

HHSA Meeting Minutes  
September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Members Present: Matt Buresh, Mark Ferguson, Chris Delage, Katie Binder and Matt Primm

Others Present: Mel Rettell

Topics Discussed:

- A. Compressor: Delage stated that Bishop can do a rebuild for \$9300 from top to bottom. Rettell had a person give him a price of \$17,000. Ferguson suggested we get a list from Bishop stating what is included in that so we can compare the two.
- B. Red Line Club: Primm discussed a meeting he had with Bob Morand and they came to a price of \$15,000 to pay them out and this could be done with trading ice fees at \$5,000 for three years. Matt Buresh makes a motion to pay Red Line Club back with \$15,000 by way of ice fees and motion is seconded by Chris Delage, motion carries. Gate receipts were revenue that Red Line wants for the high school games. This was discussed but no solution. Ferguson discussed the loss of both a Midget and Bantam team has been a hit to HHSA. A rental fee for the locker room also has to be given to Red Line. Ferguson said we need to maintain HHSA as well. We need a good plan in order to create revenue. Mel asked what it takes per day to run the rink. Pop can fund have made \$50,000 a year with no effort. Mel said HHSA can use this money for projects if they need it. Red Line Club is a cash cow and willing to help out. Red Line is giving back to HHSA as well with scholarships, etc.
- C. Districts: Buresh is now a D7 representative. TBI is guaranteed a Bantam District this year. This will be an eight (8) team tournament the last week of January. In the meantime, hotel rates will need to be gathered. Matt Hawkins will get with the association for more information and work with Delage for refs using the Horizon scheduling system. Once we get closer, we will need a committee to meet once a month to make sure we have everything in place.
- D. Rates: The rates will need to increase for the 22/23 season and a volunteer fee will be included in the cost this year. If that is fulfilled, that can be reimbursed. Primm is sending a proposal of increases to the members mid week to go over. Buresh stated that we were awarded for growth in our programs from top to bottom. Mel wants to get sign ups ready by the first week of school and get flyers into the school as well. This really helps when the kids can bring this flyer home. Rob Duncan is a good guy to get a grip on who is coming.
- E. Rink Manager Report: Rettell said there will be a new gas line will be installed. This rink is now a 12 month facility. Bathrooms are close to being finished for a cost of \$20,000 (by way of personal donor, pop can fund and \$5,000 grant). Water lines to be installed to feed new locker room. Also, lights will be installed in parking lot towards the back that can be turned on by a

switch. Mel also wants to paint the ice as opposed to vinyl this year. He will hire someone to do this painting. Delage asked about logos and to see what that person painting the ice thinks about what kind of mess these will leave the gravel at the end of the season. Cleaning person is asking Board for \$20/hr, 5 hrs a day/ 2 times per week at \$200. Rettell also spoke about another fundraiser with the Hall of Fame located in the entry way. John Bolen would laser people's names on there as a sponsor. They also want to do player of the week or month and that would be sponsored by Red Line to go towards the scholarship fund.

- F. Frozen Fears will kick off Sept. 30 and Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> rink opens. Rettell also stated the figure skating program wanted to expand into a Saturday as well as hold a Christmas show. Buresh wants to see if Marissa would consider Sunday instead. Coaches are ready to go: Figure skating- Marissa, Developmental- Jessica, Squirt- Greg Malewska and Brian Pelton; Pee Wee- Eric Miller; Bantam- Mel Rettell. Assistant coaches need to be approved by Board as well. Ferguson makes motion to approve coaches and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Primm. Rettell also brought up that he would like Rob on payroll at \$500/month. Primm makes motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buresh, motion carries. Other items he spoke about was the pop can program continues to succeed, PSA's will be put on radio station, the varsity/ref/girls expansion is on its' way. Brad Hatcher helping out on that. Rettell also talked about putting in a private box above the locker room that is heated. There will be a charge for this that would go into HHSA funds. This would also be available for private parties to rent out. Rettell would like it if he could get Meijer to sponsor. All funds to HHSA. He also talked about getting a good PR person for rink. Sheila Melewska may be a good person. He also stated we need help for open skate and for someone to be on the ice. This is our biggest money maker and we need to focus on that. Kristy Miller wants to manage concession stand. We also talked about head coaches kids would play for free.

Meeting adjourned by Matt Buresh at 8:24pm.

After meeting, Primm called around to get approval on the compressor rebuild at \$9300. That amount was approved by Board members. Delage spoke to Bob Bishop and he is aware of our deadline to start compressors on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.