

The March TAYHA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Mark Kosmalski at 7:05 pm, Dave Bertrand, Tim Kleidon, Mark Kosmalski, Carl Krieger, Cole Leitch, Dennis Moes, Dave Radatz, Bob Schommer, Sandy Schwartz and Darcy Timmerman were present. Clete Luberts, Tom Lydon and Mark Mallory were absent. 14 general members were present.

At 7:07pm, nominations for the 2006-2007 TAYHA board were opened. **\*\*\*PLEASE SEE END OF REPORT FOR LISTING OF ALL NOMINIES\*\*\*\*** Nominations closed at 7:15pm.

Carl Krieger made the motion to approve Scott Phillips to head up the Ballot Election Committee with the help of Denny Schutz and Denny Moes. Dave Radatz seconded the motion, motion carried.

### **CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BALLOT**

A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Dave Bertrand and seconded by Carl Krieger, motion carried.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Nothing to report

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sandy Schwartz presented the Treasurer's report for the month of February. For the month of February, income was -\$16,136.95, interest earned was \$172.32, and expenses were \$43,363.18. As of February 28, 2006, a combined balance of \$15,450.24 remained on account at Western Bank and First Union. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report for month of February was made by Dave Radatz and second by Darcy Timmerman, motion carried. All TAYHA financial reports are available to view upon request. Please contact Sandy Schwartz if you have questions.

### **GAMBLING MANAGER'S REPORT**

Denny Schutz presented the January charitable gambling report. Net receipts were \$79,957 gross profit after taxes was \$34,313 and total allowable expenses were \$24,650, resulting in a net profit for the month of \$9,663. Dave Radatz moved to approve the report, motion seconded by Denny Moes, motion carried by the general membership. The current month's report is available at meetings for membership review. Previous month's reports are available to view upon request. Contact Denny if you have any questions on TAYHA's gambling.

A motion to approve a \$15000 transfer from the gambling account to the general fund was made by Dave Bertrand and seconded by Carl Krieger, motion carried by general membership.

Dave Radatz moved to pre-approve the following expenses for April. Motion seconded by Bob Schommer, motion carried unanimously by the general membership:

Games	\$17,000 - \$21,000
Payroll	\$15,000 - \$17,000
Accounting	\$500 - \$1000
Supplies	\$50 - \$1000
Rent	\$3,500
City Tax	\$2,641

Denny asked the board to approve up to \$4000 to purchase 2 security systems to be put into the Beer Belly's and BierStube pull-tab sites to help monitor the operation of the pull-tab booths. The system would only be a "video" security system, no audio. Bob Schommer made the motion to approve up to \$4000 to be used to purchase 2 security systems, seconded by Dave Radatz, motion carried.

### **DISTRICT II REPORT**

Nothing to report

### **MAJOR TEAM REPORT**

Denny Moes stated that playoffs went well. Had a parent/coach meeting to see how to improve the program for next year.

**GOOD JOB PLAYERS, COACHES & MANAGERS!!!**

### **HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT**

Nothing to report.

### **MINOR TEAM REPORT**

Cole Leitch wanted to thank everyone again who helped out with the Tartan Cup. Special Thanks again to Sandy Schwartz!

**GOOD JOB TO ALL THE PLAYERS, COACHES & MANAGERS.....GREAT SEASON!!**

### **MITE TEAM REPORT**

Tom Lydon was absent from the meeting, Darcy Timmerman gave his report.

Tom wanted to mention that we had 298 skaters that participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Mite Jamboree. 4 associations that participated were: Tartan, Forest Lake, Mahtomedi and White Bear Lake.

A millions THANKS to everyone for all their help including: Dave, Will & CJ Acker; Bart & Nick Kohel; Jamey, Jacob and Abby Picht; Clete, Becky, Matt & Travis Luberts; Trent, Lisa, Travis & Trey Staves; Sarah, Steve, Andy & AJ Borowaik; Tom, Kitty, Joe, Hannah and Jeffrey Schmidt; Mary & Austin Whitescarver; Cole Leitch; Bernie Montero; Patrick Quirk; Sam Bjellos; Shawn Krile; Mark Kosmalski; Tina Ayde; Steven "Shaggy" Collins; ALL the coaches and managers; Tanner & Kylie Lydon and especially my wife Pattie.

