

K.Y.H.C. Inc. Executive Board
Minutes
May 20, 2019

- I. Roll Call: Bryan Countryman, Dave Verkler, Erica Barton, Stephanie Forkenbrock, Jeffery Burke, Nicole Smith, Maggie Lewsader

- II. Approved Minutes:
Motion was made by S. Forkenbrock to approve the minutes for March 11, 2019 and April 8, 2019, seconded by D. Verkler. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- III. Financial Report
 - Reviewed ledger dated April 9, 2019 through May 20, 2019.
 - Discussed 6 bills that needed to be paid.**Motion was made by D. Verkler to approve payment of the 6 bills discussed, seconded by N. Smith. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.**

- IV. Irish Committee Report:
 - Spring tournament with 14 JV Players with 1 coach. We finished 5th out of 8 teams.
 - Spring tournament with 17 Varsity players with 2 coaches. We finished 6th out of 6 teams.
 - Irish banquet was held on May 5th at the Quality Inn.
 - Slight dip in Chicago Fire participation. Fanatics has split ways with NASCAR events and no longer will be selling merchandise at the races. Already looking for other special events that we can participate in other than soccer.
 - Petition for participating High Schools. Would like to explore the idea of geographical inclusion so that we can maintain our membership coming from Coyotes.
 - Would like registration to begin the last week of June or the first week of July.
 - Reviewed Varsity coaching requests.
 - Would like to order a new banner.

- V. Coyote Committee Report:
 - NWHL meeting was held on May 7, 2019.
 - Spring League play ends on May 19, 2019. Tournament scheduled May 28th – June 9th.
 - Mites: Division 2 – 3-4-1, Squirt White: Division 1 - 6-1-1, Peewee White: Division 3 – 3-5-0, Bantams Division 3 – 5-3-0
 - Bantam Spring Tournament Team participated in 2 tournaments. 1st Tournament A2 Level 0-3-0. Finished 6th out of 6. 2nd Tournament B Level 2-1-0 3rd place out of 8 – Semi-Final Winner in Championship Game.
 - All spring team jerseys have been received.
 - Spring coaching evaluations will be sent out soon.
 - Ice Valley is requesting feedback on the previous and current seasons.
 - Coaches have requested a ProWeight Shooter Tutor.
 - Flowers were handed out during the home games on Mother's Day.
 - Would like to open registration early. No later than the 3rd week of July and close it the first week in August.
 - Would like to have a Shake the Dust off session the first week of September.

VI. Unfinished Business:

- Whistle Blower Policy

VII. New Business:

- Bryan announced his resignation as President.

VIII. Public Comment:

- Discrepancies reported in ice time between players for the Squirt team.
- Thank you for allowing us to try a tournament team. This was a night and day experience. We would like to continue down this path to strive for more opportunities for the boys. It not about winning – its about development and about competition.
- Great to see the all the boys play the entire game for 39 minutes at the Bantam level. We never had to slow them down or pull them back – they were pressed. It was excellent at this level for the checking aspect. Not having enough ice time did not allow our boys to gel like I know they can. The whole thing was a great step in the right direction for the organization. We would like to have tournament teams throughout the year to allow players to play against other skaters of their ability. It really challenges them and helps them become better players when they are skating against better players and players of their caliber. Being a coach of a spring league its miserable when trying to coach a level 1 compared to coaching a level 5. I get it that we are a house level and everyone gets to come and play. It's unfortunate that I have to teach kids to start and stop, hold the stick, cut a stick, and sharpen skates -the basics - when other kids already know this stuff and it's taking away from them. To encourage our upper skaters we need to offer at this at all levels so we don't loose players to travel teams. Our organization and players are good enough and play hard enough where they would be competitive and they would be pushed at travel tournaments. This experience was enjoyable for the players.
- My son plays for both the house league and the tournament team. I really like this set-up. I am really excited that he got to learn how to play cycle and 5-man hockey. This is what is very different than at regular NWHL games. Instead of taking the puck from goal to goal it was a large puck possession game. You had to create shots with a cycle and you also had to play 5 men on offense and 5 men on defense. The only way you get that is when competing with people who are just as strong systematically skating and shooting wise. I think we can certainly have a healthy and successful travel program. We can reduce the number of kids that leave for travel programs and also give more opportunity to the kids that just want to play house league and enjoy the game of hockey.
- My son did not do spring league this year because last spring season he felt like he was showboating. The tournament team challenged him and made him work twice as hard. If it were up to my son he would have gone to play for another team to challenge him more but I am a local business owner that believes to keep everything in my own town. I also think the team as a whole came together to show the talent we have in our own town. We are not in a big city where there is extra training.
- Going to the tournament opened a lot of eyes not only for the coaches, parents but the players as well. My son was challenged and met his match with players that could shoot harder, skate and pass better. Every kid on the team got pushed upward. It was a humbling experience. I think tournament teams would be a value added for the entire Coyote's organization. I think we would be going backwards if we decided not to do something for the fall. I think we have proven that it can be done. We can learn from our mistakes and make improvements on this. The Coyotes can expand and grow from this. My son had a blast being with his friends and being challenged with his friends. These kids are now talking about hockey over pizza and what they can do to be better on the ice.

- I see at least 2 possibly 3 teams at the bantam level in the fall. Instead of all 3 teams entering into multiple tournaments maybe those teams would only do 1 big tournament and then the 2nd and 3rd tournaments would be for a tournament team and try-outs would be held. The Oak Park Ice Bears and Renegades have tournament teams. I think there a lot of different paths that people can take. I would like to have a model where we would still play NWHL and then have a secondary group that could go and play in tournaments. I have done some research and it sounds like to me the NHWL is a good old boys network but they could bend the rules. I will continue to do research and report back.
- More ice team is needed in the future for the tournament team. The skilled team that beat us at the tournament practiced with 8 structured practices and two video sessions.
- Rules between AHAI and NWHL need to be reviewed and we need to reach out and get verification of the rules for tournament teams.
- Derek Mullady, newest member of the Kankakee Park District Board of Directors, introduced himself to the club and members. Please feel free to contact him with any concerns at dmullady@kvpd.com.

Motion was made by D. Verkler to share Coyotes/Irish financial information with D. Mullady, seconded by B. Countryman. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- Cash Bash will be held on October 19, 2019. If interested in volunteering for this event please contact Kelli Rice.
- We greatly appreciate the coaches and the staff that have helped develop our son into the player he is. To see the kids this weekend and the pride they had to compete at this level is such a great motivator to see them to want to be challenged beyond this. We are grateful for the Coyote organization.
- If we could research these options for the younger kids as well would be great. This would keep players for leaving the club for other travel teams. We are rolling over the other teams out there and the only time we are challenged is when we play against our own team. This club would grow if we could get more hockey at a better quality. It's awesome to hear that you are looking into this.

IX. Next Meeting/Annual Meeting: Monday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m.

X. Adjournment: 9:20 p.m.