

**CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 20, 2015, 7:00 PM**

Called to order by: Bob Normand Time: 7:00pm

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 Scott Peloquin Darrell Herr X Dan McCauley
(2013) Rod Olson X Trevor Bohland X Pat Bowe X John Benish X Brad Martin

Other Attendees:

Jodi Ash

1. General Meeting

Jodi Ash is the new Figure Skating representative replacing Chester Syverson and she brought up a few questions.

She asked if a figure skater was injured and then can't participate in the figure skating season whether they should provide a credit or refund and how it is handled from a hockey perspective. The Board handles this on a case by case basis and have typically worked out some kind of credit for the family if they make the formal request to the Board.

She asked if the Fall Registration date has been set as the Figure Skaters would like to collaborate especially on the registration form. It has not been set yet and we recommended she get in touch with our Registrar (Melissa Martin) on any possible changes to the registration form.

She asked if we have a Remodel Committee for the North Rink and if the Figure Skaters can be represented on that Committee. The Board would like there to be figure skating representation.

She asked if there was a Code of Conduct on our website. There is a Skater, Parent, and Coach Code of Conduct that is posted on the website. Figure Skaters do not sign our Codes of Conduct and may have their own Code of Conduct.

She noted that the Figure Skaters were very happy with last year's ice times and asked if they might get the same ice times as they had last year. Scheduling is always a work in process depending on number of teams and skaters though we would hope to accommodate that request.

John Benish noted that there were some complaints this past season about the larger sizes of jerseys especially at the Pee Wee level. We do need to maintain some larger sizes though per the feedback of the board John is going to adjust the future orders (especially at Pee-Wees) to accommodate more smaller sized players.

The U12 and U14 jersey designs have been modified and approved and will be ordered for next season.

2. Secretary's Report

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

3. Treasurer's Report

The Financial Statements were sent out. This year was a pretty good year financially with special acknowledge to the strong year at Rock/CountryFest along with coming in significantly under budget on the dehumidification. In addition, due to our continued focus on paying down our debt CYHA is now under \$300K in debt and we are looking forward to Randy Reeg performing a “Hip Hop” Dance at the next Board Meeting to celebrate that milestone.

Motion made by Steve to approve the financial statements for March.

Seconded by Trevor

Motion Approved

4. Correspondence/Officer Reports

Team Wisconsin Tryouts occurred this past weekend and there was a lot of positive feedback regarding our facility.

Bob presented the results from CYHA handling the bi-monthly Bingo over the past 7.5 months. We have generated \$9,300 in profits to date which has gone to helping fund two tournaments per team and will support our investment in on-ice programming this summer. Bob did confirm he filed the Bingo-related report with the State.

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

Mike Armstrong noted that we are a part of a Peak Control Rate program with Xcel Energy. Because we have not had summer ice in the past this program has been a big benefit to CYHA. In particular, Xcel has provided a cost reduction of approximately \$5,200 per year. Now, however, we have summer ice and we have a far greater concern about having electricity outages. We will work with Mike Armstrong to see if he will negotiate raising the threshold with Xcel based upon our year-round ice requirements. We hope to be able to maintain our place in the Peak Control Rate program and better manage the risk of the high costs for electricity in the event that we do have an outage and have to turn on the electricity to save the ice we have built for the summer.

We are looking at scheduling a referee clinic in Chippewa Falls this year. More information to follow.

7. Committee Reports

Finance/Administration (Randy)

- Chi-Hi Contract

The Chi-Hi hockey contract is up for renewal. We have traditionally formalized 3-year term. There may be a couple of provisions that we will add about players parking at rink for away season games and for CYHA to ensure that all game spectators are paying admission to games.

It was noted that we have the full Chi-Hi schedule already for Boys, Girls, and JV so we can start to schedule games.

- **Off-Season Ice Sold and Contact List**
CYHA is in the process of implementing MaxGalaxy and it is difficult to keep both systems updated. Bob noted that Monday – Thursday is relatively well booked though Fridays and Saturdays are a little light. We may consider an open skate on Saturday nights if there is availability and interest.
- **MaxGalaxy Software**
There have been four training and configuration webinars held with MaxGalaxy and they were at CYHA last Friday. There is one more session on the financials scheduled for the next week or so. The software should be fully functional by early June.
- **Summer Development Program Update**
Scott Sikkink is registered with USA Hockey. Once we have the MaxGalaxy software configured we will start to add in the summer ice times.

