA encourages their players to participate however, TAHA has an obligation to ensure its players have a full team to have a fair season and is committed to keeping TAHA a functioning hockey association for another 60 years. Association numbers continue to drop everywhere, and the association cannot agree to lose their Squirt players for a year at a time with an assumption that following year numbers will be better. Additionally, as a non-profit organization TAHA cannot lose 1/3 of volunteers and funding nor can TAHA or PAHA force PAHA parents to come to Twig with another rink just minutes away. This request benefits PAHA and puts TAHA at risk of closure. TAHA cannot allow so many kids to go to PAHA that the other players no longer have enough members for a team. TAHA offers to take PAHA players who would be willing to play for Twig to allow more than one Twig squirt to join the A Team if necessary to while also ensuring the Twig Squirts have

enough players to continue as a team. TAHA will only agree to a possibly combined team with a formal contract confirming the agreement was for one season and PAHA would additionally be reaching their families to discover players willing to play for TAHA. Any agreement would be required to be placed the minutes.

- Conclusion: The associations cannot come to a final agreement until the numbers have been determined through try-outs. Twig cannot risk not having a team for the other players by allowing too many players to leave for the Squirts A team at once. Presidents of PAHA and TAHA will remain in contact; T. Talarico agrees to notify R. Gaskell of Squirt try out results 30 minutes before families are told and then possibilities of a plan can unfold with specific numbers in mind. TAHA agrees that at least semi-annual board meetings with PAHA.

Meeting Adjourn:

Motion was requested by R. Gaskell to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 PM.

Motion by: S. Nehiba

Seconded by: S. Peterson

Motion passed unanimously.

*Meeting Minutes submitted by Secretary, Nikki Knaffla