

## **Twig Amateur Hockey Association**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 09/12/2024**

**Meeting called to order at:** 6:35 pm by Rayanna Gaskell

**Board Members Present:** R. Gaskell, S. Welty, D. Johnson, G. Jorgenson, N. Knaffla, C. Gaskell, L. Anderson, S. Nehiba, S. Peterson, J Hawkins, L. Anderson

**Board Members Absent:** H. Caron

**Other Association Members:**

#### **Meeting Minutes review/approval:**

*Motion requested by R. Gaskell to Approve the August meeting minutes*

*Motion by S. Peterson to approve the August meeting minutes*

*Seconded by S. Nehiba*

*Motion passed unanimously*

#### **Treasury Report – Cody Gaskell**

- Account Balances:
  - Checking \$ 38,677.07
  - Savings \$ 10,991.89
  - Investment-1 \$0.00 August balance of \$15,433.90. CD cashed out for \$15,402.85
  - Investment-2 \$24,635.96
- Squirt tournaments have been registered for.
- Working on 10k grant through Lake Country Power, intending to use towards large upcoming purchases.
- Also looking into grants that may assist with LED light changes – will also be discussing this with the township.
- Large upcoming expenses:
  - Water heater still on the table as of now – not yet paid for.
  - Zamboni yet to be purchased.

*Motion requested by R. Gaskell to approve the Treasury report*

*Motion by G. Jorgenson to approve*

*Seconded by S. Nehiba*

*Motion passed unanimously*

#### **Rink Director Reports**

##### **Scott Welty– Personnel**

- Looked at lights and wiring with an electrician who thinks the connection may heat up too much while on. Electrician confirms repairs/fixes should occur. Discussed with town hall board and they are also working to correct these issues with the electrical contractor. Currently 86,00

lumens on rink lights. Contractor estimates the amps that are currently being used on each rink and number of watt hours is likely costing somewhere between \$100-\$190 to run both rinks (residential rate pricing used in this estimate). \$520 per light (10 poles total) for new lights proposed to town hall. Also discussed the potential of TAHA sharing in this cost.

- 5 staff personnel registered in the portal. Safe sport and background looking good.
- Coaches: All approved coaches look to be fully registered. J. Lapine will not be coaching Squirts as agreed upon by the board. Discussion of M2 coach, not all board members approve this, request to coach declined by Rink Director. M1 coach J. Seguin, M2 coaches are G. Jorgenson and L. Anderson. Squirt coaches are D. Johnson and S. Welty.
- Managers: S. Nehiba Squirts manager.
- \$2,799.80 including money from previous fundraising director in Venmo from Registration.
- Currently 8 Squirts, 6 M2, 4M1 registered. 22 players registered through TAHA currently. Mirage emailed on 9/9 requesting all girls playing for both TAHA and Mirage.
- Town Hall Tractor – The town hall has a John Deere tractor that is compatible with TAHA attachments that the association could potentially have access to. It is currently only used to aerate fields, no longer used to mow with. Scott discussed TAHA's ability to use this machine in the winter with the Town Hall. A motion was passed by Grand Lake Town Hall members approving tractor use with the condition that the tractor remains in good working condition and will be returned to Town Hall. TAHA agrees to dedicate this tractor to the sweeper but could potentially be used as a back up if necessary for snow blowing. TAHA also agrees to replace the tires and battery with PTO kit. Priced out as \$1,500.

*S. Welty asking for motion to approve agreement between Grand Lake Town Hall and TAHA regarding use and purchase of tires and battery.*

*Motion by R. Gaskell to approve*

*Seconded by G. Jorgenson*

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

- Priced out everything that needs updating/purchase, except Zamboni. List sent out required purchases.

*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**

- Kivi put gravel on rink 1. Work party next Thursday/Friday – staining boards white. \$500 to \$1000 for enough paint to cover boards. C. Gaskell has a paint sprayer that can be used to assist in painting – will make a sign if Sherwin Williams willing to donate towards the project, must be at least \$200 worth. Considering laying down plastic near ends of boards to prevent draining in the boards during the season.
- Wants to purchase wood to reinforce the corners and boards that are shaking at touch. Wants to post hole dig 2 more posts and then make buttress.
- Zam: still waiting to go through the service center. \$15000.00 fully serviced and ready to go. Just waiting to hear back.

*D. Johnson asking for motion to purchase Zamboni for \$15,000.00.*

*Motion by R. Gaskell to approve*

*Seconded by N. Knaffla*

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

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

*Motion by C. Gaskell to approve*

*Seconded by S. Nehiba*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **Maintenance Director's Report – Lee Anderson**

- Working to get machines ready for the season.
- Planning work party next week.

