

Tornado Youth Hockey

Board Meeting

11/14/2022 6:00 pm; closed session 730pm-930pm

Onalaska Omni Center



Board Members	Role	Present	Absent
Bryan Helgeson	President	X	
Greg Marso	Treasurer	X	
Andrea Kelm	Girls Director	X	
Jenny Keer	Off-Ice VP	X	
Gabby Hansen	Secretary	X	
Mary Ciano	External communications	X	
Scott Zietlow	Fundraising Director	X	
Ron Dehli	Tournament Director	X	

Guests: Amy Dzieweczynski; Joan Chodur, Jim Hansen (not present at closed session)

Call Meeting to Order

1. Attendance
2. Approve minutes
3. Review Agenda

Open Forum:

1. Amy Dzieweczynski - question about how much ice time is for home games, how it is scheduled.
 - a. SQB has only 4 home ice times OK to use ice available to your team if unable to book games/games cancel for practice
 - b. Home ice time should be about half of games
 - c. Ice time needs clarity on how booking is done, will connect with ice scheduler and try to develop process
 - d. Home tournament - with no interest board approves canceling home SQB tournament and allowing SQB to register for another tournament
 - i. Many teams are in Appleton, Barren, other areas in the state for other Squirt B tournaments.
 - ii. Board approves adding more A or C teams to our home tournament. Ron will work with teams.
 - iii. SQB would try to help out with games or baskets to help raise funds if not elsewhere
 - e. Joan Chodur states Pee Wee C only has one team as well for home tournament
 - i. PWC unsure if they would want to cancel, will reach out to board with decision so we can move forward
 - ii. Would consider paying for their entry to a different tournament if needed
 - iii. Would be able to help with tournament if available as well
 - iv. Question about minimum games, OK to plan for 28 games as all options have been exhausted. Will still qualify for playdowns per board.

- General note: The board plans to have registration open for tournaments earlier in the next season.
 - This was delayed due to switching websites and not having a dedicated tournament director. May consider doing an invitational style tournament next year; more to come.
- A question about competitiveness was raised and the idea of having more lower level teams to ensure competition.
 - Due to our numbers, we are not allowed to have 2 B or 2 C teams, must be linear; the board understands the challenge

Executive Committee Reports

1. President Report
 - a. Leadership Changes - table this; WAHA updates
 - b. Sanctioned tournament protocol
 - i. Regular volunteers should be registered with TYH; do our best not to put people in situations that they may need this
 - c. Ice contract
 - i. Fee is increasing this year for ice from \$135-\$140/hour.
 - ii. Named Jen and Brian Pinnow as only 2 people able to book ice regularly for TYH
 1. Jen Keer is listed in addition, as the VP, not as manager, would only do it if Jen or Brian were unavailable.
 - d. USAH rule re playing down - closed session
 - e. State Tournament Entry Deadline 11/15/22
 - i. *Greg will register us for this, this is playdowns*
 - f. Safe Sport Screening - Coaches and Volunteers update
 - i. *Board will connect with people who are not compliant; ok if waiting for background check, need to verify before coming out on ice*
 - ii. Dan Young has been connecting with these people already, managers and coaches have asked as well
 - iii. Need policy in future bylaws to address this
2. Treasurer
 - a. All tournament registration is to be done through Jon Hauser, even if extra. Greg will invoice families as needed.
 - b. Financials - collected \$85,000, looking at \$45,000 for rest of year; plan to spend about the same at the end of the year
 - c. Coaches to put all equipment away at the end of practice.
 - i. *Gabby will email coaches.*
3. VP
 - a. Additional ice time requests structure
 - i. Anyone on ice must be a registered player demonstrating a skill (local teams allowed) or a registered coach.
 - ii. Additional ice time or off ice practices are not regularly encouraged, will ask that all extra practices or sessions are taken off Sports Engine. Coaches are allowed to offer this, but it must be optional, no fee can be required, and it must not affect playing time. Coaches are welcome to ask for donations and again, this shall not be a regularly scheduled event.
 - iii. Need a policy on this for next year as well.
 - iv. *Gabby will send email to coaches and managers.*

- v. Consider open hockey in future, structure of practice times compared to rest of state
 - b. Week of Thanksgiving
 - i. Asking for a change in practice time for Holiday Week to allow for teams with games to practice as most will not be in town the evening before holiday.
 - ii. Board approves moving all Squirt and PeeWee teams to Monday for practice, offering slots to Stars who have no practice that week, and offering to mites as alternative time as their Monday slot is being taken.
 - iii. *Jen will address with managers.*
 - c. Note that no practice or games shall be held on Christmas Day. The board asks that any practice or game around winter break and other holidays takes family input into consideration.
 - d. *Gabby will email coaches and managers.*
- 4. Girl's Director
 - a. Submitted Co-Op request for Stars (must be done post team formation)
 - b. Consider asking mites to do girls only teams for Jamborees as many local organizations are starting this.
 - i. *Andrea to take to mite teams.*
- 5. Secretary
 - a. Email access and Sports Engine - using registration list.
 - b. Emails from families with inquiries will be answered with a reply to please present to the board at the next board meeting. If you would like to do this, you must ask that you be placed on the agenda.
 - c. For anyone unaware, TYH is a league team, house teams are non-competitive and generally play internally.

Board Reports

- 1. External Communications
 - a. Signs for truck in parade approved to spend around \$200 for this
 - b. Stickers for donors will be found and handed out
 - i. *Jen to ask*
- 2. Fundraising Director
 - a. Travel Voucher change-vote to do a cash raffle of some sort instead as it is difficult to get voucher
 - b. The sock vendor is sending new socks, may not be the right width, but length will be right
 - c. Socks and jersey samples are coming from Pure Hockey for next year

Old Business

- 1. Closed session items.

New Business

- 1. Closed session items.
- 2. While we need more support, the board declines to ask for more board members at this time of season. Hope to have more interest in open positions already posted and fill vacancies again next year.

3. Entire board decides on matters of player movement, Executive board to handle matters of discipline on any level (parent, player, coach)
4. Birth Certificate Verification is done once as a TYH player. USA. Hockey will have this information and the registrar will notify the team manager if needed.
5. Late registrations have been largely mites and learn to skate players. One was approved by board in closed session
6. Dibs for game duties?
 - a. Reason for not is that we tended not to have volunteers at tournaments then
 - b. Still need to volunteer for other things
 - c. Overall volunteering needs work - everyone needs to try to pitch in to continue to run this volunteer organization
 - d. Volunteer Coordinator to learn the DIBS process more
 - i. *Jen will connect with her*

Announcements/Future Action Steps

1. Picture day 11/15
2. Reminder to all TYH Skaters to be respectful at Open Skate, be aware of surroundings.
3. *Gabby to email on both*

To Do

1. Check if we can get more at squirt tournament weekend for A and C teams, communicate we are opening to more so more than 4 team round robin
2. Pee Wee C will notify us their decision by 11/23/22, may cancel or may find teams to play regular games; could revisit cost to come etc.
3. Schedule closed board meetings on 4th Monday of each month at Board Room in Omni