

EHA Board Meeting Braemar Arena
June 15, 2009

Attending: Billy Klein, Joanne McGarry, Cyndy Wallin, Renee Hunzelmann, Judy Goodman, Jeff Westall, Scott McGarvey, Jamie Rusk, Ken Feinberg, Kathleen Vorlicky, Peter McComber, Pat Christopherson, Bob Levy, Tom Terwilliger and Bob Capra.

Acceleration Hockey:

Meeting Opened at 7:00 with a presentation by Acceleration Hockey by Greg Sipe. A brief video outlined the features of the program. Ryan Thang and Casey Hankinson, both PAST Edina Players gave testimonials to own experiences with the program. Greg outlined how other cities are using Acceleration in their programs. Long-term goal would be for the equipment to be available at Braemar. The city, school and private funding would need to be in place for this to happen.

Ice Time Update: Bob Capra reviewed the number of hours the 2008-9 season teams were allocated which averaged approximately 40 hours from the EHA. Scott McGarvey pointed out the advantages of an ice auction. The decision to be made was how many hours should be purchased per team based on budget.

Coaches update: The bantam A team will have a new coach for the upcoming season. The coaches committee is researching the candidates. The question was put forth concerning having parents as coaches at any level.

Game misconduct penalties: Ken gave an update on what the EHA game misconducts were last year.

Pee wee update: The coaches committee met to discuss the pee wee Player counts. It was determined this is an usually large number of skaters. Right now it will be 11 pee wee teams. Dan lead Pee wee liason) recommended along with the coaches committee that there be 1A, 2B1 and either 3 or 4 B2 and 3 or 4 C teams for 09/10 season. Board approved! Exact numbers at B2 and C will be determined by August.

Girls' program: a motion was passed to go back to one a team for 12U, along with two B teams. 14U: many coaches have expressed interest in coaching at this level. More time is needed to decide this issue. 10U One A team.

Tryout dates: pre-tryout ice will be available to all; sign-up necessary on website (closer to registration).

General dates

September 29 - grading begins peewee bantams u12

October 2 or 3 - tryouts begin

October 10,11 & 12 - teams are selected

November 2 - grading begins for squirts and u10

November 7 - tryouts begin

ALL TRYOUT DATES ABOVE TO BE FINALIZED BY JULY BOARD MEETING

Toast: September 18 at Edina country club.

Face-off newsletter: toast, registration, cost, code of conduct, refund policy, managers' meeting dates.

Tournaments: complimentary stocking caps were offered for the EHA. Other ideas were suggested.

Next meeting: July 13.