

Huron Hockey and Skating Association  
General Meeting  
November 9, 2021

Board Members Present: Matt Buresh, Matt Primm, Brittany Harrison, Chris Delage, Marty Brummeler, Mark Ferguson and Katie Binder

Others Present: Mel Rettell, Liz Schnettler, Heather Belanger, Greg Malewska, Mark Avram, Nichole Pelton, Victoria Fisher, and Marissa Nunn

7:01 Meeting Called to order.

Liaison to Board and Figure Skating:

-It was discussed about Heather Belanger approaching the Board and we discussed her as a Board rep. Buresh proposes we have Heather as that person. We need a representative for figure skating. Heather Belanger is added to Board as that person.

Old Business:

Cooling Tower- Door gasket was fixed and heat tracing will start when the temp begins to drop. Rettell was asked about wall to cover it up as well. Box bottom needs to be done per Delage.

Update on numbers of skaters and money generators for us. Everyone in the area numbers are going down. Our house hockey is the most affordable around. \$775 is the Squirt average. We are able to keep the costs down with the help of volunteers. Gladwin cost is over \$1000, HHSA is at \$425 (Bantam)

Treasures Report-See Attached

- some areas that are down open skate which did not happen last year
- stick times were lost
- that was a dramatic change to our bottom line
- Rettell stated by doing the cooling tower ourselves, we saved. \$37,000 was quote, we did it for \$20,000.
- The Board also received a list of what the cans have done for the rink. (See attached)
- Volunteers need to continue and Board needs to make sure this happens to prevent Mel from burnout. Ferguson and Brummeler talked about hiring people for these critical times...for example, open skate. Employees that are trained properly that can guide the volunteers.

Committee Sign Up

- Harrison proposed the help of Committees in order to get more people involved
- Nunn questioned charging parents for not volunteering. Harrison explained that when Covid hit, we really couldn't charge people during that time. We also discussed how we could keep track of during the season. Brummeler stated we need to meet with coaches/team managers and set volunteer precedent. Brittany says she deals with these complaints daily. Schnettler stated 8 hours a season is not too much to ask. Nunn asked

if we could streamline this system. The figure skating parents didn't know they had to volunteer. Team side line emails and sends information on volunteer needs many times per week.

#### New Business

-Delage proposed the Board increase referee rates to increase to be competitive with other areas. This is what he proposed: Squirt \$18, Pee Wee \$24, Bantam \$30 and Adult \$35. Primm makes a motion to approve these increases and seconded by Buresh.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.