

HDC Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2015

HDC Members present: Corey Rupp, Neil Huewe, Tom Kuesel, Tony Mannausau, Wade Chiodo, Kurt Knott

HDC Members absent: Jackie Robertson, Amber Fryklund

BYHA Board members present: Corey Rupp, Jason Brodina, Kirk Malkowski

BCA Board member present: Mike Yavarow

Meeting called to order, 6:35 a.m.

Girls Program: There will be no 12U team this year, the 7th graders will move to the high school program and the 6th graders will play peewees. All affected families reported to be in agreement. This will allow us to keep the 10U team intact instead of using them to fill out the 12U team.

Learn to Play Hockey Program: Equipment Fitting Day for enrolled players is Thursday, July 23, 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the BCA. This is run by Total Hockey, not BYHA, but we will have the rink open for them to use. Wade has 4 of 10 coaches ready to go, and will fill out the rest soon.

Coaching: The coaching application needs to be loaded onto the website ASAP. It should be up within a week according to Corey. Application deadline is tentatively September 1. Discussion regarding how HDC selects coaches, including preference for non-parent coaches at the A levels and for coaches who emphasize skill development and team building over those who focus on systems of play or other methods.

Player Development: We are waiting on word from Bryan Grand if he will run Monday skills nights. Jill Andersen and Kris Hammitt will run Monday dryland session. Discussion was had regarding tracking dryland improvement from beginning to end of year. Tom will discuss with Jill/Kris. Jason Brodina is willing to provide tracking suggestions if they would like assistance. HDC will request that Board budget \$5,500.00 to pay skills/dryland coaches.

Goalie Coaching: Patrick Schwartz has approached HDC about working with goalies; Corey and Tom met with him and recommend that he be given an opportunity. Wade emphasized the need for a full-time coach to work with all the goalies in the system. Wade will also talk to Eric Niskanen about his availability/interest in helping, and Tom will talk to Eric Peterson too. We should be able to make some decisions by the next meeting.

Pre-season Coaches Meeting: This remains set for Sunday, September 20, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. at the BCA. This will include an on-ice session to learn/review the power skating techniques HDC wants emphasized at every team practice. Wade will talk to Scott Andersen about setting this up.

Scheduling: High school coaches need to get their practice schedules to Neil ASAP so the full-season schedule can be prepared and loaded before the season starts. Also important to know how many Mondays we have available for skills/dryland sessions. Request was also made to circulate the October hockey schedule to HDC members for review by the next meeting.

Squirt In-House: Brent Rud is the In-House Commissioner. Sponsorships for team jerseys were discussed, possibly \$500 per team. Sponsors would have name on jerseys, name mentioned in the newspaper, and named on a “standings” board in the arena for players and parents. Jason Brodina will work on this issue and report at next meeting.

BYHA Board Items: HDC recommends that Board add a “24-hour rule” to BYHA Policy and Procedures. Rule would prohibit parents from contacting coaches with grievances until 24 hours after the incident in question, whether it is a game situation or a practice situation. Purpose of rule is to have calm, rational discussion of issue after appropriate cooling-off period. Consensus was that the proposed rule is best for all parties involved.

BCA Board Update: Tom attended their last meeting on July 9. Discussion centered on possibility of building a second sheet of ice at the BCA. Different funding mechanisms discussed, but any scenario difficult without school district involvement and financial support, which has been lacking. Discussions will continue. Roger Erhorn was introduced as the new arena manager.

HDC fundraising ideas: Kurt is waiting for a response from Castle Highlands regarding the possibility of a golf tournament next year. Discussion regarding a fall 3 on 3 tournament next year, starting with Bemidji players only and then expanding to other organizations if successful. Hard dividers would enhance experience and will possibly be sought through Minnesota Hockey’s hard divider grant program next spring.

Other Business: Discussion of sending the Squirt Bs to the Fargo International Tournament, now that a Squirt B division is in place. Found to be a positive experience for the players, but concerns about parent cost/hotel situation. Decision was made to apply for entry this year.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 10, 2015, 6:30 a.m. BCA meeting room.

Meeting adjourned, 8:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kuesel