

Davis County Youth Hockey Association

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2015

Present: Ty Poulsen, Scott Hinerman, Derek Stell (Guest), Matt Green (UT Golden Eagles), Karyn Baxter, Anna Erickson, John Jensen, Dave Soutter, Troy Osborne, Paul Amidon, Rich Lucy (via phone), Doug Morrill (via phone), and Pat Jacobsen.
Excused: Becky Jacobsen

- 1) SDRC Ice Room - Call to order: 8:08 pm
- 2) Approval of the June 2015 Board Meeting Minutes: Approved unanimously
- 3) Reports
 - a) SDRC Report: SDRC hosted two *Try Hockey for Free* events in June and two in July. The June events had about 15 kids each, most participants were current DCYHA players. The July participants were primarily new to hockey with some being new to skating. Parent feedback was positive. Dave Souter handled the range of skill levels well. Landon Ramirez (VHS Goalie) participated in full gear. Two sessions are scheduled for August and one for September. Ron to get participant emails to DCYHA for future communication. Ron noted that the coaching staff was more dependable for all the sessions and that has been a welcomed change from the past.

Andrew Berquist and Travis Koury, former DCYHA Rec & Eagles players, are interested in hosting a youth hockey camp next summer. Andrew plays Division III collegiate hockey & Travis is on the U of U Hockey team..

Holly Tanner instructed the first of several Tuesday Power Skating sessions. About 20 skaters participated. The ice was down on Thursday necessitating the canceling of the Stick Handling session with Andrew Berquist. Both sessions should be back online next week.

Goalie clinics have involved 4-5 kids. Feedback has been very positive. Landon Ramirez has been instructing the kids. Participants & parents have been happy with the sessions.

Hockey Quick Start or a second LTPH session is possible using the times/days slated for DCYHA house program. DCYHA must secure the ice soon or other entities will use it. No Action.

Get SDRC Drop-In session on the DCYHA Website. **Action:** Rich to put online.

Action: Ron will get with Cory to get holes drilled to display Rec team tournament banners. Anna to incorporate emails of Try Hockey for Free participants into DCYHA promotions.

- b) Utah Grizzlies - Derek Stell, representing the Utah Grizzlies, requested the DCYHA Board of Directors opt into one of several programs aimed at involving youth hockey players & families in Grizz Hockey. Ty Poulsen made a motion to increase season the 2015-16 registration fee by \$10 to participate in the Grizz season ticket program. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

DCYHA will absorb half the cost (\$10) and the player will cover the other half (\$10) to be collected as part of the regular season registration. Under this program, each registered recreation DCYHA player receives a punch card for 36 Grizz games. DCYHA is committed to participating in one of the 2015 Saturday Opening Weekend games. Adult tickets are available for \$10 each via Derek Stell. DCYHA will participate in Chuck-A-Puck to help defray cost of this program. **Action:** Karyn Baxter will be the DCYHA point of contact with Derek Stell/Grizzlies & with DCYHA families for this program.

- c) Financial Report - Scott: Scott provided a 7/2014-6/2015 PNL to the Board prior to the meeting. **Action:** Scott will add columns to future Financial Report to reflect the same period in the previous year and another column noting the difference. The appears as \$2300 in the red explained by new expenses in promoting the LTPH program.
 - c) Registrar Report – Karyn reported that eight players have registered to date. Karyn proposed a documented deadline of September 1 for the submission of Financial Aid requests. John suggested using the UAHA forms and review process again. **Action:** Rich to edit the website blurb adding “Applications due by September 1st” Keep Karyn remain as point-of-contact. Ty will review bylaws to assure compliance with Association guidelines. Committee for review includes Ty, Karyn & John. The committee may forward the requests to UAHA provided that the State program is offered this season. Currently, there is no formal budget line item for scholarships. In the past three years, DCYHA has received one to four scholarship requests annually.