Tom also wanted to forward on an email that he received from the Mahtomedi Mite Director:

*Hi Tom,*

*Thank you very much for hosting the Tartan Jamboree. The Mahtomedi parents and players raved about how much fun they had! The roster call, Star Spangle banner, music, mom's shootout, trophies, and gifts created a festive atmosphere. The even was very organized and showed that a lot of hard work and effort went into it. Your association should be proud!*

*Thank you for letting the Mahtomedi Mites be a part of this fun event. It was a fantastic way to end our season.*

*Ann Kegley  
MAYHA Mite Coordinator*

### GIRL'S TEAM REPORT

Next year the girls program will be looking at having 2U8, 2U10, 1U12 and 1U14 team.

They had a planning meeting and will be looking to have another one soon.

### INDIVIDUAL TEAM REPORTS/OPEN FORUM

2 different topics were discussed tonight.

#1: Outdoor Ice:

Bernie stated that he had a meeting with a couple of engineers looking into what it would cost to get a refrigeration system put into the new outdoor rink that will be at Walton Park. The Rink will be just like the size of the Bubble. No glass, will have penalty boxes, boards, wooden bleachers. They are hoping to have the rink done by Summerfest 2006 with or without refrigeration system. The warming house is to be done by the spring of 2007.

#2: Mite Issues:

3 mite coaches that went to some jamborees mixed a couple of players onto other teams. The coaches were reprimanded for this. You CAN NOT switch players once they have been rostered onto a specific team.

### EQUIPMENT REPORT

Most teams have made arrangements to turn in the equipment. If you have not, then please contact Dave Bertrand to make arrangements.

### REGISTRAR REPORT

Please make sure you get your Blue/Grey books turned back into Tina.

### ICE MANAGER REPORT

Dave Radatz reported that Ramsey County Ice will be needed to be in by April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Dave also stated that if anyone is willing to do the Ice Director, please step forward. Need to start learning it now! **Please contact Dave Radatz or Mark Kosmalski ASAP if you are interested in the position!**

Discussion came up again regarding the amount of hours that mites skated and what they were charged.

It's an on-going discussion. New board needs to really take a look at what the hours are being played and at what cost.

### FUNDRAISING & SOCIAL EVENTS

Silver Plate Dinner is scheduled to take place on April 1<sup>st</sup>. See the TAYHA web site for information regarding the times and for contact information.

### CONCESSIONS

Nothing to report

### ARENA/JOINT POWERS

Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm @ N. St. Paul District 622 building, room 202 will be the next Joint Powers meeting.

The arena will be shut down after the JR Gold Tourney. Will not open again until after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\*\*\*Turn in your keys for the Bubble Office when turning in your equipment\*\*\***

### CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report

### NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff Merth from District 2 stated that he wanted to say Thanks for hosting playoffs this year. Everyone enjoyed coming here. They would like us to host it again next year. Dave Radatz made a motion to host playoffs again next year, seconded by Denny Moes, motion carried.

Dave Bertrand presented the board with a proposal for TAYHA Goalie Development. It will be brought up at the next board meeting with the new board.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:10 pm by Bob Schommer, seconded by Dave Radatz, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darcy Timmerman  
TAYHA Secretary

**2006-2007 TAYHA BOARD NOMINATIONS**

**PRESIDENT:**

Mark Kosmalski (incumbent)  
Mark Mallory

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

Tim Kleidon  
Dave Radatz (declined)

**TREASURER:**

Sandy Schwartz (incumbent)

**SECRETARY:**

Darcy Timmerman (incumbent)

**DIRECTORS AT LARGE:**

Mark Mallory \*  
Cole Leitch \*  
Dave Bertrand \*  
Carl Krieger \*  
Tom Lydon \*  
Bob Schommer \*  
Bart Cole  
Scott Reddy  
John Erickson  
Tom Johnson  
Scott Jahnke  
Dave Smallidge  
Mike Whitescarver

**Declined:**

Mark Kosmalski  
Tina Ayde  
Tom Schmidt  
Dave Radatz  
Scott Phillips  
Doug Hersom  
Denny Moes  
Connie Korf  
Clete Luberts

\* incumbent

**Elections will be taking place on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Blue Line room located in the Tartan Hockey Arena. The ballot boxes will be open for 1 hour.**

**COME OUT AND VOTE!**

My name is Mark Kosmalski and I am currently the President of T.A.Y.H.A. I have served three years on the board, two as the vice-president and the past year as president.

