

# DCYHA Board Minutes

## December 16th, 2015

Present: Ty Poulsen, John Jensen, Becky Jacobsen, Scott Hinerman, Anna Erickson, Rich Lucy, Karyn Baxter, Paul Amidon, Mike Wagstaff, Dave Soutter

Absent: Doug Morrill

Call to order: 6:10pm

November minutes ratified.

**Budget:** Scott has developed a tentative budget. There are still some bills pending, our fiscal year ending with 2015. From Scott's perspective, we look in relatively good shape. A question is raised; should we move our fiscal year to coincide with USA Hockey's which is a July through June fiscal year. We would need to file with the state, as well as the IRS to change our fiscal year, though this move would help us to determine our expenses season to season. John makes a motion to change our fiscal year to July through June beginning July 1, 2016. Rich seconds. All in favor.

**Golden Eagles:** Per the budget sheet, the Eagles program is running in the black. They have already participated in five tournaments. Ty is always open for further questions. There is a concern how the rosters change, such as where do the fees come from for kids who swap and some who leave? How are they charging and tracking? Ty and Scott plan to continue to work with the Eagles. Is there a way to have factual after the roster deadline of December 28th? There have been many conversations about bringing the Eagles back in under DCYHA jurisdiction. Decisions need to be made now because they hold their tryouts in May and will begin planning their next season. We need to look at the Eagles factual, through February 1st, then we will have a better understanding of how the Eagles program is operating. Should there be as many teams in the Eagles program? Our wish is to foster more kids/talent here in the state. To create an opportunity to really foster talent, we need to consolidate the program, it has become too thinned out. High school hockey is a goal, as weak as a solid travel program. High school hockey has been cannibalized from too many travel programs throughout the state. More and more travel teams are being created, and are being watered down. There needs to be more of an open dialogue with the Eagles, perhaps looking at bringing the U12 and U14 team back into DCYHA. We have a solid foundation, now we need to build the program for where our mites and squirts can go. If we pull the U14, there could be a gap, and we could potentially lose those kids. A route is needed to create a smooth transition for our players year after year. Keep in perspective that not only do we lose the players, we lose the coaches, managers, etc. Golden Eagles should stay a part of our program, but how do we bring them back in and work in tandem? A possibility is to hold a separate meeting with just the Eagles. A suggested way to bring back control is put the two single A teams back into the house program, have U14 A/AA follow requirements, have 3-5 person board to work specifically with the eagles, a board certified "sub board" give guidelines and rules on how to function the Eagles programs. John makes a motion to inform the leadership of the Eagles that the Board is evaluating how to incorporate the Eagles organization, and have some decisions made by the February 18th board meeting. This will help DCYHA regain control and help us better manage our responsibilities. We are re-evaluating the U12 A and U 14 A with a thought of disbanding those programs. An Eagles rep should be at every board meeting. Motion amended by TY: a. recommendation to disband U12 A/U14 A for the 16/17 season

b. evaluate the tier program

c. look at creating a subcommittee to administer to the tier program

d. there will be a commentary period until the February 18th board meeting

**Ty will reach out to the Eagles about our motion.** The motion is seconded by Mike. All in favor.

**Eagles II:** There are small U14 teams, with a few Golden Eagles A players. A house game should take priority over an Eagles practice per our contract. Last Saturday, an Eagles player said that his Eagles coach would bench him if he missed practice to go to the house game. This issue needs to be

addressed, as this will pull players from the house games and leave the house team very shorthanded. Dave will reach out to the Eagles coach to discuss the policy.

Iron Cup: Our registration fees for the 2016 Iron cup have been proposed. \$650 mites, \$800 squirts, \$900 peewees, \$950 bantam with a \$160 fee per hour for ice. Ty makes a motion for proposed fee increases, John seconds. All in favor. The Iron Cup committee will meet next on January 6th at 7:00pm.

Policies: The committee to re-evaluate our policies, which comprises of Rich, Mike, Anna and John, met the previous night. There are several different copies of our Bylaws and we need to find out with is filed with the State. The committee will review each section and will bring their findings to Board Meetings. Hopefully the review will be finished by the end of the season. The committee will also pull policies form our Bylaws to add to our existing Policies. Articles are already created.

Select Game Schedule: If a game is scheduled outside of the DCYHA scheduler, it needs to go through our scheduler. Conflicts have arisen and this will keep those from happening.

21st & 28th January: Rich needs a meeting with all coaches and managers. Karyn will send the email.

USA Hockey Rules: Becky will make a copy of the USA Official Rules to have on hand for all of the managers.

One Goal: It is time to order the \$10 sticks through USA Hockey. We will order 25 sticks. Perhaps the kids who participate in Learn to Play could take their sticks home. Let's have Steve put together a proposal of gear that we need and present it at the next board meeting. We will table the discussion of blank jerseys until further notice. Socks for next season need to be ordered no later than May to be delivered in time for he 2016/2017 season.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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