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Park Rapids Amateur Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/14/17

1. Call to Order: By: Laura Time: 6:02 p.m.
2. Board Members Present: Laura, Nancy, Brent, Shaun, Blake
3. Others Present: Dez May, Eric Myhre, Steve Hall, Heidi Pachel, Jason Horton
4. Agenda Approval: Brent/Shawn/Passed
5. Minutes Approval: Nancy/Blake/Passed
6. Director's Reports
 - a. Executive
 - i. Norita not present.
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Bank statement was sent to the board.
 - ii. Budget was sent to the board.
 - iii. Treasurer's report was sent to the board.
 1. Motion to approve: Shaun/Blake/Passed
 - c. Facilities Management
 - i. We got another set of nets. Tom and Nancy have been stringing the nets. One net is done, one is half done and Ryan Little and his family will be finishing it.
 - ii. Jenny Eischens came in and looked at the locker room doors and we are awaiting the bid.
 - iii. Brent is going to check with Gartner-Johnson to see if they will give us a bid as well.
 - iv. Fans: One estimate for fans was around \$30,000+ and another estimate was somewhere around \$8900.
 1. We either need to get new fans, get an electric Zamboni, or see if there is a way to reduce the emissions put off by our current Zamboni.
 - v. Brent is going to call Becker Arena to check prices on rink dividers.
 - vi. Brent brought up changing out the second half of the Freon when we start the ice plant this fall.
 1. Motion to approve: Blake/Shawn/passed
 - d. Staffing
 - i. Jeromy is not present.
 - e. Administrative
 - i. There was a tournament meeting (Shawn, Brian and Neil). Three tournaments tentatively scheduled for Squirts, Pee Wees and Bantams. More information below.
 - f. Capital
 - i. Blake is working on the raffle.

1. Wild tickets would be an option – Blake is still working on negotiating a price and how many tickets.
 2. We will start with 3,000 raffle tickets, more can be printed if necessary.
- g. Hockey Development
- i. Matt not present.
- h. Hockey Outreach
- i. Jessica not present.
 - ii. Family Rollerblading Event this Friday 8/18/17 from 6-8 p.m.
 - iii. August 23 from 5-8 Kathy Melvin will be onsite for hockey registration.
- i. Gaming
- i. There is a date set for putting in a machine at Bogey's – September 7, as long as they can work this out with the owners to do the install outside of business hours.
 - ii. Dez is asking for approval to have games from 2004 to the DAC to have them shredded. Games need to be kept for 3-1/2 years. There is a cost per pound. Board approves this.
 - iii. Nancy asked Dez about shortages. Dez will check with Shai about this. If there are any shortages this has to come out of the general fund.
 - iv. Iron Horse is planning to restart meat raffle this fall.
 - v. Motion to approve gaming report: Brent/Blake/Passed

7. Old Business

a. Figure Skaters

- i. Try Hockey for Free is March 3, not February 24. Min will need to be contacted with this information, as they will have to reschedule their show to February 23, 24, and 25, not March 3 as discussed at our previous meeting.

1. Nancy has already talked to Min about this and has printed a new agreement for them to sign.

b. Girls' Varsity agreement with Walker

- i. Heidi questioned what the plan was. She was asking if we were planning to co-op at girls' varsity level like we were with the boys. We told her that is what Walker is asking for, and she wanted to know why. Steve explained what Walker was proposing, as discussed in our previous meetings.
- ii. Eric's request is that we look at this closely when making our decision because of the number of families it would affect. It would affect the girls' team this year and for the years to come. He doesn't think that the pairing with Walker is causing the program to go upside down, which Steve agreed with and states this is what we will be looking at. He wanted to know how many girls we would need to have in the program to make the girls' program sustain itself. Steve said we would need 16-18. His request was that we not "wreck this".
- iii. Steve put together three scenarios for new proposals for Walker:
 1. Co-op as we currently are.

