DCYHA Board Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2014 8:00 p.m.

**Present**: TJ Telford, Katie Shaffer, Ty Berrett, Scott Hinerman, Karyn Baxter, Ty Poulsen, Steph Sill, Rick Leighter, John Jensen,

Rich Lucy – by phone **Absent**: Mike Hassler **Guest**: Ron Ramirez, Liz White, John Anderson

**Minutes from previous meeting approved. All present accepted.**

Liz White Addresses the Board:

* Liz White approached the board with 2 issues. 1 - Not enough ice time for Davis kids and wanting her sons to play up/down. Liz would like to see power skating offered weekly and more ice time. 2 - She also asked permission for her son Ben, who is a 50 lb Bantam to be able to practice with the Squirts to get more ice time and better his skills, while also playing as a Bantam. She also asked that Daniel, her son who is a Squirt be able to practice up with the Bantams while playing as a Squirt.
* The board feels Ben being able to practice with the Squirts would be a good option for this unusual situation (where he is smaller and not quite as skilled as the Bantams). But the board agreed that we will need to discuss this with the Squirt coach before reaching a conclusion.
* The board agreed that Daniel playing up is not an option at this time.
* Concluded that power skating sessions would be a great asset. Discussed appointing Liz White to look into power skating sessions and times.

**Report from Ron (SDRC):**

* Ryan Tall will be assisting Ron with hockey chores and housekeeping this season.
* Goalie clinics will be taught by Landon. Look for basic and beginner lessons being offered in Sept/Oct & Christmas break.
* Ron would like to see an alumni/advancement/commitment tab on the DCYHA website of previous DC Wind/Eagles players who have gone on to play college hockey. Rich/Karyn will look into getting this set up after receiving permission from players and the needed info.

**Squirt Select Team:**

* Mike Hassler and TJ Telford asked John Anderson reported his vision of the Squirt Select team to the board.
* John Anderson recognized that will not having a Squirt Select team early on last season, a few parents were concerned DCYHA might do the same thing and sought teams elsewhere. John wants to bring those families back and is committed to building the program by continuing to run the ADM model at all practices. He is committed to the kids.
* A concern was voiced about letting late registration kids still having a chance to be on the team. It was resolved that a few spots would be left open for this situation.
* Players will need to play House with DC Wind in order to be on any Select team.
* TJ asked for a vote of all board members willing/unwilling to give John Anderson the go ahead to be the Squirt Select coach and hold a tryout on Sept 6th. All were in agreement: TJ, John J, Rick, Ty B, Tyler P, Karyn, Katie, Steph (Rich had left the meeting via phone).
* John Anderson will be coordinating the Squirt practices using the ADM model.
* Email will be sent out by Steph to all families re: tryout date and time.
* John Anderson would like to hold extra Squirt Select practices in his backyard rink. A release waiver will be signed by all who make the team.

**Sponsorships:**

* TJ will look into possible sponsorships to help cut costs. Advertise on jerseys/rink/banners/static clings on glass?
* Need to evaluate cost vs monies coming in.

**Play-Up Requests:**

* Tyler Phillips has requested to play with the Bantams. Sam Anderson and Wyatt Sill have requested to play with the Squirts. Board accepted all 3 requests and the families will be notified by Steph. Karyn will get registration info they will need to for registering online for their higher team.
* John J will look into the rules for playing up, specifically playing up two levels.

**Scholarship/Fee Assistance Process:**

* Rich/Karyn will get a link on the DCYHA website or registration page for families needing financial aid. Karyn will pass all pertinent info onto Ty P and John J, of the Financial Assistance Committee.

**Upcoming Parents Meeting: Sept 30 from 7-8 and Oct 8 from 6-7**

* Rick will run the meetings with all board members being involved and assigned specific areas to cover.
* All parents must attend. Will have print out with all boys listed and parents must initial by their child’s name.
* Katie will forward all board members a copy of parent meeting agenda/outline for review.
* Steph will send out an email re: parents meeting.

**Gear Swap:**

* First Saturday before practices begin.
* Donations/trades only.
* Steph will send an email to all families regarding swap.

**Going forward:**

* Katie suggested changing board meeting to Wednesday nights? Decided to keep on Thursday nights but move to 7:00.
* Scheduling meeting is coming up. TJ, Mike H and John Anderson will attend.
* Move October board meeting to the 9th, but also keep Oct 23rd open just in case.
* John J will put together DCYHA binders for all board members.

**Items for Next Board Meeting:**

* Policy for complaints
* Coaches/Select Teams
* Parents meeting responsibilities for each board member

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m. TJ will get with Mike H to see about scheduling an early September board meeting.