During the past year I have overseen what I think are many positive changes to our association. I have always tried to be very approachable, visible, and more than willing to listen to a suggestion, complaint, concern, or compliment. My intent has always been and will continue to be to pursue what is in the best interest of the kids. I believe that sometimes that pursuit can sometimes be overlooked and we need to stay focused on why we are really here.

Over the last 12 months:

- We added a new web site which allows communication and information to be distributed in a more timely and effective manner. For the first time, each team was given their own webpage which they could place schedules, photos, scores, rosters, and announcements as needed. We have received many positive comments on this addition.
- We restructured the team tryout process so that it is financially in line with neighboring associations. This change provided additional funding that we could use for our Player Development Program.
- We expanded our Player Development Program to include, for the first time, a week long low cost Christmas skills camp. This program was led by Scott Steffen who has a great reputation of strong player development.
- We have started work on several high value programs that will make our association stronger in the future. Some examples are: Establishing a volunteer coordinator to help organize our many volunteers, Supporting a tournament director to help get our teams involved with early season tournaments, Joining forces with Oakdale to put an outdoor ice rink and warming house at Walton park, and Enhancing and promoting our girls hockey program to provide high quality opportunities for girls.

With the help and support of others, I have spear headed the Annual TAYHA Golf Tournament for the past four years. The tournament was established to encourage a sense of community and camaraderie and provide some funding for our organization along the way.

This past year I also wore another hat...Concession Stand Manager!!!!!! This was an unexpected responsibility but, with the help of volunteers, we were able to keep the stand up and running throughout this past season rather than be forced to close it down and forego the revenue that helps us keep our fees the lowest in the area. We encountered some bumps throughout the year but we learned how it all works and are prepared to implement some positive changes that will improve things for next year.

Looking forward –

Over the past month I have met with coaches from all levels to create a summer in-house skills camp exclusively for Tartan kids. The camp will be staffed by association coaches and is intended to give our kids skills training equal to or better than they could find somewhere else.

My vision for the future of the association includes:

- Getting a uniform practice plan starting with the mites and continuing throughout the higher levels that all the team coaches can follow. This will provide continuity for the players and a stepping stone to the high school level.
- Developing, with the help of all the association coaches, a set of expectations that the players should meet as they pass from level to level.
- Creating a more uniformed look to the clothing the players and coaches wear. This will give TAYHA a more appealing and organized look to those outside the association and will provide everyone in the association a sense of pride in participating.

In closing, we have seen and implemented a lot of changes over the past 12 months. Some good, some very good, and some still in planning. I have always tried to be very approachable, visible, and more than willing to listen to a suggestion, complaint, concern, or compliment. My intent has always been and will continue to be to pursue what is in the best interest of the kids. I believe that sometimes that pursuit can sometimes be overlooked and we need to stay focused on why we are really here.

I ask for your continued support in my presidency with your vote. We need to work together as a community on this journey for the sake of our youth.....this is a marathon, not a sprint.

Thank you,  
Mark Kosmalski  
TAYHA President.

Hello everyone, my name is Mark Mallory. I am running for President of the Tartan Area Youth Hockey Association. I have served on TAYHA's board for the last 8 years. In the time I have served as TAYHA's representative to District 2, organized tryouts, the fall clinic and the corn booth at Oakdale's Summerfest. I have also served as the District Bantam Coordinator for 6 years in which time I was instrumental in bringing the district playoffs to OUR Arena.

I have volunteered all this time for the better of ALL of the players in this fine association. If elected, I will focus on the continued improvement of the hockey development program at TAYHA. I will bring attention to the lower levels as well as the upper levels here at Tartan customizing the development program to each level from Mites to Jr. Gold.

I believe we need to improve our program for all of the girls and boys that live within our association from the highest competitive level on down. I have the determination and the experience to make sure all of this happens.

I will also work closely with the High School Staff for the betterment of the entire hockey community here in the Tartan High School attendance area.

Please come out and vote for me on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Thank you!  
Mark Mallory

My name is Carl Krieger, and I am running for a director position on the TAYHA Board. I've been a TAYHA Board member for the past five years. I have two boys in the program playing at the Pee wee and Bantam levels. I have coached for TAYHA for the past seven years.

