

**CYHA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 23rd, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM, Board Member Roll Call (**P**resent / **A**bsent / **L**ate / **E**xcused)

President	Scott Little	P		Mite Director	Chris Johnson	P
VP Hockey	Brian Clancy	P		Tryout Director	Scott Everson	P
VP Admin	Carmen Jorgensen	L		Goalie Director	Nick Skoy	Ex
Secretary	Richard Poppke	P		Volunteer Director	Leslie Weed	P
Treasurer	Randy Graczyk	P		Fundraising Director	Kelly Fellows	P
Boys Director	Ken Dee	P		Jr Gold/U16/19U Director	Jim Tosney	Ex
Girls Director	Dave Haugen	P		Tournament Director	Jon Krueger	P

Membership Present:

- Rob Berg, Jen Wenzel, Mary Kanner, Steve Kanner, Make Marso, Ritch Menne, Mary Harmon

Secretary's Report:

- Reviewed/approved September Minutes – Richard Poppke made a motion to approve, Carmen Jorgenson second, all in favor.
- Dec 18th Gambling 6:15 – 6:30

Old Business:

- N/A

New Business / Agenda:

Post Tryout Meeting Comments:

- A/B1 Pool Too many in A/B1 as they scrimmaged with 30 players. Maybe adjust the A/B1 pool times to not so many. Maybe have an AA Pool, A Pool and B Pool to better separate.
- Like closed tryouts... most people like. Less Stress
- Appreciated flexibility on football groupings with tryouts
- Tryout meeting. More might attend / participate but there is an impression they will be “Blackballed”??
- Maybe use an on-line survey to collect more feedback – Survey monkey. Or we can utilize the box to add suggestions. Anybody can use an on-line survey so be careful. Best to have face to face feedback.
- Like to move tryout times a week earlier like we used to do as it give more time for managers
- Remove any reasons for negative perceptions. How things were posted, names, perception on how things were run.
- We hire coaches and evaluators because we trust them. Have to trust the process and the evaluators take/select the best kids. No agreement or sympathy for comments about being “blackballed”.
- Went into tryouts with a certain expectation but was placed on B2 Bantam team. Believe something is wrong with the process with the way it worked out this year.
 - 1 – Do not ask players to declare positions if you will not evaluate them at their position.
 - 2 – Use outside evaluators or a tryout firm for a tryout levels. Knew many of the evaluators and they were not applicable for this level.
 - 3 – Need to have people in place to avoid wrong/ inaccurate postings. Need to double and triple check everything before posting.
- There are examples of HS players who have never played A level hockey and have done very well at the HS level. Kenny Sinna is an example who never played A level hockey. There is always a chance and independent of the team / level made in the youth level, there is an opportunity to improve through hard work and make a HS level team.

- Before the half way point of B2 Bantam tryout the evaluators were not even watching the ice. Clipboards down and talking turning around. The kids skating noticed this and were very disappointed.
- The goal is to shorten the evaluation process next year.
- Do you choose coaches prior to teams?
 - Non-parent selected prior to tryouts for Boys. AA, A Bantam, AA PW, A Squirt.
 - Parent coaches are not picked prior to kids being placed on teams.
- C Teams: Kids need the most help so they need the more hours. C teams are shorted on hours.
- C Squirt team – Few hour notice on Ice. Still no goalie gear
 - R: Struggle to get some coaches so that is part of the reason for the delay.
 - R: Goalie gear not applied for Squirts or higher.
- Process is very hard to read and understand. It is so convoluted to it may be part of the confusion
- Tryouts should be 1 week. Should never have 30 for a phase II with that many kids. Easier to have 5 kids get the letter.
- Shorten the process and use the money to give back to the kids with extra ice.
- Make the A process and B process separate. It happens that kids get mid-classified but it will happen. Truly believe that the evaluators are doing their best but it is hard to tell on those middle kids are.
- Why do we make returning AA players pay the fee and tryout? Just put them in the top 20 only for PW and Bantam.
- Getting the last set of coaches at the C level. See if you can push off the start date a little later to allow everything to get organized.
- Schedule some team bonding activity to get the kids to know each other.
- More non-parent coaches this year than any year but harder to fill some coaches.
- What do parents think of taking the bottom 5 and top 5 off the ice after 2 hours and get a better view of the middle kids?
- Thank you to the board for everything you do. Thankless job....

Treasury Report:

- n/a

VP Hockey/ACE:

- n/a

VP Hockey/Admin:

- n/a

Boys Director:

- n/a

Girls Director:

- 12U B teams
 - 12 A small numbers – The A coach would like 13 players. Board wants to keep the teams at 12 and 12. If additional girls are added we can re-consider.

Mites:

- n/a

Tryouts:

- n/a

Goalie:

- n/a

Volunteers:

- n/a

Fundraising:

- n/a

JR. Gold:

- JR gold Registration Sunday night November 16th 6-8 pm
 - Monday Nov 18th: 7:50 – 10 pm
 - Wednesday Nov 20th: 7:50 – 10 pm
 - Suggest only having people trying out for Jr Gold A. Plan to have a Jr Gold A, Jr Gold B and U16.
 - Blaine has 1-2 goalies and 5-9 skaters at U19.

Tournaments:

- n/a

Scott Little made a motion to adjourn; Nick Skoy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.