

MEETING MINUTES

May 21st, 2015

In Attendance: Tyler Poulsen, Scott Hinermen, Troy Osborne, Anna Erickson, Becky Jacobsen, Doug Morrill, Karyn Baxter, Rich Lucy, Paul Amidon

Absent: John Jensen

Guests: Daniel White, Liz White, Benjamin White, Lance Bradshaw, Dave Coover, Jen Coover, Stephanie Sill, Alison Osborne, Lisa Wiebolt

April's Minutes ratified, all in favor.

USA Hockey Model - tabled for next meeting. Review needs to be made. Perhaps adjust policies, or follow policies as the perception of our policies do not align with actual policies. A hard requirement for DCYHA is practice to game ratio, as there is not enough ice time. There also needs to be no more "moving up" at the mite age level to follow the USA Hockey model. We need to communicate with USA Hockey, have directors at each age level that will also communicate with USA Hockey. Utah has no organizations that are a USA Hockey Model Organization at this time. Issue 1: being a model organization 2: what policies do we have that keep us away?

Action: John, Rich, Anna will come up with list of items we need to adopt to become model organization. Will present at next meeting.

Coaching Director - Discussion opened. The appointment of a DCYHA Coaching Director as well as the roles and responsibilities of this volunteer position were discussed. It was noted that the current Bylaws have a description of the procedures for appointing a new Director as well as a listing of expected duties of the Coaching Director, referred to as the Head Coach in the current DCYHA Bylaws, sections 5.01 and 5.02. Director needs to be engaged: attend board meetings, attend frequently all age group practices, coaching clinics, communicate with USA Hockey. The expectation of position is set in the DCYHA bylaws. The Coaching Director will make suggestions for Head Coaches, to be reviewed by the Board. Would like to maintain a continuity in the program. The Coaching Director is appointed by the Board, serves at the pleasure of the Board. A Director needs to represent all age groups of players. Must make sure to have coaches that have the time and will not be stretched between commitments. Hockey experience/coaching experience/time is needed.

Action: Anna has contacted three former Coaching Directors for input on an updated position description. She will provide the draft Coaching Director Position Description at the June Board Meeting

Travel Players - Discussion opened about effect of travel/tier players participating at the recreation/house level. The URL, of which DCYHA is a member, is pursuing different ideas on how to provide the best learning environment for hockey players of different hockey skill levels. Included in the issues on the table are, double rostering players, methods for splitting teams equally, accommodating house teams when travel players leave the team short handed and more. All Utah recreation hockey organizations now are large enough, to begin to reach statewide agreement on how to better structure recreation teams to best meet the needs of the Associations, grow the sport and develop individual players.

Action: The URL is convening representatives from each Association to begin strategizing on statewide concerns. Rich Lucy will attend the first meeting and report back to the DCYHA Board of Directors.

New Hockey Gear - UAHA has a large cache of rental gear, especially in the younger size, available for Associations to borrow. DCYHA may borrow this gear for the upcoming Learn-to-Play Hockey Program. Prior to investing resources in the purchase of new gear, DCYHA needs to determine the need and have better organization of the existing inventory. It's a work in progress. Action: Anna will email Scott about UAHA and it's gear availability.

Total Hockey Gear is a potential gear resource. The gear comes with everything but a stick. There are requirements to receive Total Hockey Gear comes from USA Hockey. It is usually just Mite/Mini gear. We will borrow from the state this year, pursue Total Hockey for gear for this next season. Possibly have Play It Again as a sponsor. We need a new Equipment Manager. Put the position on the website.

Action: Anna will email Lisa Weibolt about Play It Again, Rich will put Equipment Manager position on the website.

Securing Hockey Equipment - Possibly have a cable in the cage for goalie gear? We will need permission from SDRC. Perhaps secure some chain link and create a "mini cage"? Mites have goalie gear, as well as squirts. Liz has some DCYHA hockey gear at her home. She will bring it back to be looked over. She requests to be able to have the gear if it is deemed unusable by DCYHA. We need to keep a set or two in the cage accessible for managers/coaches. A rental form and security deposit should be required to rent gear; needs to be overseen by Equipment Manager. Perhaps give the goalie gear to the coaches at the beginning of the year and the coaches will be responsible for use and returns.

Action: A hockey stick rack has been made and placed in the cage for better organization. Many thanks to Patrick and Becky Jacobsen for this incredible donation of time and resources. Those inventorying the gear will determine if goalie gear can be donated to Liz. The Board will let her know of a decision around the June Board meeting. Becky & Anna will place gear rental forms in the cage and office.

Team Manager Kits - Let's put together a "Manager's Kit" and "Coach's Kit" for the beginning of the season to be used throughout the year. Replenish at the end of the season for next year.

Action: Becky will look into the prices for items and email the Board.

Summer Parades -

Action: Anna will write a small paragraph for the announcers about DCYHA, Troy will look into pucks/Frisbees.

Financial – Scott reported on the organizations financials. All questions were addressed. Analysis of ice time per house/rec team by division - Claims that we currently have are not reflected. Analysis tabled for Scott to be present. Karyn Baxter looked into the ice time of house kids/number of kids registered. She will need additional team expenses to conduct a more accurate analysis of the current registration fees charged compared to the actual costs of operating the program. Further analysis needs to be undertaken before new registration fees are proposed. Mites and Mini Mite fees should stay as low as possible to encourage new registration. In regards to failed payments from last season, are email being sent to inform the payees? Shall it be brought up at the parents' meeting?

Action: Financial Analysis tabled for further discussion by Scott. Karyn will create a group list of BOTH parents in regards to failed payments. Karyn will also email analysis to Scott/Ty - Division of ice usage. Discussion to be done in next ten days to decide on 15/16 registration.

Future Images - YES. Use again. Schedule photos for January so the images can come back before season is out.

Website Update - We need to add FAQ's. Ideas of questions should be sent to Rich. Should Peachjar be used to email flyers throughout the many school districts? How else do we reach school aged kids? Banners, perhaps, at the elementary schools. Use Facebook to target Davis County. Ty Polusen made the motion to proceed with Peachjar, Karyn Baxter seconded. All in favor.

Action: Anna will research FAQ's & move forward on using the Davish School District Peachjar tool for electronic communication of LTPH to Davis School District. Rich will get volunteer positions up on the website.

DCYHA Travel Program - Do we need an Eagle's Representative on the DCYHA Board? Perhaps make a meeting for Eagles and Wind, rather an actual board meeting or an extra meeting. Probably don't need a rep at every board meeting. They can also attend at their pleasure. A discussion needs to be opened.

Action: Anna will email Ty about an Eagle's Rep for the purpose of improving communications between the two DCYHA programs.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00pm.

Next Meeting: June 25th, 8:00pm. Location: TBD