**Park Rapids Amateur Hockey Association**

**Board Meeting Agenda**

**June 25th, 2013 5:00pm**

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1. **Call to Order:**  By: Lance Crandall Time: 5:04 pm

* **Krista Hesby, Past President**
* Frank Stuemke, President
* **Lance Crandall, Vice President**
* **Norita Smith, Treasurer**
* **Tricia Crandall, Secretary**
* **John Hoscheid**
* **Clayton Hoyt**
* **Jed Nordine**
* **Neil Powers**
* **Patty Larson**
* **Doug Hafner**

1. **Agenda Approval**: Norita/Neil/passed
   1. **Addition**: Board visit request from alumni to use building (added to new business)
2. **Approval of regular Secretary’s Minutes:** Norita/Patty/passed
3. **Directors reports:**
   1. Executive
      * Info on Blue Line Club
      * Email from John Schumacher – list of questions from Lance to John. Lance emailed to board.
      * **Couple additional questions for school:**
        + How would implementation effect # of games played here or in Walker?
        + PRAHA decision making rights? For example: Jersey colors
        + Ice Rental vs. income/registration income
          1. Discussed if this would cover costs and expenses to PRAHA.
        + Question for school is why PR school originally brought this idea to PRAHA.
        + Board needs to request where we stand and if this is even an option before moving any further and research. John waiting to hear if we are interested as a board but we need further information.
        + **Request a visit with John to our next Board Meeting from Lance**
        + Board needs to have 5 key questions to ask John at next meeting – send to Lance.
        + Discussed having sub-Committee to help with this area if move forward.

* 1. Treasurer/Scholarship –
     + Update from Diane – further information next month. Emailed budgets.
     + Prairie Lakes Grant – August 31 is the deadline. Clayton discussed - receive $250 reimbursement for expenses for hockey equipment.
  2. Facilities Management – Neil
     + Outdoor rink still in need of repair.
     + Property inventory needed.
     + Re-Keying arena locks – Locksmith can re-key so have 1 key for all doors etc. Who has keys and who needs them is a discussion needed with rink manager.
     + Concession counters revamp and clean- up for next year.
     + Please bring any concerns or needs you have for the rink to Neil.
  3. Staffing - John
     + Ed’s negotiation – received his list of what he would like for 2013-14 is in the box in office at rink.
     + John will scan the negotiation document from Ed to the board.
     + John has other example of Arena Manager job descriptions and very similar to what we have had before. Something John discussed with the board is to include an annual performance review; which will give the board something to base decision on in years to come. John will continue to fine tune the job description. Discussed having back-ups available, staff able to sharpen skates etc.
  4. Administrative - Jed
     + Tournaments – got advertised in Let’s play hockey.
  5. Capital - Clayton
     + Golf Tournament Fundraiser – July 26th – Friday. No age restriction.
     + Zamboni in Parade – good public appearance for PRAHA and kids enjoy it.
       - John will talk to Ed to see why any reasons as to not have in parade.
       - Parade next Thursday.
  6. Hockey Development - John
     + Overview of last HDC meeting minutes. Mike stepped down from HDC due to time commitments. Process of replacing him. Discussed that HDC can have up to 2 community members in a non-voting role.
     + Discussion of Walker and players that need place to play. Walker requested a discussion with our board. Their board wants more communication of PRAHA plan. Possibility of at least 5 coming to PR. Requested discussion of having a few practices a month in Walker etc. Walker discussed a meeting with a few board members from each association. Nothing decided at the meeting; just discussion of options.
       - Discussed John, Frank, Doug meet with them.