Special Events (Brad)

- **Beerfest**
Our count indicated 728 people attended this event and this was the biggest turnout we have had to date. The Band was very good and some of the vendors actually ran out of beer. SpringFest was very happy with the number of attendees that they had and believed it to be in some part due to the timing of Beerfest.
- **Country/Rockfest**
We are at 93% filled for CountryFest and Rod did not have the number for RockFest. We know we need some beer and liquor Managers for Rockfest. In addition, both Fests are in serious need of help on Sunday nights. Heidi will be sending out a list of open times to the Association. Steve ordered banners for each of the bars so we can acknowledge CYHA and the groups that are volunteering to make this event a success.

There has also been some discussion with our main point of contact at Country/RockFest about how we handle the change from 12oz to 16oz beers so CYHA is compensated properly. We are optimistic that this will be handled fairly and going forward we can make appropriate changes to the contract at the next renewal date.

On-Ice (Scott)

- N/A

Facilities (Darrell)

- **New Board Room**
Flooring is ordered from SS Interiors and should be here in the next week or so. Darrell will be finishing off the electrical system and then we will have cabinets, sink, and other work to complete.
- **Rink Security and Planned Security System**
The system continues to be worked on and will be completed this summer.
- **Low-E Ceiling**

The Low-E Ceiling installation is complete and the ice has already responded well in the warmer weather. We have not had any drips in the South Rink. Pat noted there is also a \$10K rebate available if/when we install this in the North Rink.

- **Live Barn**
There is a new company that came to the Ice Arena Tradeshow that Pat attended. At no cost, they will mount three live action cameras in the rink and two monitors. Cameras will automatically follow the game, scoreboard, etc. They will bring in their own internet as well. They charge a monthly fee to individuals that want to view live games or recorded games. They also have a cost sharing plan so that CYHA can share in the revenue.

Motion made by Steve to authorize Pat to move forward with exploring the services of Live Barn.

Seconded by John

Motion Approved

- **South Rink Additional Entry Doors**
We discussed having a door that would allow us to take off nets on the Southeast side of the South Rink as they get in the way of the Zamboni and other things that we store by the Zamboni door on the South Rink. Becker arena provided us with a price of \$3,500 plus an additional \$1,200 to install.

Motion made by Steve to authorize the additional south rink doors if price does not exceed \$5,000.

Seconded by John

Motion Approved

- **South Rink Board Alignment**
Becker is quoting us \$9,000 to align and adjust the glass on the South Rink. Although, not fixing this could lead to an increase chance of broken glass sections we can't justify the cost at this point. We are going to let this go for another year and then reevaluate.
- **South Rink Air Conditioning**
This past week with the Team Wisconsin Tryouts there were significant humidity issues. Pat has a quote for south rink air conditioning and ductwork. Pat is going to speak to Hovland's and find out the lead time and whether they would allow Pat the opportunity to do some of the work on his time to be considered volunteer work. The estimated cost of the systems is \$35,000 plus another \$10,000 in electrical work. Pat is going to review the options to handle the air conditioning for the locker rooms and the hallways (probably two different systems). We will be requesting other bids on this work and are hopeful we can get this addressed this summer otherwise we will have to implement some kind of stopgap measure as we don't want to create any damage to the infrastructure (rust).

Motion made by Steve to authorize the south rink air conditioning to not exceed the amount of \$45,000.

Seconded by Erik

Motion Approved

- **VFD Drive Controls for Rink Glycol Pumps for Independent Control**
Pat was at the Rink Managers conference and was discussing the ice temperature differences between the North Rink (cooler) and South Rink (warmer). He is evaluating system options for how we can make the two ice temperatures more consistent.
- **All-Star Arenas Visit**

Our facilities team is bringing in an expert from All-Star Arenas (Dave) for advice regarding the VFD Controls as well as other energy saving options. He is engaged for a one-day on-site consultation.

- **City Water Inspection**
The Inspector reviewed our rink again and confirmed that we are in compliance.
- **Rink Cleaning over Summer Months**
Jason Jones is working on getting some labor from Highview to help this summer with cleaning on the South Rink. The locker rooms have been a real mess and will continue to need cleaning as we do have plans to use the rink year-round. Parents are reminded that this is OUR RINK and that if you are at the rink anyway, grab a broom, take out the trash, or just pick up what is needed. Fill out a work assessment form and have a Board Member or Facilities Team members sign off to get work assessment hours.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 17, at 7:00pm