**Park Rapids Amateur Hockey Association**

**Board Meeting MINUTES**

**July 28th, 2014**

1. **Call to Order:**  By: Dave Time: 6:00 pm

**Frank Stuemke, Past President**

Lance Crandall, President

**Dave Delahunt, Vice President**

**Kelli Johnson, Treasurer**

**Tricia Crandall, Secretary**

**John Hoscheid**

**Clayton Hoyt**

**Jed Nordine**

**Dion Pederson**

**Eric Ravnaas**

**Brent Hagen**

1. **Agenda Approval**: Dave/Dion/Passed
2. **Approval of regular Secretary’s Minutes:** Frank/Eric/Passed
3. **Directors reports:**
   1. Executive – Frank
      1. Frank talked to Scott Burlingame with the City. Said could crush and fill old septic tank on north side of building left over from Potato storage days. Need to snake and make sure doesn’t lead back to building.
         * **Action-** Frank will follow up on this
   2. Treasurer/Scholarship – Kelli
      1. Reviewed email sent out by Diane
   3. Facilities Management – No update
   4. Staffing- Dion
      1. Rink manager description ready to go. Contacted Ed one more time
      2. Job Description put on website by John H.
      3. Chad- can’t do Manager job till November but is interested.
      4. Dion put add in paper for first week of August
   5. Administrative – Eric
      1. Flyers were put at school and open house in Menahga
      2. Need to get pamphlets from Patty
      3. Pine Point?
      4. Volunteer Hours- Tricia- still working on sending out letters
   6. Capital – No Update
   7. Hockey Development – John
      1. Walker Discussion- see below
   8. Hockey Outreach – Need Registration position filled
4. **Old Business**:
   1. Rink Manager- add in paper- Enterprise/outline box
   2. Fundraising Chair- have volunteers or committee
      1. Need someone to lead committee
      2. Raffle- covered under our gaming license, Haas Printing prints tickets
         * Action- Dion and Brent will start 2 raffles
           1. Gun Raffle and Fish House Raffle for Fall
         * Each family gets 1 book, required to sell or purchase to replace golf
         * Bring to next meeting
         * Clayton will give copy of last ticket and prize list
5. **New Business:**
   1. Registration- Currently have no one committed. Jenny Eischens is willing to help out.
      1. Action- Dion will talk to Laura Hillucka
   2. Pairing Discussion
      1. John and Lance met with representatives from Leech Lake Hockey. They want a pairing at the Bantam and Peewee Levels. Also want a 50/50 split in practices and games at their arena
      2. Public Comments: 17 members attended
         * If pairing goes through will there be help for families for travel costs?
         * If Walker families choose to come to PR can we help them with cost?
         * Several comments that if pairing were to go through then PR families would have to bow out of their child playing hockey
         * Walker has the option to come to PR now
         * Recruiting is hard enough as it is, a pairing would make it even tougher
         * Parent overheard PR kids not wanting a merger
         * Make the program fun
         * Transportation and timing huge issue, bus is too much time spent, hard for kids to keep up academically
         * Numbers will come back w/out a pairing and if we stop bickering over this
         * Members would like to be listened to and not ignored by the Board
         * Keep teams at competitive level like Bantams did last year
         * Push harder to make 2 separate issues- Low numbers and reducing games
         * Need long term stability and sustainability- effects Varsity in few years
         * Walker not perfect solution to many families, D.L. is closer for many
      3. Board Comments
         * John discussed reason for pairing discussion- slim numbers
           1. Peewees with 9 skaters/1 goalie with 1 goalie skating out
           2. Bantams have 18-19 players, 10 second year players.
           3. Anyone able to participate at Varsity Level will have tryouts with Walker and PR. So we may lose 3-4 players to JV from Bantams
           4. Walker Squirts and Mites have 6-8 players at each level

Discussed not pairing at that age level

* + - * 1. Walker wanted 50/50 split home games and practice time
        2. Jerseys would be PR colors but open for discussion
        3. If can’t work it out on both levels Walker is not interested
        4. May have 4-5 players if don’t pair
        5. If Pair do for one year and re-asses
        6. One family contacted John that if pairing doesn’t occur will request waiver to another association
      * Discussion from Board on both sides of this issue.
    1. Motion made by Dion to decline Walker’s offer. Eric seconded the motion.
       - In favor: Eric, Kelli, Brent, Dion, Tricia, Frank, Jed
       - Opposed: Dave, John, Clayton
         1. **Action:** Motion passed, pairing invitation declined

1. Next Meeting date is **August 11, 2014** Board Room, second floor. Start at 6:00 pm

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

1. **Adjournment**: TIME: