

Minnetonka Youth Hockey Association
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes(Approved)
August 17, 2009
Maynard's, Excelsior, MN

Board Members present: Pat Egan, Anne Madson, Nicole Durocher, Tony Weinzetl, Jeff Williams, Lisa Sanderson, Doug Howe, Chris Evans, TJ Worrell, Lance Nelson, Sharon Morgan, Jim Wiberg

In attendance: Greg Clough, Kathy Latham

Meeting was called to order at 8:05p by Sharon Morgan.

The Board reviewed and then approved minutes from the July 13, 2009 meeting. Motion to Approve, Evans, Second, Howe

President's Report:

- Thanks to the Golf Tournament Committee led by Jay Witta and Craig Norby, proceeds from the 2009 Tournament, \$18,000

-2009 season walk in registration dates are Sept. 9 from 6p-8p and Sept 13 from 12p-3p at Pagel. Board members signed up to assist at both. On line registration opened on August 18th.

-Request by parents of Luke Sellman to play down this season. Luke has Autism and is high functioning. The request is so that he can play Mites and not Squirts. Doug Howe, who has coached Luke for several years gave the Board an overview of Luke's situation. A motion was made by Nelson, Second by Madson to send letters on behalf of the Sellman's and MYHA to District 6 Director and then USA Hockey to request this play down. Letters would be written by Eric Johnson, Sharon Morgan and Doug Howe.

-A lengthy discussion regarding the Association's Waiver Policy was held. The key was consistency. The following are the registration/waiver standards that were discussed:

1. Child attends public or private school in Minnetonka plays Minnetonka Hockey
2. Child lives in Minnetonka but does not attend school here can make a one-time choice to play with Minnetonka if they played with Minnetonka last season.
3. New Minnesota Hockey Waiver Rules follow the MYHA philosophy and prevents "association hopping."
4. Child open enrolls in Minnetonka Schools can play for Minnetonka hockey but not on an A Team during their first year of play.

Vice President's Report:

-Pagel budget was approved for the 2009/2010 years. Motion made by Weinzetl, Second, Madson, one abstention, Evans

-A communication improvement plan was presented and discussed. Important topics discussed were increasing communication/feedback with members, having one place to find everything you need related to MYHA, develop a plan for coaches feedback to let coaches know what they can work and how they have been evaluated by team and parents, holding informal gatherings, "coffee meetings" with different topics to engage the members. Board will evaluate success of the new webpage to see if any of the plan can be implemented via the website.

Secretary's Report:

-District 6 wanted Association's feedback on changing the fighting rule to a 3 game suspension from a 1 game suspension. Motion was made by Morgan, second, by Howe to keep rule as it is.

-As of September, MYHA Board Meetings will be held at the District Service Center. Meetings will start at 6:30pm.

Treasurer's Report:

-Payment plan option for families allows them to put \$500 down per player and pay the balance on the 1st of every month ending December 1st. The idea is to get members to register early to spread out their payments.

Girl's Director:

-Working on non-parents coaches for girls teams. Contacting the MN Whitecaps for potential players to serve as coaches.

Boy's Director:

-Working with Jeff Teal to secure coaches.

Mite Director:

-Mite informational brochures are in progress to be distributed to schools and mailed. Will have signs up around town again.

Ice Director:

- Shorewood outdoor ice is confirmed
- Need Mite level feedback on all outdoor ice
- Burnsville rink will be closed during season due to construction. Games may be played in Lakeville
- Mite and Squirt ice will not be scheduled later than 7pm
- No ice from Victoria yet, it will be later times than usual

Tournament Director:

No report

-Went with Atomic for webstore. Working on apparel and site that connects to our webpage.

Equipment Director:

-Jerseys, socks and goalie equipment has been ordered. All equipment has been accounted for other than what was checked out this Summer.

Registrar's Report:

-Preparing for the opening of registration.

Fundraising Director:

-In negotiation with coffee vendor. Working with Kathy to get fundraiser information online. Nicole will be at walk in registration for sampling.

Volunteer Director:

-Need volunteers for Caribou Classic at Tonka A & B.

Sponsorship Director:

-Talked about Pagel advertising and what is available to sell. Provided Board members with list of potential sponsors and requested emails with other ideas as well as personal contacts within the list.

New Business:

-Squirt C Club Team will be offered this season to bridge the gap between Mites and Squirts. Team would have fewer practices, one tournament, 16 league games at a discounted price. 14 skaters, 2 goalies, \$750 and no fundraiser.

Old Business:

-Get jersey to Leonard Street and Deinard

-Next Board Meeting will be held on September 14 at the District Service Center at 6:30pm

A motion to adjourn was made by Nicole Durocher, second by Lance Nelson at 10:15pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Lisa Sanderson, MYHA Secretary

Minutes Approved: 9/14/09

Motion to Approve: Evans

Second: Howe

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