* + - Discussed that we may need to put boys and girls back together at younger levels due to lower number of players.
    - Level of play – Peewee
      * Discussed Bantam and Peewee numbers and if girls play with Peewees then HDC would recommend playing B. Unsure of # of players from Walker. Several graduating this year as well. Pete concerned that JV and Varsity players moving up and a big leap for bantam B to move up then to JV and Varsity. Pete recommended PW play A level as well as Bantams. Voting split with a swing vote; with voting B level with both. 3-2 voting to go B.
        1. Pete requested board criteria if vote B vs. his recommendation of A.
      * Criteria’s discussed at meeting:
        1. Last year’s PW A coach recommends playing B.
        2. 2nd year vs. 1st year PW.
        3. Makeup and talent of group.
        4. Parent support - John received phone calls and emails from parents – parents did have a few concerns and wanted to play B; most due to how the year went last year. Tough year for the kids; but kids played hard and only lost by a few goals most games. But can we gauge this year on that? Our job is to get the kids to develop to the best of their ability.
        5. Building Character: Success is building character and putting them in scenarios that they can be challenged and raise expectations.
        6. Another criterion will be if girls will play with Peewees due to no 12U program.
      * Peewee level of play TABLED
* Coaching update for upcoming season - will not do interviews but will do an ongoing assessment throughout season. Recommendation is as follows from HDC:
  + Mites – Kevin Lund and Chris
  + Squirts – Lance Crandall
  + PW – Deon Petterson
  + 12U – Jed Nordin
  + Bantams – Todd Anderson
  + If coach was at a level prior year with no reasons to not coach, they felt best to keep them at that level. Head coaches pick assistants. Discussed not having parents at upper level coaching; however, this does conflict with varsity coaching staff.
  + Motion by Neil to accept coaches as presented by HDC/ second by Krista/passed by all.
  1. Hockey Outreach - Patty
     + Wild and Wells Fargo event very well; better turn out than Moorhead!
     + PRAHA received an autographed stick and 2 jerseys; received by Lance Crandall at event. They said we can do with what we wish on those items; auction, display etc.
     + Booth at Fair – July - $100 to have booth all days. Magnets to hand out left over from MN Wild event.
     + Wess Walz doing Hockey clinic – MN Wild handed out yesterday. Patty would like to have on the website. Discussed we are exclusive to Top Dog advertising due to them being our website advertiser. Patty will just send out to the association via email.

1. **Old Business**:

* Updated fundraising Policy- Neil – TABLED

1. **New Business:**

* From Frank: Pete MacPherson has purchased 7 banners. All are boys’ high school banners of achievements since inception, they all need to be strung on the cable where current list of conference teams are.  The thought is move the conference team banners under the mezzanine and have the conference banners of the boys’ achievements where the team banners are now.
* Board supports – previously motioned. Clayton will talk to Pete. Need the lift in before the ice goes in.
* **Addition**: Board visit request from alumni to use building.
  1. Appreciation of having them here. Sam and Tucker both playing college hockey and presented to the board that part of off-season training is stick handling and shooting pucks. Talked to Ed Moren who would talk to Frank and voted down by board to use rink at last meeting. With that they came to discuss reasoning and if possibility. Pete welcomed them to join Tues evenings but with work schedules didn’t work for them. Reasoning of board is liability and consistency with others wanting to use rink. Not a rink manager to open and close building. Want to treat everyone fairly; so gave pause to the board and we requested further information.
     1. Boys discussed only 1 other player playing college hockey so shouldn’t be a lot of other requests.
     2. They wrote up a schedule and gave to Frank. For example 3 nights a week at 7 pm. Lift at school and then come over to Rink. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8 pm. If deviation they will let us know.
     3. Discussed if we have a schedule each board member can take a week to be here to unlock and lock up. Good way to get alumni in building!
     4. If kids out there that want to do this they should contact us; good thing to have alumni coming in here.
     5. They could sign a waiver for insurance liabilities. Patty has that.
     6. Neil brought up good point of open rink to any alumni or PRAHA members to come in vs. deciding case by case basis. Good way to get summer activities going in our Rink as well!
     7. Lance said to send Norita the schedule they request and HDC can work with this schedule to open building to others; template for if other requests to use building.
     8. We will get this moving along in next few days.

1. Next Meeting date is **Monday July 8th** Board Room, second floor.

\*Meetings are scheduled for every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month unless otherwise noted.

1. **Adjournment**: Norita/Neil/passed TIME: 6:58 pm