

CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 21, 2013, 7:00 PM

Called to order by: Bob Normand Time: 7:00pm

Present:	President (2013)	Bob Normand	<u> X </u>	Vice Pres.	Steve Gibbs (2014)	<u> X </u>
	Treasurer (2013)	Erik LeMay	<u> x </u>	Secretary (2014)	Michael Pynch	<u> X </u>

Board (2012)	Randy Reeg	<u> ___ </u>	Scott Peloquin	<u> ___ </u>	Scott Francis	<u> X </u>
Members:	Brian Anderson	<u> X </u>				
	(2013) Rod Olson	<u> X </u>	Trevor Bohland	<u> X </u>	Pat Bowe	<u> X </u>
	Kirt Pickerign	<u> X </u>	Brad Martin	<u> X </u>		

Other Attendees:

Cari Bowe, Darrell Herr, Ralph Couey, Heather Dresel, Heidi Olson, Jason Dresel

1. General Meeting

2. Secretary's Report

The minutes for the month of July were approved via an e-mail vote and distributed to the Association.

3. Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Steve to approve the financial reports for June and July.

Seconded by Rod

Motion Approved

4. Correspondence/Officer Reports

Ray Thielbar's son played in our association and he is the owner of Jimmy John's in Eau Claire and the new one opening in Chippewa. He shared with Steve that he would like to advertise at the rink and Steve will get him in contact with Nikki Bowe to determine the best option (e.g. Dasher Boards, Signage, etc.).

5. Old Business

6. New Business

Justin Kelly would like to get married on the ice at CYHA. He is requesting use of the South Rink for the ceremony on November 8, 2014. The reception will be held elsewhere.

Motion made by Steve to waive the fee for use of the rink for this special occasion.

Seconded by Rod

Motion Approved

Michael met with Hugh Crane who is the main contact for SpringFest. SpringFest is scheduled for Friday, April 25 through Sunday April 27. We discussed whether it made sense to have the Corporate Night for Ice Bowl on the 25th and BeerFest on the 26th so that the patrons could then have a place to go after the festivities at CYHA. SpringFest is offering to provide a Free Pass to the individuals that attend Ice Bowl or BeerFest. In addition, they suggested that the Rotary in Chippewa Falls is the main fundraising group for SpringFest and that they might be willing to offer a grant to pay registration and

tournament fees for disadvantaged families who are members of CYHA. The Board suggested that we should confirm the event dates as soon as possible and definitely pursue the possibility of a grant given the number of families that do request financial assistance.

7. Committee Reports

Finance/Administration (Randy)

- Proposal for Fest Volunteering

A new work assessment proposal was made by the Fest Committee with the objective of requiring each CYHA family to work two shifts at each event. There was discussion regarding whether we should force individuals to work 2 shifts at Country and 2 shifts at Rock or something like this to drive more volunteers to each event. Another suggestion was whether we should raise our assessment hours above 50 per year instead to allow flexibility to our members to help out where it best fits their skills and availability. There was a point made that we have to be very careful about how many hours we ask of families and be careful that we don't drive people away from hockey and figure skating. It was also noted that in the past when we went from 30 hours to 50 hours the same concern was there and since that change was made our registration has gone up considerably and there is some belief that the more people get involved in the Association the more they like it and bring their friends into it as well.

Motion made by Steve to keep work assessment hours requirement for Beginners at 0 hours, Initiation Program at 5 hours, increase hours for Mighty Mites to 25 hours, and increase Mites and above to 65 hours for the 2013-14 season. For the figure skating club keep work assessment hours requirement for Skate With Us (2 years or less) to 5 hours, increase hours for Skate With Us (3 years or more) to 25 hours and increase Junior and Senior Club to 65 hours.

Seconded by Scott F.

Motion Approved

A point was raised that too few of the members are doing too much of the work and in order to ensure that people are working their required hours that we should raise the fee per hour for those that don't volunteer.

Motion made by Scott F. to raise the penalty for not working required assessment hours from \$10 per hour to \$15 per hour.

Seconded by Erik

Motion Approved

We discussed that since we are still considering making new things mandatory (e.g. required shifts at Country/RockFest) the Board would like the members to have the opportunity to make their voices heard.

Motion made by Steve that we hold a referendum/survey at the Annual Meeting in April 2014 regarding our ongoing fundraising requirements and specifically whether we make shifts mandatory at CountryFest and RockFest in 2014.

