

RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 2016 MINUTES



DATE: Wednesday, August 10, 2016

LOCATION: Wildcat Centre, River Falls

Attendance: Frank, Jody, Steve, Nicole, Jana, Ted, Andrew, Kathy, Johnny, Neil

Missing: Kevin and Paul

Meeting called to order on 5:57 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Intro, Agenda Review Linn

2. Consent Items(All can be approved in one motion, unless an items is removed by a board member for further discussion) Linn
 - A. Agenda Approval
Action Item:
Approve Agenda and any supplementary Materials
Approve "Reminders from your Child" sign
 - B. Approval of Minutes
Action Item: Approve meeting minutes from past month.

Motion to approve the consent items by Steve; seconded by Jody

3. Guest Comments Guests

4. Hockey Operations – On Ice Hare
 - a. Bantam Coaches Hare

The coaches committee proposed having non-parent coaches at the Bantam level this year. Coach Joseph spoke concerning this issue. We have two non-parent coaches that are willing to coach at the Bantam level this year; Zach Lindquist and Jackson Rhode. Both of these coaches have been running the JV team for two years. The proposal is for the Association to pay for their various expenses during the year at the rate of \$2,000 for both of them; \$1,000 each.

At this time, we will not be doing anything with the U14 co-op level. If any decision is made at the U14 co-op level, it will need to be discussed with Baldwin.

Johnny made a motion to pay the Bantam coaches the sum of \$2,000 for the 2016/2017 hockey season for their various out-of-pocket expenses. Seconded by Kathy; all in favor. Neil will discuss with the accountant how to structure the compensation to the Bantam coaches.

Coach Joseph indicated that each coach will have a handbook with the practice plan handed to them at the beginning of the year. He also indicated that during practices the locker rooms will be assigned by last names; i.e., half in one locker room and half in one locker. This will be determined once final rosters are done.

Ted reported that we need to update our D2 contact information for tournament directors and ice schedulers. Preliminary team declarations re due this month with finals due in September.

- 5. Building Events Linn
 - a. Welcome Back Event Linn/Bennett

Prior to the meeting Bennett sent out the proposal from the Committee concerning the Welcome Back Event. All monies from the board are due no later than the September board meeting. We will need help setting up about two hours prior to the event and then clean up afterwards.

- b. Building Addition

Discussion was had concerning the overages on the contractor. The overages were a result of an under estimated by the contractor for the mechanical portion. Frank is working on negotiations with the contractor. Committee is working on obtaining sums necessary for the payment of the project.

- 6. Building Operations Wilson/Linn

We received the grant for the solar project; but not as much as we had hoped for. Frank is working on if we will be able to do this project. Frank indicated that to his knowledge the monitor system will be installed at the time of ice in.

- 7. Financial Operations Accola

Prior to the meeting Neil sent out updates on the financials. For the season Wild tickets for the coaches, we are looking for a coordinator.

- 8. Fundraising Operations Thompson

The first Paint and Sip party is tentatively scheduled for November 3, 2016; it is a Thursday night. Discussion was had concerning the golf tournament. Frank will secure a date and location at one of the three golf courses and will form a committee concerning this. Jana will help coordinate everything.

- 9. External Relations/Recruitment/Advertising Linn

Steve and Frank will start sending out the packets for advertising to our sponsors. We are looking for a new social media coordinator. LTS – Nicole is taking on the LTS role and has been brought up to speed concerning LTS. LTS is full and there are currently 15 on the waiting list. Kathy is working on the ad in the paper for registration. We need to get the signs out soon. Neil asked if we are doing the 2 plus 2 challenge. Frank will follow up on this.

- 10. Hockey Operations – Off Ice Christensen
 - a. Equipment/Ref Space Christensen

Jody asked about the equipment and referee space with the new addition. Discussion was had concerning this issue. Her concern is that the referee's room is small and there have been complaints in the past. She feels that the junior referees are going to expect an area which is larger than what we have. The building committee will take a look at that.

Marissa has changed the tournament ad to include the mite tournament in March. We are looking at borrowing dividers for this tournament. Teams are starting to sign up for tournaments.

We are not hosting the referee clinic this year; Hudson will be hosting. All board members must complete safe sport and background checks; once done, but are good for two years.

We are still missing one LTS bag. Frank knows the family so he will follow up on this. The helmets are decent and we should not need to replace anything this year.

11. Other Business

a. Policy handbook. Discussion was had concerning the revisions to the policy handbook. It was agreed that everyone will have their proposed changes, recommendations, questions, etc., to Kathy via e-mail by Friday. Kathy will work on over the weekend. She will send to Frank and Frank will send out for e-mail vote.

b. Wiebusch Release. We have a request for a release for the Wiebusch family. Discussion was had concerning the release and that this is a unique situation where they had received prior releases from our Association. Andrew made a motion to approve the request; Johnny seconded; all in favor.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Andrew; Johnny seconded; all in favor.

2016 – 2017 Calendar - Key Dates

May 11, 2016	6 pm - 8 pm - Spring Registration St. Croix Sports RFYHA Appreciation Event
September 14, 2016	Fall Registration
September 17, 2016	Welcome Back Event
September 24, 2016	Preseason Camp Starts
September 24, 2016	Golf Fundraiser
October 1, 2016	Compressors Started
October 4, 2016	Ice-in finished (<i>tentative</i>)
October 8, 2016	Girls Hockey Weekend
October 11, 2016	Preseason Camp Ends
October 19, 2016	LTS Equipment Distribution
October	Try Outs
October 26, 2016	LTS Starts Team/Individual Pictures
November 12, 2016	Try Hockey for Free
November 13, 2016	Winter Registration
November 16, 2016	LTS Finishes
December 2-4, 2016	Squirt Tournament
December 10-11, 2016	Mites Holiday Extravaganza
December 13, 2016	Calendar Raffle due
January 6-7, 2017	All Hockey Game Day
January 13-15, 2017	Pony Tail Classic Tournament
January 17, 2017	Pizza order forms/money due
January 20-22, 2017	PeeWee Tournament
January 27-29, 2017	Blackcat Classic Tournament
February 8, 2017	Pizza's delivered
February 3-5, 2017	Playdowns
February 10-12, 2017	Bantam B Tournament
February 25, 2017	Try Hockey for Free
February 17-19, 2017	Bantam A Tournament Mite Cross Ice Tournament RFYHA Annual Meeting

