

## LRYHA Meeting Minutes

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 / 6:00pm

Merrill Fay Arena

Attendance: Susan O'Connell, Bill Kaik, Pat O'Reilly, Denise Devlin, Kevin Nugent, Jerrica Manning, Kristen Seager, Marybeth Murphy, Mike Murraray

Call to order: 6:01pm

Approval of February Meeting Minutes: APPROVED

### Old Business

- **Parent/Coaching surveys-** 22 Coaching/Assistant Coaching surveys sent out. 6 completed with feedback. Mite Coaching suggestion, reduce practice to 2 days weekly, reduce tuition cost, enter more tournaments. Parents feedback: Trimble nights were a favorite, Goalie nights should be led by Coach Lou better, Edgework/power skating with Jen was not well received. Most who completed the surveys are returning for next season. Starting the season later to finish up fall sports.
- **Season Recap:** Overall was a great season, closing ceremonies were well received and kids enjoyed the skating afterwards.
- **Program booklets:** Release earlier than at closing ceremonies. Possibly change vendors for next season.
- **Coaching Assignments:** Howie (coaching coordinator) is accepting interested coaches' applications. 6 received so far. Potential coaches will have an interview with Howie and 2 other board members. Will review at the next meeting.

### Public Input:

Bantam Coach Thomas Missert attended to give feedback from players and parents. Most feel outside evaluators for next season's teams should not be used. 8u parents feel that coaching needs to be better. Using parents as coaches is causing unnecessary drama. How do we keep current players and recruit more experience coaches.

### New business:

- Registration for 2023-24 season: 57 players registered.
  - Bantam: 18 players registered between the 2 teams.
  - Pee Wee: 23 players registered between the 2 teams.
  - Squirts: 11 players registered for 1 team.
  - Mites: 5 registered.
- Wolves Meeting recap: Ideas about increasing numbers at LTP/Mite level to keep players.

- By-Laws Review: Change refund policy, all board members to review current by-laws and make notes to bring to next meeting for review.
- Fundraising ideas: Casino/cornhole tournament with Vertical Entertainment. Little Caesars pizza kits, Mt Washington Boat dinner, Old home days booth, BMS PTO Community Night, National Night Out.

Treasurer: 2022 taxes filed, a few new invoices to send out.

Ace Coordinator: n/a

VP: general updates, working on getting contact with prior VP/scheduler.

League Rep: Meeting in June to discuss which tournaments LRYHA will host for 2023-24

Referee-in-Chief: asking for a remodel for the ref room. Mike will put together what is needed and bring it to the next meeting for review.

Sponsorship/Fundraising: Banners for 2022 season are in and will be hung up for 2023 season. Will start to secure sponsorships now for 2023-24 season. Start by reaching out to current business partner sponsors.

In-House program coordinator: Equipment room needs organization. Set aside some time to go through what is in there for equipment to use or toss. Open uniform store. Will keep current uniform and socks.

Secretary: Social media updates to draw in more players, recruit previous players as coaches, website cleanup and update.

Registrar: USA hockey registration for next season is open

End: 8:50pm

Next meeting scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00pm

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