

STOWE YOUTH HOCKEY, INC  
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes  
NOVEMBER 7, 2017 @6:00 PM  
At STOWE ARENA

Board members present: Lori Tilgner, Brian Forrest, Brett Loomis, Nifer Hoehm, Chessie Roy, George Wheelwright, Tony Whitaker, Scott Keyes

Nifer made a motion to start meeting. Brett seconded it.

Nifer reported that the Try Hockey For Free Day had 3 participants, which is an improvement from the 1 we had last year. All 3 have signed up for either Learn to Play or the U12 Lite team, which allows SYH to earn the points from USA Hockey. Nifer also reported on the Bruins Academy, which a handful of Stowe residents are participating in.

Nifer and Lori reported that SYH 501c3 status is still not finalized, but SYH received a letter from the IRS informing a decision may be made in 90 days.

Nifer began a discussion on our u12 and u10 teams and if they should move to the tier 3 division. Board members discussed the difficulty of switching the game schedule around to ensure if our team switch tiers they play the required games for that division. Steve Fortmann and Joe Donati, the coaches for the u10 team, attended the meeting to discuss if their team should switch tiers. Steve stated some of his players wouldn't get as much playing time in tier 3 and for overall development of all the players they should stay in tier 4 this year and then discuss the possibility of switching to Tier 3 next season. Steve and Scott, who is the scheduler for u10 team, suggested scheduling a few games with tier 3 teams, like against Rutland this weekend and attending a tournament in Burlington in a few weeks. The possibility of being switched to Tier 3 for States was discussed.

Brett made a motion for U10 to stay in Tier 4 this year with the possibility of switching to Tier 3 next season. Nifer seconded, all board were in favor.

Brett made the motion for u12 to stay in Tier 4 through this weekend and see how the games go. Then the board will allow Tiffany Donza the u12 scheduler, to explore the possibility of switching the schedule around in regards to switching to Tier 3. Nifer seconded it, all board were in favor.

Lori gave the Treasurer Report. The board discussed removing Adam Rice and John Clark from the SYH bank account. Nifer Hoehn and Graham Mink will have their names added to the bank account. George made the motion to remove Adam Rice and John Clark from the SYH bank account. Nifer seconded it, all board were in favor

Lori said the CD is up in December and needs to be moved to the bank account t. She said all accounts are pretty well paid up, except for one family. But Lori is working on resolving that outstanding bill.

Brett reported that the transfer players on his team from Harwood were both respectful and good additions to his team. Nifer mentioned the possibility of 2 more players transferring over if the Northfield u14 team doesn't end up happening.

Brett reported his frustrations on the lack of progress the fundraising committee has made thus far. He asked if he could step down from running it. He did report we can have an adult mixer event at Idyltime on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. We would need \$2000 dollars up front to cover the cost of food and beer. Tickets would be sold at \$25 and it would be expected each kid sells 2 tickets. A concern of having families pay more money for another event after High school boys vs NAHA game and just before the Winter Carnival was discussed.

Lori reported that the high school boys v. NAHA game brought in about \$3000 to SYH which is a huge success.

Nifer discussed the process of ordering SYH clothing. She hopes the online store will be open soon. She ordered winter hats and they will arrive in a few weeks .

George discussed the planning of the Winter Carnival. Nifer gave him a rough draft of the schedule. George will order trophies soon and has a \$400 budget. Player of the games will be given chocolates again. Chessie asked how much of a budget is there for the programs to rely the information back to Crisntina Mink who is organizing the design of the programs this year. Lori said the budget is 125 for the programs. No one was sure about how many hotels at been booked yet . Chessie mentioned we need to get the parents aware of the volunteer roles. She will create a sign up genius and get it to Brian soon so he can email it out to all the parents.

The 50/50 Tickets and the raffle tickets were discussed. Brian, Nifer, Scott, George, Tony and Chessie looked at the supplies we have. Nifer said she would order more tickets soon. Getting the envelopes organized with tickets and out to the parents within the next week was discussed and decided that was necessary.

Nifer ajorned the meeting, Brian seconded it.