

Rome Youth Hockey Association

Board meeting minutes

May 13th, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Peter Kirk

Board members present: Peter Kirk, Chris Sharrow, Bill Fleet, Chris Graziano, Bob Gulla, Angie Narolis, Kurt Parry, Dean Millington, Kristin Haag, Gary Millington, and Mic Occhipinti

Public forum: No forum tonight.

Treasurer's Report: Kurt Parry asked several great questions regarding fluctuation in P&L accounts. Fluctuations were noted in earlier reports (ie. Timing of jersey purchases, donations, etc.). For the year-end report, Kristin will provide a summary of all reasons for material fluctuations. Motion to accept by Chris Sharrow, approved by Kurt and Gary. Motion carried. All were in favor.

Reading/Acceptance of the previous meeting minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed electronically by Marcus Smith and reviewed by the board. Motion by Bob Gulla to accept and seconded by Chris Gulla. Motion carried. All were in favor.

Coach's coordinator update: Bill Fleet provided an update from the committee. Due to the death of Rob Kopek's father-in-law, the Pee Wee interviews were not held. Bill Fleet made a motion to name Peter Kirk as the Head Coach. The motion was seconded by Chris Sharrow/Kurt Parry. Motion carried. All were in favor.

Chris Graziano mentioned Rob Kopek's recommending Level 1 Coaching Certifications for IP parent volunteers. Chris Graziano has concerns that this will deter some of the volunteers from coming. It was also discussed again doing a rotational schedule for all coaches and maybe use the RFA Players as well – if we can get them on a rotational schedule. Chris also talked about the Mini Mite slot on a Saturday morning. Peter asked Chris Graziano to break down a rotation with coaches, etc. Chris will have a schedule for this for the next meeting. Peter asked Chris to work with Nate on this Kristin Haag mentioned that the RFA Booster Club Officers and Coach Nowicki will be meeting in June to discuss the upcoming season. She will bring this up at that meeting to see how we can bring the RFA kids into help on a consistent basis.

Old business:

- **IP equipment return** – We are still missing 23 sets of equipment. Chris asked to set up a time for the return. Kurt suggested having the returns done at City Hall. Peter Kirk will reach out to Ryan Hickey on this.
- **Replacement for Sandy Williams** – We need to find someone to take over for Sandy. It was discussed that we should consider hiring someone to do this. We need a transition plan. Sandy will be involved this year, but it would be nice to have someone by her side, learning

directly from her. We will review Chris Graziano's plan at the next meeting and determine the next steps.

- **Summer hockey plans** – Chris Graziano updated the board on the street hockey. There are about 44 kids that are interested. Chris will provide Kristin with the listing of dates and times. Registration will be July 6th. The games will start July 12th. Kids will need helmets, gloves, knee pads, etc. Kurt Parry mentioned maybe reaching others – via paper, schools. Chris feels we have enough start. Peter recommended start small and expand next year.
- **Summer ice** – Kristin briefed the group about opening early. We will need to let them know by the end of May. Motion made by Bob Gulla, seconded by Chris Sharrow to open the ice Sept 12th. All were in favor – motion carried. Kristin to contact the City ASAP. She will let the board know if we can't do that.
- **Tryouts** – We talked about the Bantam numbers, and the issue with the forged releases. The question was asked, why don't we just allow those kids to come. We are concerned with the integrity of the parents. Right now for Bantams we will dual roster players, until we see what other numbers are. Squirt tryouts will be done in September.
- **Whitestown Proposal** - Peter recapped the last meeting. We are hoping that we can pick up a few of their players for our other Bantam team. If not, we will dual roster the Bantam team.

Committee updates:

- **Ad panels** – Bill spoke of all the ones that have come in. We need to start planning for the next season, and how to bill for the 3 year agreements that are set to expire this upcoming season. We need to be creative in crafting the new letters. The next board meeting we will take time to do that.
- **Fundraising for 2015/2016 season** – Tabled
- **Fundraising for girls program (Rob Kopek)** - Tabled
- **Tournaments** – Kristin hopes to hold meeting in next two months to get moving w/ the non-ice issues (ie. Programs/donations for basket room). Kristin will be going to Niagara Falls for the International Silver Stick meeting on June 19th.

New business:

- **Update from the Central Section Meeting** – Peter and Chip attended. For Midgets, all games must be completed before the High School Season. There will no longer be a Midget Sectional tournament. Midgets need to declare tournament bound status by August 15th. Top two teams will go to States in the Spring. Peter updated the group on things happening in Ithaca. Lansing was trying to start their own Association. It was turned down by Central Section. They are appealing w/ NYSAHA. There is a State Meeting in Lake Placid May 29th – 30th that Peter will attend. Next year it will be at Turning Stone, and Peter hopes many from RYHA will attend.
- **Registration update** – Kristin and Peter reported the site is ready to go, and Bryan will need to add the new link onto our website. Kristin requested formal approval for the Registration

Fees. Chris Sharrow makes a motion to approve the fees. The motion was seconded by Gary for all levels. Motion carried – all in favor.

- **Purchase of additional jerseys** – Peter will reach out to Bob Denton on this. We will start looking at the purchase once we have registrations in. Bob Gulla asked about the C and A on the jerseys. The board reaffirmed that the no names or lettering would be added to the jerseys, as we want to keep them in the best condition possible.
- **Honor America Days** – Parade is Saturday, July 25th. Our application is due by June 19th. Last year we had a great turnout, partnering with the City for the 50th Anniversary of JFK. The theme is Coming Home to Rome. Kristin suggested getting some RYHA Alumni to participate in the float with us! Bob Gulla will talk to Pete Sestito about getting Tim and Tom to play.

Other:

- **Independent Team** – Gary asked if anyone has objections to having a Pee Wee player play up on the Independent Team. The group responded no. However, the concern was addressed – if there were issues with other kids – would we let them go up? There are concerns that this player will leave the organization. Gary is looking at viable options for him to stay.

Next meeting will be June 10th, 2015

Motion to adjourn at 8:46 by Chris Sharrow, and seconded by Gary Millington . Motion carried.