

CCYHA Board Meeting

March 2, 2017

Did introductions. Board Members present: Gene, Amy, Rene, Caryn, Bill, Dave, Michelle

Reports:

1. Amy handed out the financial reports and explained we still have two ice bills and coaching expenses and jersey deposits to give back
2. Registration – Bill asked about using Sports Ngin vs Thriva. Amy will check with Sports Ngin to see if they are using the flexible accounting software that we use to see if we can go that way. Registration – would like to see it open in July. Fees and practice schedule, player retention would need to be done in May. April – Rene, Chet and Amy will meet in April to put together a budget to propose. Practice schedule should remain somewhat the same. Discussed offering a \$50 discount for registering early or \$50 late fee.
3. First year free – we need a cut off date – end of October, maybe. Ideas – change to first session free. Make sure new players know they must have USA Hockey fee paid first. Make sure we have a gear deposit. City does \$125 with \$100 back when gear is returned. Maybe do specific dates for Try Hockey for Free. This needs to be decided.
4. Scheduling meeting will be in September in Casper. Would like to have registration done early so we know how many teams to register.
5. Safe Sport report – Dave. Dealing with multiple issues the last month. The issues on teams playing at levels at which the level of play and ability of the team overall does not match. Coaches are doing a good job. We could help coaches by having a structure for discipline issues. Maybe revise code of conduct or develop structured discipline procedures. Illaine Brown has done some research and found a sample of discipline procedures from which we can start for our association. The following people have volunteered to be on a committee to develop procedures to be presented in May: Illaine Brown, Dave Finoff, Keenan Hendon, Gene Klein, Rhonda Klein, Thad Eberhardt, Erica Podjasek. Concerns about how discipline is handled – long discussion.
6. Bill discussed infractions from across the state. WAHA is going to meet with refs and coaches from across the state.
7. Taylor from the City talked about concerns the rink for the past season
 - a. Control of children (not players). Children are running around and causing problems in the bathrooms and leaving trash around. The staff are not babysitters. Parents should supervise their children.
 - b. No floor hockey – we need to remind players that there is no floor hockey at the rink.
 - c. When practice time is over, teams need to exit the ice. Pucks need to be picked up by the time practice is over not into the zam time. This throws the timing off for all practices all night.
 - d. We owe the city 13 helmets and 8 sticks that didn't get returned after Try Hockey for Free. City would like to see us charge for gear also.
 - e. Season overall went smooth.
8. Michelle – Sponsorships were \$7800 this year. Rhonda and Rene offered to help with fundraising. Raffle brought in \$6695. Winner won \$3347.50. After paying out the \$300 for

bonus drawings and buying tickets, labels, envelopes and renting the barrel for the drawing, we made \$2791.01. Michelle would like to suggest a fundraising fee. We discussed doing a raffle where everyone had to buy \$100 in tickets and then they could sell the tickets to get their money back. We also discussed just adding a fundraising fee. We will discuss this at the May meeting.

9. Caryn – managers report – she didn't have anything to report.
10. U8 – Rene and Doug. We have 22 kids who age up to squirts, if they all stay. Squirts could have 33ish players, maybe 3 teams. Doug projects that we will keep about 80% of the remaining U8 players.
11. Bill – player retention. He is predicting we will have about 30+ squirts, 20 PW, 15 Girls, 20+ HS, 18 Bantams. Coaches – Bill believes Thad will be coaching Bantams next year, Don will coach PW, Jesse and Dave – Squirts, Doug HS, Luke Girls. U8 – Doug needs coaches! He would like to have 4 separate teams with 4 coaches and 4 managers next year. He needs to have more helpers and we need to find someone who is willing to be mentored this year to take over the following year. May need to raise fees.
12. Board positions open for next year: VP, Treasurer, Safe Sport, Discipline, Coach-in-Chief. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in May. If anyone on the board is planning to run for an open position, please let Bill know so we can plan to potentially fill your office also.