

## **RYHA 2019 Spring Meeting**

**Date: Friday, March 29, 2019**

**Location: Delta Lake Inn**

**Time: 6:30 pm**

**Call to Order -6:57pm – Nate Van Wie**

**Public Forum – NONE**

### **2018/2019 Season Accomplishment/Highlights –**

- Fall meeting
- Hockey Across America Week
- Tara Waterman getting all of RYHA online
- Online Apparel \$500+ profit from sales
- Player Development Committee: development of a standardized program from the Bantam level down to Mites-providing consistency and building of skills
- Goalie Clinic with Adam Decker-well attended
- Morning Skills with Jim DeAngelo
- These highlights illustrate an experience and culture for the kids and this association and does not relate to wins and standings of teams
- 2018/2019 season had players at every level fielding multiple teams
- Girls program pulled players regionally into the RYHA program with more players living outside of Rome than in city
- 2018/2019 Goal to get a Midget team going again for RYHA-currently have 17 players interested in playing this level

### **2019/2020 Season Goals**

- Continue on skill development; refining the player development model
- RYHA board restructuring
- Development of a Learn to Skate program separate from the IP program-in need of coaches and consistency in the IP program
- Girls Program 14u/12u levels
- Parent Education

### **Budget**

- Projected deficit of \$6,000 at the fall meeting current projection of a surplus of \$7,000 at the completion of this season following final ice fee payments
- RYHA spent more than \$71,000 on ice fees this season which is an increase from the \$44,000 spent in the 2017/2018 season which means more time on ice for players
- Cash on hand is slightly down in comparison to 2017/2018; however we are doing better than we had budgeted for
- Motion to approve budget-John Corr, second-Beth Baldyga: Motion carries

### **New Business / Open Discussion**

- Bobby Page Award: Tyler Wilson
- Bob Miller Award Nominations: Jim DeAngelo

### **Election Results:**

- Secretary: Colleen Griffith
- IP Coordinator:
- Director Positions (2 year terms)
  - Beth Baldyga
  - Bryan Hluska
  - Christy Carey
- By Law Changes:
  - Player Retention policy- vote of yes to eliminate the 2 year ban on players that leave the RYHA to play for a different association
  - Uniform Policy- vote yes for the RYHA board to work with a vendor to design a jersey to be purchased/owed by individual players-no change to the logo design
  - PEP Lease: vote of yes to lease the PEP program for 3 years
- Raffle Ticket Drawing:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of \$1,000: Haag Family
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$500: DeAngelo Family
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$250: Wilson Family

### **Open Discussion:**

- Confirmation of Midget team notification will go to those parents when decision is made
- 2018/2019 Registration rates will be in line with the current rates and DO NOT include the cost of the jersey(s)
- Jersey Design- RYHA board members will determine the design of the new jersey with no intention to change the design/log/colors-only where the jersey will be purchased from
- Off Ice Skills- Nate is working with Jaclyn Davidson on setting up some summer dry land off ice training

### **Final Thoughts:**

- As a hockey association we need to consider going forward as a local/community association vs regional growth; focus on balancing teams in tier 2 and tier 3 levels- encouraging tier 2 to move to tier 3 from the Central Section- do we want to grow locally and be community based which would mean a move to a tier 3 level or do we want to focus on being a regional association.
- Focus needs to continue to be on the experience, the total experience for the kids will withstand any wins...memories matter...fun matters.
- Be the positive person....try to be positive and get involved

**Adjournment:** 7:59 pm- Motion Beth Baldyga, second Crystal Graves