Seconded by Brad

Motion Approved

- CYHA Job Postings

The jobs have not all been posted on the website. The positions should be filled prior to the start of the season.

- Proposed Changes to Assessment Policy

There was discussion regarding removing all caps on work assessment hours due to the fact that people working maintenance, skate sharpening, concessions, etc. cap at 30 hours and stop working those types of jobs because they do not continue to get credit. This will be discussed further at the next board meeting and interested members should plan to attend.

- ByLaw Update

Steve sent out the Bylaws to read and review. Steve would like for the board to propose changes to the drafts be discussed at the September board meeting. Once it is in a board-recommended final form a 15-day notice would be given to the entire Association so members could be present to vote at the October board meeting to accept the new by-laws.

- Plowing Contract

Randy will draft the requirements for a plowing contract and send out to the board for additional clarifications so ideally we can approve this at the September board meeting.

- Player/Parent Code of Conduct

Steve will have the Player and Parent Codes of Conduct sent out in advance of the September board meeting so it can be voted on at the next meeting.

- Gordy's/Bellatoria Contracts

Steve is going to rewrite the contracts for Gordy's and Bellatoria and bring them to the next meeting for final approval.

Special Events (Rod)

- Country/RockFest Financial Update

We are continuing to go back and forth with Fest over invoices and have not made the final payment to them. We anticipate the final accounting for this to be completed soon.

On-Ice (Scott)

- Tournament Drop-out Policy

The tournament policy states that we take teams on a first-paid basis. Once paid and confirmed there are no refunds unless a paid replacement can be found. If one is found a \$100 service fee will be deducted.

Motion made by Steve to approve the tournament drop-out policy that was sent out to the Board.

Seconded by Kirt

Motion Approved

Bob will make sure that it posted on our website.

- Mite Hockey Boards

Athletica has a new type of design. They just sent out revised pricing where they will be selling it for \$5930 (+ freight) for all orders placed by October 1, 2013. USA Hockey is recommending one for \$7900 and it has a cart and kick plates and can be delivered in two weeks. Minnesota Hockey is offering \$2000 for the first 20 purchased and Bob is going to bring it up at the WAHA meeting to see if WAHA will help. WAHA receives a grant of ~\$35,000 per year and hopefully they may be able to help subsidize some of these boards. Bob is going to check into that too.

Steve would like to reach out to some potential donors and that we table the vote on how to proceed with these until our next board meeting.

- Use of rink in summer months

A posting should be put on the website that reinforces that all use of the rink should be scheduled by Bob Normand. Members that are aware that use of the facility is happening without having been approved should inform a board member.

- Ice-In and Try-out Dates

Ice In will begin the morning of Sept 15th by putting in lines. Barring disaster, skating should be available either the evening of the 22nd or during the day on the 23rd.

We will look at putting ice in on the South rink with cool down beginning on October 24th and beginning to build ice for four days following the 27th.

The PDC is setting the tryout dates for October 13th, 16th, 18th, 20th and that skaters need to make three of them. There is a plan for a coaching clinic on October 21 and the objective will be for the Varsity Coaches to share their thoughts and ideas on the program, terminology, and how to help get the most out of the season. More information will be provided.

Jane Duren has handled the concussion testing the past couple years and Kirt Pickerign has volunteered to coordinate that for this year. CYHA has covered the cost of the concussion testing in past years.

Motion made by Trevor for CYHA to cover the cost of the Concussion Testing.

Seconded by Steve

Motion Approved

United Bank is going to sponsor the jerseys for the Pee Wee A team and we are still looking for one more organization to do a jersey sponsorship for what may likely be a fourth Squirt team. We are also going to look for a sponsor for Mighty Mite jerseys. Chippewa Sporting Goods will provide 36 jerseys in 6 different colors for \$18/jersey.

Facilities (Pat)

- Parking Lot

Fahrner is going to seal the back lot starting the week of August 26. He will have a couple of plans for lines and we just need to cover the cost of the lines on the front lot.

- Hot Water Heaters

Bohl and Proulx is going to come up here in the next week or so and get that installed.

- Locker Room D

We have not heard anything yet from Figure Skaters regarding their intentions. We were hoping that they would bring a proposal to redo the old concession area into a locker room(s). There was discussion about having a joint meeting with the Figure Skaters in September and hopefully this will be a topic.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 7:00pm