

**CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES – September 17, 2014, 8:00 PM**

Called to order by: Bob Normand      Time: 8:00pm

Present:            President (2013)            Bob Normand      X              Vice President (2014) Steve Gibbs   X    
                         Treasurer (2013)            Erik LeMay        X              Secretary (2014) Michael Pynch   X    
Board (2014) Randy Reeg     X     Scott Peloquin   X     Darrell Herr     X     Dan McCauley   X    
(2013) Rod Olson          X     Trevor Bohland   X     Pat Bowe   X     Ralph Couey   X     Brad Martin     X  

**Other Attendees:**

Chester Syverson, Carolyn Grzelak

**1. General Meeting**

**2. Secretary's Report**

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

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Motion made by Trevor to approve the financial statements for August.

Seconded by Steve

Motion Approved

**4. Correspondence/Officer Reports**

The G.O.A.L. program kickoff for beginning skaters is planned for the weekend of September 27. Connie and Luke Fedie are going to take over the administration of the GOAL program. If anyone is interested in signing up for this program individuals can contact Heather Dresel via e-mail at [heatherdresel@gmail.com](mailto:heatherdresel@gmail.com) or at registration.

The High School hockey coaches have received approval from the CF Athletic Director to fundraise for locker rooms and a dryland area at the rink. The CF Booster Club is going to make sure the Extravaganza Committee is aware and let them know that they have been approved to raise money. CYHA is not going to be responsible for raising any of the funds though will continue to support the effort.

Steve contacted Bellatoria and confirmed with them that we should have the pizza coupons available by registration.

**5. Old Business**

Carolyn asked if she would be able to receive work assessment hours for the donation made by Chilson's toward the purchase of jerseys. This is not our approved policy though it was noted by Carolyn that it might be unclear in the current work assessment policy and she was under the impression they would receive work assessment hours. The Board agreed to add this to the agenda for next month and to temporarily allow the credit of assessment hours be considered at next week's registration.

Kim Syverson is in charge of tracking the work assessment hours. The hours shown on the website are as accurate as have been approved and sent to her for record keeping purposes. Work assessment hours require formal approval and her role is simply that of the record keeper.

Per WAHA CYHA's Bylaws must include the geographic boundaries of our core membership. Steve is going to adjust the Bylaws to note the boundary as that of Chippewa County and give notice so that we can approve this at next month's board meeting.

We ended up receiving a total of \$70,947.98 from Rock/CountryFest and were paid ~\$6.00/hour for our service.

## **6. New Business**

- **Scheduling**  
We decided that the A teams will not be in the NorWis. The B teams will be registered as A teams in the NorWis. The C teams will be registered as B teams.  
Rod Elkin is going to assist Bob with scheduling so that we can work with Eau Claire to coordinate games on weekends where we do not have tournaments.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### Finance/Administration (Erik)

- **RFP for Snowplowing**  
We received two proposals in response to the snow plowing Request For Proposal. We received one bid from Chippewa Valley Excavating who performed this service last year. The other proposal was from A&J.

Motion made by Steve to approve Chippewa Valley Excavating's proposal for individual plowing jobs for the 2014-15 hockey season.

Seconded by Pat

Motion Approved

- **Registration Schedule and Execution**  
We have all of the information organized and most of the tables are staffed. Board members will be on hand to answer questions and provide tours as requested.
- **Update on Fundraising for Dehumidification**  
Letters were sent out earlier this week. Steve suggested we wait two weeks and then we will begin to do phone follow-ups. Steve, Trevor, and Michael will all assist in follow-ups.
- **Capital Budget Status**  
At nearly the midway point for our fiscal year we are doing very well tracking to our capital budget. We have purchased most of all the items we had planned. The Chippewa Sand Transport guys are going to help out with finishing the locker rooms.
- **Region 1 Meeting in Spooner**  
Bob attended this meeting and learned about the requirement for us to specify our geographic boundaries in the Bylaws. This is going to be enforced more formally this year by WAHA and USA Hockey.