As a TAYHA Board member and coach, who has coached at the Mite, Squirt, and Pee wee levels, I feel that I have a good idea of what our kids need to learn at the younger levels to become better hockey players. I would enjoy assisting in the setting up of a hockey development program for the younger kids.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Carl Krieger

As a child, I loved playing hockey. I started when I was 3 and continued to play until high school. During the course of the last 4 years, I have been a baseball director for the Oakdale Athletic Association. This was an extremely rewarding experience by establishing a program where coaches are prepared to help players have fun while learning the fundamentals of the sport.

During this same timeframe, I became more involved in the TAYHA programs: Assistant Coach (2003-2004 Mites Level 2), Assistant Coach (2004-05 Mites Ponies), and Head Coach (2006-06 C-Squirts). I have enjoyed these coaching experiences, working with our players to enhance their individual skills as well as teaching them the importance of team work. Along with coaching, I have assisted with the last 2 Mites Jamborees, an extremely rewarding experience by helping in this fantastic event for our younger players.

As my level of involvement in the hockey programs increased, so has my interest in becoming more involved in the development of talented hockey players within the TAYHA organization. I believe that a large portion of the player development lies within the league preparations and information to prepare both coaches and players for a successful season. A large portion of this responsibility lies within the directors of our current programs. I believe that my previous experiences have prepared me to be a good candidate for a TAYHA board position. Thank you for your consideration.

Bart Kohel

I am a candidate for the TAYHA board. I have three boys in the TAYHA program, a pee wee, a squirt and a mite. For the past five years I have been coaching in the TAYHA program at the squirt and mite levels. I am employed as a middle school physical education and health teacher in West St. Paul. I have 13 years experience coaching high school hockey, including 7 years as the head varsity coach at Henry Sibley. I played and coached in the Minnesota State High School Hockey tournament and played college hockey at Gustavus. I enjoy the game of hockey and working with our youth to help them reach their potential. I hope to bring my experience, as a teach and coach, to the board and make a positive contribution to the Tartan Hockey community.

Thanks,  
Scott Reddy

Hello,  
My name is Dave Bertrand and I am fortunate enough to have been re-nominted to serve on the TAYHA Board of Directors again for the 2006-07 season. Over this past year it's been my pleasure to serve as the Equipment Manager for the association as well as assist in the Goalie Development Program. I have been member of the association for the last 7 years and have been involved in coaching since the start. My coaching experience extends beyond TAYHA to the Oakdale Athletic Association where I've also been involved in coaching both youth baseball as well as soccer. I've thoroughly enjoyed th privilege of helping develop the athletic skills of the kids, but hope that I've brought some of life's learnings to them as well. I have enjoyed serving on the Board this past year and would certainly look forward to serving the association again this next year.

Thanks for your support.  
Dave Bertrand

As an active volunteer in the Tartan Area Youth Hockey Association for the last five years. I am interested in participating next year as a Director at Large on the TAYHA board. My involvement with the Mite and Squirt programs have been rewarding experiences for me and I believe I have placed emphasis on the proper blend of skill development, social aspects and overall positive reinforcement for our players. Based on my experiences, I feel I am well positioned to serve the board and the association in this capacity.

Thanks for your consideration!  
Tom Lydon

Hi, my name is Mike Whitescarver and I've been nominated for the position of director at large with TAYHA. I'm excited about this opportunity to help keep the positive momentum of the association going. I have been active with my son's team as a coach for the past three years, and truly enjoyed watching the kids improve in their hockey skills, friendships and teamwork.

There are several skills that I would bring to the board:

- >Computer Skills-this would improve communication availability (e-mail & web), and do some spreadsheet analysis or scheduling.
- >Financial literacy-I can read and understand financial documents such as income statements and balance sheets. I also know what it takes to run and organization financially.
- >Facilitating-I frequently help leaders keep meetings running efficietnly and help decision making by facilitating meetings.
- >Commitment-I am involved in association already, and have a strong drive to improve and work with the kids to help them improve.
- >Experience-I have previous experience as a board member in two other organizations.

Thank you for your consideration and I am looking forward to serving on the TAYHA board.

Mike Whitescarver

**2006-2007 TAYHA Board Nominations**  
**Election date—April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 @ 7pm**

*TAYHA General Membership meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be on Monday, **April 10th**, 2006 at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Tartan Arena Blue Line Room**. Attendance by all parents, coaches, and managers is encouraged.*

*In the event that a meeting has to be rescheduled a notice will appear on the TAYHA web site.*