- d) URL Update – Rich: DCYHA & other Utah youth hockey Associations have the option to split recreation teams equally or by player skill. All Associations are discussing these options at this time. The name of URL will likely change to include “hockey” in the title. Rich will continue to represent DCYHA and report on progress of guidelines and the direction of the other associations.
- e) LTPH Report – Anna: Thirty-nine (39) registered players; Thirty-two (32) paid players; One unpaid participant; 6 of the 39 players were coaches kids; 5-6 high school aged coaching assistants & 3-4 rec level coaching assistants. Online follow-up survey results showed high marks in areas of coaching, organization, communication, value, rental gear program & facility. Areas to improve include larger rental gear sizes, orientation for youth coaching assistants, alternative advertising to PeachJar, Gear check-out process, orientation for coaches regarding safety issues. Parents are requesting another LTPH for Summer/Fall. This was a successful into to hockey program!
- f) New Hockey Training Opportunities - Anna: Work is underway to identify best dates and coaches available for more training sessions prior to season start - possibly a combination of Quick Start or a 2nd LTPH Session or Checking Clinic. Suggestion made to be careful not to conflict with the GSAHA checking clinics in Ogden. Board will be kept informed via email.
- g) Golden Eagles Report – Matt Green: About 100 players are expected to participate this year. Currently focus includes collections of registration from the 2014-15 season. One U18 team, two U14 teams (one is a house level team) and one U12 team. The State suspension list could be used to assist in the collection of overdue fees. Eagles players will register via DCYHA registration process to facilitate accurate registration data for the DCYHA Registrar. The 2015-16 season registration link for Eagles is up and running. Karyn/Registrar has requested that Eagles leadership have consensus on Tier placement for teams prior to her submitting to the State Hockey regulatory body.

4) Open issues

- a) Coaching Director: Ty introduced Dave Soutter to those in attendance. Ty nominated Dave to the Coaching Director position. Scott seconded the nomination. The Board voted and passed Dave’s appointment unanimously. Welcome Dave.
- b) Equipment Manager: Steve Breault was not present due to a schedule conflict. However, Steve is pricing blue pucks and getting oriented to the inventory & care of the gear. **Action:** Steve to make contact Scott regarding purchase, reimbursement or Purchase Order process for acquiring pucks. The Association has approx. 500 black logo pucks in inventory.
- c) Scheduler Position: Ty nominated Patrick Johnson as DCYHA Scheduler. The nomination was seconded. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Patrick as Scheduler. **Action:** Patrick to make contact with Rich about when scheduling activities kick-off.
- d) Marketing/Sponsorship Position: This position remains vacant. Ty suggests that the Board members be thinking of candidates to take on this position. Position Description is online. **Action:** Karyn will send a second recruitment email to the membership regarding this vacant volunteer position.
- e) Tournament Banners in SDRC Rink Update – Ron: Ron says he’s ready to hang the banners in the rink. **Action:** John Jensen will work with Ron to complete the task. Becky has labeled the banners stored in the office.
- f) ADM Update – Doug: **Action:** Doug will pursue identifying the new ADM contact & gain info on resources for DCYHA.
- g) By Laws Update – John: Update next meeting
- h) FAQ for website – Rich/Anna: Rich started an email thread to get input on FAQ topics. **Action:** A FAQ document has been drafted. Anna will attach to the email thread for board input/edits, etc.

New business

- a) Emailing via SportNgin: **Action:** DCYHA Secretary position will have access to email distribution to the membership. Other Board members will have similar access for the purpose of communication with their specific workgroup. Board members names will remain on the email tag line for correspondence generated by them. Generally, membership communication will come from the DCYHA Secretary.
- h) Plans for promoting Season Registration? **Action:** Karyn will email last year’s participants, Try Hockey for Free & LTPH participants regarding Open Registration. Rich has online registration up and running (will edit with \$10 increase). A retractable banner is being made for SDRC lobby and posters are up in SDRC. Karyn/Anna will investigate other methods for promoting registration including banners in public areas, yard signs, City marquees, City newsletters, The Clipper, etc. Registration has been posted on Facebook.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 am, Respectfully Submitted: A. Erickson