



River Falls Youth Hockey Association

December 13th, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday December 13th, 2009

Place: Best Western/Junior's

Board Members Present: Mike Kealy, Tom Magill, Dan Briese, Marc Harer, Jon Benusa, Lisa Woiwode, Dave Buck (partial), Jesse Getzie and Kent Manglitz

Board Members Not Present: Tracey Laesser

Guests: Amy Sanchez, Jody Christensen, Paul Wilson, Kelly Bopray, Roy and Joe Cranston, Andy Halverson, Roxy Jon Justin Lerma.

Notes taken by: Marc Harer

Meeting called to order @ 6:10pm by Mike Kealy

Approval of meeting minutes from November 8th 2009 Board meeting

Marc Harer motioned to approve the minutes. Tom Magill 2nd motion, approved.

HOCKEY OPERATIONS

Background Checks (Coaches, Directors, Board Members)

- Dave Buck will check with the RF Police for assistance. If this does not produce immediate action Andy Halverson will proceed with the option which costs approximately \$7 per person.
- Ace Director (Andy Halverson) and President (Mike Kealy) will be the only individuals reviewing the background checks once completed and available.
- Review of USA Hockey and WAHA procedures.

Marc Harer motioned to approve the approximate expense/fee of \$7 per individual (if needed) to perform background checks on the RFYHA Coaches, Directors and Board Members. Lisa Woiwode 2nd motion, approved.

JV/Junior Gold players

- Jon, Justin and Roxy Lerma approached the Board to discuss the option for Justin to play at the Bantam level with the recent dissolving of the High School JV program. Justin is age eligible to practice and play MAHA games.
 - Mike Kealy will contact WAHA to determine eligibility and set up discussion with the current Bantam level parents.
 - Registration fees and fundraising requirements to follow the RFYHA Handbook policies.
- A long term option needs to be reviewed considering the potential of the High School JV Program not be brought back in upcoming years.

Tournaments

- Squirt recap
 - 9 teams,
 - Approximately \$2,000 in concessions sales
 - \$70 payback (10%) from shirt and hat art.
 - \$161 made from Chuck a Puck to go towards High School Scholarship.
 - Participation medals follow-up
- Follow-up with addition of committee to assist with overall tournament duties.
 - Dave Buck will engage and assist Tracey Leaser with upcoming tournaments

Squirt level of Play

- Andy would like follow-up on request to WAHA and USA Hockey for the River Falls 2009 – 2010 Squirt team to be classified as a B Wisconsin team.

Traveling Mites

- Additional fees need to be determined in relation to additional ice time and associated game costs.
 - Kent Manglitz to provide summary of additional ice time and costs with proposed fee.

BUILDING OPERATIONS

Fire Inspection follow-up

- Clean up needed based on fire inspection posted in Wildcat Centre office.
 - Jon Benusa will manage clean-up with Paul Wilson's assistance

High School Game nights – Facilities Preparation

- Concessions set-up
- Gate collection table set-up
- 1 Board member to be assigned to each home game as liaison/floater to assist as needed.

Open/Close policy

- Just a reminder to ensure that early morning and rented ice openings are covered.

COMMUNICATION OPERATIONS

Board member replacement

- Recommendation was made by Mike Kealy for Jody Christensen and Paul Wilson to fill 2 vacant seats on the Board.

Dave Buck motioned to approve the assignment of Jody Christen to the Board for the remainder of the 2009/2010 term. Tom Magill 2nd motion, approved.

Jon Benusa motioned to approve the assignment of Paul Wilson to the Board for the remainder of the 2009/2010 term. Dan Briese 2nd motion, approved.

Volunteer hour allotment for Tournament and HS games (Jon)

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Fundraiser Recap (Marc)

- Marc Harer provided summary of Junior's Fundraiser profits.
- Kelly Bopray recommended the profits (\$1,205) to be used to buy Kwik Trip cards to be sold at the concessions. This would allow the association to take advantage of the 20% payback from Kwik Trip.

- Jon Benusa will check to see when the 20% payback from Kwik Trip expires to determine if we still have time and submit.

FINANCE OPERATIONS

Grant Writing – Amy Sanchez

- Amy Sanchez provided the Board with an overview of potential grant funding sources. Amy was a professional grant writer and has offered her assistance in discovering grant options and writing grants.
 - The 1st key step in submitting for grants is to have past audits and taxes available along with a well defined and approved budget.
- Dan Briese and Mike Kealy will work on gathering audit and tax information from past years to allow for the completion of budgets.
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Kealy Hockey Camp

- Mike Kealy is proposing the use of the Wildcat Center to hold a summer (dry land) hockey camp the dates of July 26th – 29th and August 2nd – 5th.
- The camp would include 3 levels. Elementary, Middle School and High School each with 2 hour sessions daily. This equates to 16 hours total per level with 56 hours total rink time.
- Mike will be following up with a formal request for rental of the Wildcat Centre based on an hourly or flat rate.

Dehumidification loan

- Dan Briese reviewing loan/lease on getting recast to lower payment from approximately \$1,800 to \$600 per month.

City of River Falls – Outdoor Rink Agreement

- Mike Kealy to renegotiate outdoor rink use for community agreement and request City to cover general liability insurance.

Calendar Raffle

- Marc Harer to follow-up with Jody Christensen and Dan Briese on Calendar Raffle collections and communication to families with uncollected tickets.

Emergency Assessment

- Marc Harer to follow-up with Dan Briese on Assessment Payments and communication to families with unpaid balances.

Money Handling

- Tom, Jody and Marc to manage monies from arena operations (concessions, High School gate, etc.)

Best Western/Junior's advertising contracts

- Payment for dasher has not yet been received.
 - Tom to contact new GM to resolve outstanding payment
- Review of percentage payback of room rental
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High School Locker Room Fees/Agreement

- Blue Line Club has requested review of agreement and the addition of heating commitment.

Roy Cranston

- Roy would like to work with the association in support of a school community service project. Roy has created cards which will be offered at the Wildcat Centre concessions stand for approximately the next 6 weeks. All project proceeds will be donated to the White Pine Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

Tom Magill motioned to approve the association's support of Roy Cranston and allow the sale of cards at the Wildcat Centre concessions. Dave Buck 2nd motion, approved.

OTHER ITEMS

Next board meeting Sunday January 10th at the Wildcat Centre

Jon Benusa motioned to end meeting at 9:30pm. Lisa Woiwode 2nd motion, approved.