



**Berlin Youth Hockey
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday February 28, 2024, 6PM
Nucar Notre Dame Arena**

Board Members in Attendance: Danielle L, CJ V, Maranda M, Scott T, Zach C, Kelly T, Sam R, Mike B, Jason D, Scott V, Carl W, Evan B

Absent Board Members: Christine G, Serena W

Nonboard Members in Attendance: Kari W, Bill Paiva, Kristen C, Erin K, Mallory P, April B

1. Meeting to Order: 6:00PM Scott T
2. Approval of Minutes: motion to approve by Sam R, seconded by Mike B
3. Treasurer's Report - Tabled until April meeting.
 1. CJ V: earned \$5304.00 in earnings at the casino. Bill from casino for rent \$1,600.00 . \$3704.95 in profits. \$4,059.00 from Rod BlackBurn . Discussion re: allocation of funds as Spin-O-Rama is not as active as in the past.
 2. Scott T - may need to spend money up front for the golf tournament as it is the 30th year of golf tournament.
 1. CJ V: email in to Waumbak Golf Course in Jefferson. Waiting to hear back
4. Public Comments:
 1. Bill Paiva: nice for new coaches to have more information re: tournaments and what to expect as a coach. Budget for tournaments \$3000 per season.
 1. 2nd question: team offered to go to Maine Mariners game . \$5 to each ticket to come back to organization. Facebook post? Can you do it
 1. Carl W: every time you represent the organization, you need to approach the board for approval.
 2. Would be nice next year to have clear rules and expectations in the years coming for new and upcoming coaches.
 2. Scott T: still have money left in tournament funds
 3. Kelly T: 2 tournament guarantee then go to board for addtl tournament
 4. Kristen C: question re: getting the verbiage of 2 tournaments off the table and only consider the \$3000 budget.
 5. Scott V: need to consider variables of the tournament budgets with making state tournaments and regionals.
 6. CJ V: if a coach can find cheaper tournaments and give the players more hockey. That is what the organization and board is here for.
 7. Zach C: not very many tier 2 or 3 tournaments that are very cheap. Cheaper tournaments are usually tier 4 and 5. No name brand running tier 4 and 5 tournaments so they are cheaper
 2. Maranda M: question re: petitions for the coming season.
 1. Kristen C: question re: clear date for petitions with Spring tryouts
 2. Zach C: no clear date. Dates are a wide range as there is time to look at the numbers prior to season starting in the fall. A

- roster number and skills determination.
- 3. CJ V: get through tryouts at aged in level with registration complete. That's where are player would be evaluated then look at numbers and teams to make a determination re: petitions.
- 4. Evan B: register and evaluate as aged in level.
 - Family from a different organization wants to try out with organization. ? fee for evaluation then fee taken off of tuition once registered
 - 1. Zach C: players being invited to practices In the southern part of the state to get to know organization and coaches. Players go through tryouts at different organizations until happy with results and team placement

5. New Business

1. 10U Match Penalty:
 1. Zach C: tournament in Troy NY with a player receiving a match penalty. Player kicked another player and the result was a match penalty. Missed 3 games in that tournament and had been listed as suspended . NHAHA president cleared the player Saturday Feb 24th. Player will not be present for the State tournament.
 1. Scott T: with a match penalty. Players are unable to participate in USA hockey sanctioned events until GSL president clears the offender.
 2. Zach C: BYH meeting with mom and child to ensure player knows the consequences of his actions and representing BYH in the appropriate manner.
 1. Player from BYH kicked at the Bantam State Tournament that was not called on the ice. Father of player wants to get in touch with the coach of the offender as a teaching moment
2. Registration
 1. Kari W: question re: forms for consents filled for evaluations. Have a letter of intent for all players to ensure players stay with the organization following evaluations.
 2. Early Registration to April 1-May 15th as deadline for early registration at \$50. Past May 16th will be \$250. Rec players will have to register for USA hockey to tryout
 1. Zach C: if trying out, the fee for tryouts is their registration fee. Second registration just for tryouts to determine numbers.
 2. Scott V: send a message through the portal to put deadlines on USA hockey numbers and mention being ineligible for skating without updated USA hockey numbers.
 3. Scott T: Tryouts practice times first week of April. Midget tryouts to be last week of March. Baseball starts mid March so timing will be tricky. Adjust practices to allow for all levels to try out.
 1. Zach C: good letter from Lyndonville to explain tryouts and what happens afterwards
3. Webmaster: Mites nothing with AAU or full ice on the website. GSL can do full ice mites but have to be 2016 birth year. Concern re: fines if league advertises and participates in non-sanctioned events. ? different organization if we do non-sanctioned events with Mites level teams. Mites to not use sports engine to