The Transfer Rule was put into effect and the only way in which you can skate up is to go to a Division 1 Association and you have to make the A Team. This is to address issues that have been had in the Madison/Milwaukee Metro Areas. This is the last year for skaters to grandfather under this transfer policy and going forward all outside skaters are still considered out of district.

The Player Development Committee will be validating that SafeSport and Coaching Certifications are in place.

The new ADM Coordinator for Region 1 is the ex-coach from North (Tom Kuklinkski).

We may be signing up for the 2 and 2 Challenge. We don't participate in the FREE Hockey Day due to the timing though we have a GOAL program and we are hoping that we can sign up if they approve our GOAL program in lieu of Free Hockey Day.

The Girls Playdown will be in Superior this year.

There may also be a Playdown in the Squirt B level this year as it sounds like Superior may enter a Wisconsin age-appropriate team.

#### Special Events (Rod)

- Bingo  
Bob met with individuals from the Eagle's Club about CYHA taking over Bingo and they were very hopeful we would do so. The next session would be October 1. We may be able to get the license by this time though if not we can probably get the Figure Skating to amend their license for October and we could pick it up in November. For Bingo, we would need a separate Bingo Account. There would be supplies we would need to purchase and the Eagle's Club acknowledged that they would donate any supplies that they have. The appropriate staffing is 1-2 people running concessions and 3-4 checking bingo cards including an approved bingo supervisor. There are a total of 52 bingos in a year and Eagle's Club only does 24 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month. The cards are starting to be sold at 6:00pm and we are typically closed up and completed by 10:00pm. This fundraiser has historically brought in \$25,000 - \$30,000 per year.

Motion made by Dan to staff Bingo at the Eagle's Club and license it for one full year.

Seconded by Brad

Motion Approved

An e-mail will be sent out to the association to explain the urgency and value to our association and gather input from our members. Beyond simply earning work assessment hours there was discussion regarding how the funds might be utilized for teams to earn tournament fee reimbursement, to cover non-parent coach travel expenditures, to support FREE summer ice and related programs for CYHA members, or in the future to eliminate other fundraising activities. The Finance and Administration Committee will bring a formal proposal for how to handle staffing and the funds received. It was also noted that if staffing this becomes too burdensome on our members we would consider partnering with other non-profit organizations.

#### On-Ice (Ralph)

- Player Movement Requests

We received four requests for move-ups and they were provided to the Player Development Committee. They will review these and bring their recommendations to the Board for approval at the October meeting.

- **Tournament Registrations**

We have only received two forms and three payments to date. We anticipate quite a few more being received over the next month.

Our Girls tournament is scheduled for the weekend of February 13-14 and unfortunately other associations moved their tournaments to that weekend as well. We still have ice available the last weekend of February and we are looking to move our tournament to February 27-28. We are sure that Green Bay and Sun Prairie won't move their tournaments so that would help ensure we have enough teams as we have historically had.

There were 10-11 individuals that met for the tournament committee meeting tonight. The meeting went well and there will be more to report over the coming months.

- **PDC Parent Meeting Update**

There were 30 people in attendance and 15-20 were parents. Rod Elkin did a PDC overview of who they are and what they do. They reviewed the try-out format. The biggest discussion was regarding the Bantams and that some individuals last year were not getting enough ice time. We think that we may end up creating a co-op with Altoona and having two teams (1A and 1B). This would allow better numbers for the two combined teams and less of an array of talents. The meeting lasted 2.5 hours and the feedback was positive about the transparency.

#### Facilities (Pat)

- **Trophy Case**

The trophy case is currently in process thanks to Tom Hart and will hopefully be done in time for the season.

- **Water Inspection Report**

Pat has a meeting with Bartingale to go over the backflow preventers and he will meet them on Friday to get a plan together to address these items.

- **Update on Dehumidification**

The heat reclaim system is running. We can't tell if the South Rink floor is working until we have ice and then we will likely need to balance and tweak it. The second half of the project is dehumidification. The unit is complete and ready to ship and now we are trying to work out the details of getting it delivered. We are looking to get it delivered to Hovland's and then unloaded at CYHA (3200 lbs) when we have the appropriate equipment in place to do so. The invoice will come for the unit when it ships.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is Sunday, October 26, at 5:00pm.