

The Rockford Hockey Association (RHA) Board of Directors met Monday, September 28, 2015 at 8:30PM at Cedar Rock Sports Plex. The meeting was called to order at 8:33pm by Craig McPhee

Roll Call. PRESENT: Jason Hodel, Ken Sergott, Casey Lamore, Tom Marchlewski, Craig McPhee, Dennis Santos, Erin Weber, and Dave Bina (phone in); ABSENT: Chuck Veen; GUEST: Matt Meachum

Meeting Minutes: Please approve via email.

Open Membership Forum.

Committee Reports.

MAHA – Dave Bina for Kevin Sehlmeier – Debrief September D6 meeting; Safesport must be completed required to be on a roster. Association board members must have current background check and completed Safesport; RHA is good. We have a OneGoal grant for \$1,700 to use for various promotion activities. The district tourney locations are as follows:

Squirt B – Kentwood
PeeWee B – Southside/Fox
PeeWee A – Ann Arbor
PeeWee AA – Chelsea
Bantam – Big Rapids

October's meeting is in Ann Arbor.

ADRAY – Dennis Santos – Start-up meeting was held 9/16; there are no significant changes for this season. Upcoming dates/events:

October 4 is the scheduling meeting at Patterson (team managers and coaches): PeeWee is at 10am; Bantam is at 11:15am; Squirts is at 12p.

October 10 - league start date

December 12 - opt-out form for playoffs due

January 2 and 3 – Play-in games

January 30 – league end date

February 4 – seedings for the tourney

February 5-7 – Adray Finals - CRSP is hosting PeeWee Silver

Craig McPee confirmed sending \$600 check to the Adray PO Box. Dennis reminded the importance of not scheduling league games when you want a tourney; league games take precedence. Adray needs coach and manager contact info for each team. Coaches and team managers need to remember that girls locker rooms are necessary.

Vote was taken Adray to pull the WMJVHL under it's umbrella. JV Board will still be executives under Adray (for this year): \$150/team covered out of general funds (in additional to WMJVHL group). Dennis will connect with Kevin Wood to confirm \$150 to Adray.

Marketing/Growth – Casey LaMore – Harvest Fest resulted in 110 raffle entries; board approved contacting all entrants for discount. LTS/LTP has 13 registrants thus far; made 31 calls to last year's families who are not registered; most people in other sports. October 4 at 2p is the first LTS/LTS; Coach Izzard will be here. Overall numbers are low (Cross Ice = 5; Mites = 2). LTS/LTP fliers posted throughout the geographic area. Other associations' programs are starting earlier.

Apparel – Still don't have information on the website. Our vendor says the holdup is images. Need to find new vendor. Board approved finding a new vendor.

Policies/Compliance –

Director Reports.

General Manager/Ice – Chuck Veen – No issues at this point. Craig McPhee will follow-up with Ric at CRSP about signs in locker room and he was going to order them (in process); key exchange for

locker rooms >> two people in the locker rooms (exchange car keys); Bina met with Ric – need a single point of contact between assn. and CRSP

Coaching Coordinator – Jason Hodel – Outreach to PeeWee parents for a house coach and Tom Clark has stepped up to in that role. Need signatures on coaching agreements. The next coaching clinic (Big Rapids) is on October 11 – reach out to Greener on helping out on the ice. Patrick Carpenter to take the lead on the ice Thursdays for Mites; jerseys came in today.

Treasurer – Craig McPhee – Reviewed P&L; bills going out this week to families on October 1 with payments due October 15; reviewing who hasn't paid anything; taxes due October 15 (may need to file extension). Lori Hodel is the Scrip program coordinator; no issues at this point; will work at crediting scrip rebates.

Registrar – Tom Marchlewski – 3 House rosters to go and then done; mites rostering in process.

Secretary – Erin Weber – no report

President – Dave Bina

Members at Large – Casey LaMore, Ken Sergott – no report

Old Business.

Open MAL position – Table to next meeting.

New Business.

- Referee scheduler – Arik not longer our contact & no longer refereeing; RHA's responsibility find suitable replacement; Jason Hodel will Peter Pieatic (?); no objections from the board to use Peter. There will be \$400 added cost than what was in our budget; he invoices us monthly.
- Volunteers – recognition and sign-up process: Our current volunteers spend significant time supporting RHA activities. We need a mechanism to say *thank you* from the board. Ideas for recognition: personal thank-you letter, volunteer dinner at the end of the season. Need to improve coordination about who is volunteering. Questions posed were as follows: How do we recruit help for events: how can we better organize our requests for volunteers? Reach out personally? Leverage team managers? Mandatory service?
- RHA players with unpaid bills at other associations – Northview JV coach approached Coach Davis because we have players with outstanding balances at Northview. The board agreed that RHA not responsible for collecting another association's fees. We need to resolve at October meeting. Craig McPhee will contact Coach Davis with details and possibly Northview contacts with more details.
- Pictures – We will use the same company; Jean Bina will schedule with teams.

Communication.

Conference call – Monday, October 12, 2015 at 8:30pm

Board meeting – Monday, October 26, 2015 at 8:00pm at Cedar Rock Sports Plex

Meeting adjourned at 10:14pm by Craig McPhee.