- a. Steve feels that we should remove the working hours from the Walker parents.
 - b. Park Rapids would lose \$3668.26. Walker would pay \$8000 for bussing costs.
 - c. All players pay to Park Rapids.
 - d. All practices in Park Rapids.
 - e. 11-12 games played in Park Rapids, 1 in Walker.
- 2. 60% PR/40% Walker
 - a. Park Rapids would lose \$6,653.36, Walker pays \$8504.90.
 - b. Park Rapids girls pay to Park Rapids, Walker girls pay to Walker.
 - c. 8-9 games played in Park Rapids, 3 in Walker.
 - d. Practices 60% in Park Rapids, 40% in Walker.
- 3. 50% PR/50% Walker
 - a. Park Rapids would lose \$4527.13. Walker pays \$10,631.13.
 - b. 6 games in PR, 6 in Walker.
 - c. Practices 50/50 PR/Walker.
 - d. PR girls pay PR, Walker girls pay Walker.
- iv. There is a meeting with Walker on Thursday. Steve, Norita, and Nancy will be attending the meeting on behalf of the PRAHA. They will be presenting co-op as we presently are, but maybe with a little more flexibility with games and practices being split between the associations.
- c. Scheduler
 - i. Shawna Hagen is the new scheduler.
 - ii. She has already met with Ed to learn how to do the scheduling.
 - iii. Nancy has contact information for her for a contact at Sports Engine if she has questions about that site.
- d. Rink Staff
 - i. We still have not heard from Josh Jopp. If he has keys we need to get them back.
 - ii. Mike is coming back for a couple days a week and Garrett is coming back for a couple days a week.
 - iii. Jeromy will need to make some calls and see if we have enough staff, or if we need to advertise. Who is going to be the rink manager?
 - 1. If we need to advertise, we need to do this soon.
- e. Coaches (confirmation that all have accepted)
 - i. Matt is not here to make this confirmation.
- f. Concessions
 - i. Jeromy needs to set a meeting to get the concession managers up and running.
 - ii. Shaun has talked to JT Clark about getting commercial equipment for the concession stands. He is looking for used equipment that is available.
- g. Tournament Dates
 - i. Dates: Shaun will email the board the dates for the tentative tournaments.

- ii. Money: Shaun will include in the email the amount of money needed for the tournaments for registration with USA Hockey, advertising, etc.
- h. Jason Horton present asking if we have come to any agreement regarding him being the EMT for the games.
 - i. The board had decided that Jason could work games until volunteer hours have been met and then he would be paid for any hours following that.
 - 1. Jason is not willing to work the games just for the volunteer hours. He would like to be paid \$50/game and also have those hours go toward the volunteer hours.
 - 2. We will discuss this at a future meeting, including Jeromy, and get back to Jason with a board decision.
 - ii. He was also questioning how the insurance works if he is working a game and someone is hurt, he releases them to play, and something occurs following that. He is wondering if our insurance would cover that, or if he would have to carry his own insurance for this. His concern is that if he would have to carry his own insurance he would need to increase the hourly cost to cover the cost of that insurance.
 - 1. Steve suggested we check with the high school to see if they have a better answer to this question, or he can check with Dick Bradow at Avenson Insurance.
 - a. We will have Norita check into this and get back to Jason about this.

8. New Business

- a. Resignation of positions:
 - i. Past President – Pete MacPherson
 - ii. President – Brent Swanson
 - iii. Motion to approve resignations: Brent/Nancy/Passed
- b. Decision of new presidential position
 - i. According to bylaws the vice president would move into the president's position in their absence:
 - 1. Motion to approve Norita as the new president: Blake/Shawn/Passed
- c. Waivers
 - i. Blake reports there are several waivers including girls, mites, pee wees. He did not elaborate on this further. We will have to await submission of paperwork.
 - ii. These waivers were submitted to Brent Swanson and he signed them prior to his resignation. Norita spoke to the District Director and he is aware that Brent is no longer the president and will not move forward with these waivers until they are resubmitted and signed by the new president.
 - iii. Steve asked if Blake knew why there were so many waivers and he reports that there are many things that need to change, and part of that will be discussed when we discuss the girls' varsity pairing.

- iv. Blake is one of the families that is submitting a waiver to move his two boys to Walker; however, states that he is considering enrolling his daughter in the program here.
 - 1. The concern was raised that Blake taking his kids out of the program and acting as a board member for our association is a conflict of interest, which he denies is an issue.
 - 2. Blake reports that the board members who have never played hockey can't make decisions the same way that a board member can that did play hockey.
 - d. HDC – Eric and Blake both voiced concern that there were no HDC meetings, so they were unable to discuss any of their concerns regarding ice time or any other issues. They were told they could approach the board, and they said they shouldn't have to come to the board because they should be having HDC meetings for these issues to be brought up there.
 - e. Set Ice-in Date
 - i. Derek wants to do a coaches' clinic on October 15. In order to do this, ice would have to start going in starting October 10-11 (this process would have to start before this in order to prep prior to turning on the coolant and starting the ice-in process) so ice is ready by October 15.
 - 1. Jeromy needs to contact Ed to find out when we have to start the ice-in process to have ice ready by October 15.
9. Next meeting date is: 8/28/17 at 6:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment: By: Brent/Shaun/Passed Time: 9:00 p.m.