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

*Motion by G. Jorgenson to approve*

*Seconded by D. Johnson*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **Equipment Director's Report – Shae Nehiba**

- Jerseys – estimated 15 Squirts, 11 M2, 11 M1.
  - M2 red and black jerseys aren't great, or likely useable. Purposing AK Squirt jerseys from last year potentially be given to M2.
  - 9 full sets for Squirt jerseys, may need to purchase additional sets, would like to add names on jerseys, still considering temporary name patches – discussed down payments or including amount in registration fees. Pricing jerseys – TKO 2 jerseys \$99(\$120 if adding socks); 1 for \$52; 2 week turnaround from purchase. M1 jerseys – 12 total. Floating new jersey purchase at this time.
- Goalie gear needed due to moldy closet
- Neck guard purchasing set up with Stewarts, names included on neck guard for \$14.99, posted on website and FB page.
- Locker room chairs are in bad condition – priced out 40 new black chairs for \$1500, possibly ask town hall.

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

*Motion by S. Peterson to approve*

*Seconded by G. Jorgenson*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **Tournament Director's Report – Shae Nehiba**

- Currently, Mesabi East and Rock Ridge registered for Squirts home tournament. 1 of 2 payment received. Reaching out to teams not yet registered.

- Hussle awards aren't happening. Looking into a Swag option instead: possibly a draw string bag or bag tags.
- Apparel options – maybe look at Stewards this year – will set up online store.

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

*Motion by S. Peterson to approve*

*Seconded by D. Johnson*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **Fundraising Director's Report – Stef Peterson**

- CN's volunteer payment is coming in slowly, with a fee.
- Raffle tickets are ready to go out.
- Did REA3D grant. Submitted propane heater and TAHA items towards grant request – up to \$3000.
- Bills will go out this weekend for sign sponsors.
- R. Gaskell working on Lake Country power grant. Working on Shakopee grant. \$700,000.00 through MN DNR grant for improving facilities – considering to ask for a shed over rink 1, sent letter to township. Also looking into two grants to help with Zamboni costs.
- Air Park Housing project – being created in Independence: Reach out to discuss fundraising options.

### **Co-Fundraising Director's Report – Jessica Hawkins**

- Looking into Dine to donate options (Applebee's, Chipotle, Texas Roadhouse, etc.)

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

*Motion by D. Johnson to approve*

*Seconded by S. Nehiba*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **Concession Director's Report – Heather Caron**

- Last years items being donated to use during early registration night.

### **Old Business:**

- Dan will reach out to Kris Bryant regarding game times. Squirt schedule is set.
- Member interest in Tournament Director. R. Gaskell will let interested person know this position may be available. Board will vote on position change if applicable.
- Monthly Twig Newsletter with highlights on FB. List highlights, events. Will consider where information is coming from to ensure all levels are included.
- Moving trophies/awards to center of warming house.

### **New Business:**

- Bingo – Halloween costume at the Union Station: Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> anticipated. Reaching out to SUS to confirm date.
- 19 learn to skate registered. Talking with Mirage girls to maybe help again this year.
- Adopt a Highway – planning a cleaning date.
- Screen Graphics – Looking into 5% back on purchases as its unclear if this happened. Did ask for blankets as well.
- Parent meeting set up for October sometime.
- Twig Days – start on food requests. Stef will ask Super One. Will reach out to Upper Lakes. Kwik Trip cards can still be used towards this.
- Extinguishers need to be serviced.
- Popcorn donation – J. Lapine received popcorn donation for the season. Bags, butter, seeds, etc.
- Waiver families – already waived families with other associations grandfathered from last year. Meeting families Sept 23 at 6pm.
- Coaching incentive – coaches given chance to select flooding/concessions shifts first. Jackets for new coaches.
- Dryland space – talked to District 11 regarding space: USA Hockey, district and Township are all ok with this idea. An adult would be required – safe sport, background check, etc. also needed. TV to be used for stick handling videos; remote will be stored in concessions. Walls will be protected using 3 tarps and one window fully covered with one open for fire safety.  
Original idea: 4x4 fake ice pieces – easy to get out of room. Ice would be cleaned up at the end of December and not be replaced until after tournaments. Concerns: Storage space.  
Alternate idea: Tennis court, would need to discuss this further with the town hall. Concerns: Benefit of not having snow on ice and the cold temps gone if outdoor. Other discussion: Brand new artificial ice estimated at \$3000.00 however some grants may cover this type of developmental skill.  
Compromised decision: set it up with artificial ice for now. Room can still be used for stick handling. Board agree's to table this decision for now, all board members agree unanimously.

### **Meeting Adjourn:**

Motion was requested by R. Gaskell to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM.

*Motion by: S. Nehiba*

*Seconded by: C. Gaskell*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

\*Meeting Minutes submitted by Secretary, Nikki Knaffla

## PROPOSAL FOR USE OF GRAND LAKE TRACTOR

A motion was passed by the Grand Lake Township on 9/10/24, allowing TAHA the use of a John Deere 400 series tractor. This agreement assumes TAHA will install new tires and battery in return. The tractor is to stay in good working condition while in use by TAHA and upon return to Grand Lake Township.