comply. Chain of command to be put on the webpage so parents can know what to do

1. CJ V: concern re: other teams in organization being sanctioned to be unable to participate in other events.
2. Zach C: mites need to have a cross ice and full ice teams

4. Regionals:

1. Scott T: opportunity to send 2 teams to regionals this year. Cost for regionals is \$1450 per team. Give above tournament fee to pay for necessary extra costs (gas, food, etc). All players who attend regionals should get sweatshirts to represent the organization. A big deal should be made as it hasn't happened in a long time.
2. April B: question fundraising money for the teams for the regional tournaments.
 1. In the past, fundraising money only to organization. Not specifics teams .
3. CJ V: cover registration only and remainder TBD

5. Annual Meeting Date: to be before June 31st. June 18th tentatively. Location TBD

6. Old Business

1. BYH Invitational Tournament:

1. Sam R: issue with the recreation dept making a roster due to not being involved in BYH programs. They would have to register as a USA hockey team. Create their own USA hockey sanctioned program.
2. Carl W: easier to do a non-sanctioned event to allow for different

levels of events

3. Kari W: because we are USA hockey sanctioned, we can not put on a non-sanctioned event.

- Question re: cost to BYH for with limited teams played and cancelling the event. If teams come, concern re: burning bridges with a limited, failed tournament.

4. Sam R: already have to burn bridges with a 10U team.
 - needs a date sooner for next year.

- the tournament is just 12U. 1 check has been received, 1 on the way

5. CJ V: this year tournament is USA hockey sanctioned so we're tighter bound with holding onto USA hockey standards and not allowing non-sanctioned teams to play

2. Girls Tournament: Derrick G head coach. 2 extra girls from another organization. Jerseys are on the way. Donations from local container service for the tournament last weekend of March

CJ V: Team is registered as BYH. Team name will need to change as the tournament is not USA hockey sanctioned.

3. AR:

CJ V: a letter is drafted, Scott T to sign it then it will be sent. No eligibility to tryout or register or early registration without past bill paid. If compliant with payment plan then different consideration.

4. Locker Room Problems:

1. Scott T: getting worse not better. Would like for locker rooms to remain locked. Potential for next year for each coach to get a locker room key upon their arrival to open for the players

2. Sam C: locker room problems should be addressed immediately to the board and disciplinary meeting to properly address issues
3. CJ V: USA hockey rules state a parent or adult locker room monitor needs to be present for a player to be in there. Parents dropping off kids too early for practices and players going into other rooms hard to predict.

7. Marlborough - Mites:

1. Issues with mites rumors going around saying whether or not a mites team is going.

8. Around the Horn:

1. Zach C: will not be around for learn to Skate due to State Tournament. Eric Benjamin to manage
2. Scott V: 12U level needs 1 more to make 4 teams. Cut off date by Sunday to make determination re: continuation of planning for this tournament if Conway doesn't reach back out
CJ V: question drafting a letter to give teams signed up enough notice to cancel the tournament. BYH will have a loss if only 1 level is participating in the organization - ice costs, reffing, etc. Only money earned was through a bake sale.
3. Kari W: need to register for an 8U tournament if that is going to happen.
adjust tournament to being a Christmas or fall tournament
- question parents buying jerseys to have names on the back.
Zach C: historically parents had name plates and sew names on with jersey numbers 1-30. . Or parents can purchase a jersey with number outside of 1-30. Give parents the option with registration to either purchase the jerseys or use one that BYH owns as an alternative if one can not be afforded.
CJ V: tie jersey cost into tuition so it can be more of a payment plan and not due upfront.
Scott V: less problems with current system.

9. Meeting Adjourned at: 8:02

10. Next meeting date:

Hockey operations meeting prior to evaluations
Board meeting: April 10th