The intended use of the tractor would be to operate TAHA's 60-inch heavy broom for sweeping rinks and serve as a backup to tractors designated for snowblowers.

This project would entail the following purchases:

Lawn/turf front tire	qty 2	18x8.5-8 - Carlisle Turf Saver - \$63.99
Lawn/turf rear tire	qty 2	26x12-12 - Carlisle Turf Trac - \$144.30
Battery	Road Runner Lawn & Garden Group 12, 350 CCA - \$54.99	
Front PTO KIT		Part Number - BM20991 - \$324.65
Front Quick Hitch and Hydraulic Lift		Part Number - BM26236 - \$589.99

Budgetary spending proposal not to exceed \$1,500.

## Zam shack

29 bags of salt in Conex box

4qts of JD torque guard 5w30

Almost a full gal of coolant

1 old towel for the zam - can still be used on pull behind mops

1 new zam towel on the shelf and 1 on the zam

2 x 5 gal of ice paint & 1 partial

Battery in Zamboni flat dead - needs replaced

1 sharp blade for zam on shelf along w/ 1 dull.

Sharp blade should be swapped with current blade, and both sent to Lake Superior cutting edge for sharpening.

Battery in mop cart is still from Ben B - he should get reimbursed for that and we get a replacement. **Road Runner Marine / RV Deep Cycle - \$92.99**

1 repaired extension cord on hand and 1 w/ missing plug (can be repaired) but we should get at least 1 new HD cord - 50ft min.

**Leviton 15 Amp Orange Vinyl Grounding Cord Connector - \$5.69**

**Southwire 12/3 SJTW Extreme Cold Weather Blue Lighted Outdoor Extension Cord 50 ft - \$49.79**

3 spade shovels, 1 grain scoop, 2 Polly snow pushers & 1 steel, 2 steel man plows & 1 aluminum.

2 torpedo heaters - 2 x 20# propane tanks & 2 x 30# tanks.

1 x 5-gal & 2 x 6-gal gasoline tanks

Fire extinguisher last serviced December of 22 by firefighter's mutual aid on W Michigan.

Pulled hose reel out to check 12-volt retrieval system - that appears to be operating as it should - however rotary union is now leaking as well as hose to spool connection.

**Rayanna's Dad will be working on repairs for hose reel.**

Pull behind mop trailer coupler is damaged/hazard extremely sharp - high priority someone is going to get cut by it. Left tire is flat. Axle and wheel bearings should get looked at - pulling roughly 2,400 lbs of water when full.

**Dutton – Lainson 5,000 Lb Zinc Plated Tongue Trailer Coupler - \$29.49**

**Carlisle Sport Trail LH Tire \$49.99 qty 2**

Baseball toro is still in shack - they should get contacted for removal asap - have left it till ice making starts in the past after several notifications.

Conex container has valuable nets, bumpers, and other equipment in it w/ no lock on it. It should be locked w/ key hanging in the shack.

Master Lock Shrouded Padlock - \$14.99

JD X720 started - ran for 10-15 min w/ no load

Strong smell of coolant coming from it.

Temp gauge in middle of range but needs to be diagnosed before it's damaged. Has 593 hrs on it.

LG244: Home Maintenance Kit For X700 Series Lawn & Garden Tractor - \$113.92

- *Has a compression tester that he'll bring up to try to diagnose the coolant issue. Hoping something easy like a hose is cracked but could be something more expensive like a head gasket.*

JD 445 started - can see and smell burning oil I shut it down right away. Has 1482 hrs on it.

Front PTO, quick connect, cab, wheel weights, and tire chains are to be used on new X720 tractor.

JD 445 should be listed on FB marketplace while it is still running. Referenced several current listings on JD 445's – fair valuation for the TAHA 445 would be \$1500 OBO for listing purposes. Any funds received from sale of JD 445 to be set aside for maintenance / spare parts for zam shack equipment.

100% 304 Stainless Snow Blower Impeller Modification/Rubber Ki, 3/8inch 3-Blade Universal - Modifies 2-Stage Machine Including Installation Hardware, Repeated and Use Durable in Various Conditions (3)

- The Purpose of the Kit: This kit reduces the existing “gap” between the snow blower's impeller blades and the impeller chamber wall. The smaller the gap, the greater your machine's operational efficiency and snow throwing capability will be, and the less likely that your machine will clog up with snow. \$19.99 qty 2

Budgetary spending proposal based on items listed above with consideration for assorted items not to exceed \$600.

Man door is not able to be unlocked from outside - overhead door / code is the only way to enter the building currently (note on inside of door - do not lock handle should be sanded off - will leave building accessible)