

Petoskey Area Hockey Association Board Meeting

Petoskey Ice Arena

June 17, 2024 @ 7:00pm

In Attendance: Sarah Saddison, Chris Firman, Brent Bolin, Henry Pfiefer, Brittney Case, Doug Nowels

Absent: Fedor Fedorov, Heaven Alcalá, Rob Higgins

Public in Attendance: none

1. Brent called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.
2. Approval of tonight's agenda. Henry would like to share some numbers for the Learn to Skate program funding discussion. Chris would like to provide a 10U update. Motioned approved.
3. Approval of 5/13/24 meeting minutes. Henry motions to approve. Chris seconded. Motion approved.
4. Public Comments: Thank you to a couple of our new members for joining us a month early (Brittney and Doug). They introduced themselves.
5. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Heaven is absent but emailed the financial reports for the board to review.
6. **President's Report:**
 - a. PO Box – Brent has updated contact information.
 - b. Brent brought up purchasing a cell phone as a “landline” or a virtual number for PAHA. Henry and Brent will look into purchasing a Trac Phone and get pricing back to the board.
 - c. Brent will continue to update contact information for all our accounts.
7. **14UAA Proposal:**
 - a. A proposal was emailed for a 14UAA travel team coached by Bobby Davis. Bobby has reached out to Fed and Brent about his travel plan.
 - b. Travel proposal was emailed to the board for review.
 - c. Henry has reached out to Cheboygan and St. Ignace regarding a co-op for a 14U house team. Cheboygan is not interested, and St. Ignace had no response. Other area teams such as Gaylord, already have enough players. We have concluded PAHA will not have enough 14U players for a house

team this season, due to only having a few kids in this age bracket that reside in the Petoskey area.

- d. The board really likes the travel plan. This can provide an option for our 14U players.
- e. The budget must be communicated to all travel parents.
- f. Brent and Sarah will reach out to our 2010-11 kids registered from last season to provide an update on the travel team.
- g. Emphasis will be on paying for the training. Coach will be charging per month.
- h. Bobby will take/train our registered Petoskey area kids that are interested, ready, and tryout. Brent will reach out to Bobby on the details.
- i. Practices will be held at both Petoskey and Gaylord rinks. Board is fine with this due to limited ice time for our house teams at the Petoskey rink.
- j. Brent will email the rest of the board on the details/plan.
- k. Travel team motion approved by the board.

8. Petoskey High School Funding Request:

- a. The high school has reached out asking for funding to offset their ice bills.
- b. They are asking for \$5000.
- c. The ice fees are now raising to \$320/hour (\$40 increase from last season).
- d. Our budget is uncertain at this time. We will need a budget completed for our next meeting.
- e. Henry will work on parameters of the trust.
- f. Brent will circle back to Jeff on details and a plan. The high school will need to provide a revised proposal to reflect the increase in ice costs. We have a PAHA funds request form that will need to be filled out.
- g. We will table this discussion, until our budget has been completed.

9. 2024-25 Registration Update:

- a. We currently have 20 players registered with the early bird discount.
- b. Sarah will continue to advertise and remind members to take advantage of the discount.

10. 2024-25 Board Positions:

- a. Brent would like to take over as president, Chris to vice-president.
- b. Henry and Sarah would stay at their current positions.
- c. Rob would like to remain at IP, and Fed to Coaching Director.
- d. Treasurer, Fundraising Director, and Equipment Manager are open. Doug expressed interest in Equipment Manager. Brittney are unsure.
- e. We will table this and finalize at our July meeting.

11. Learn to Skate Funding Update (Henry):

- a. Learn to Skate costs \$280/week, or \$2240 for 8 weeks for the ice time.
- b. This program runs 3 times a season, which PAHA has funded in the past. PAHA has provided \$2500 per session.
- c. The program receives money from paying parent/registrants, approximately \$5750. There is a difference of \$3510 in profits for Learn to Skate.
- d. Henry would like to see an itemized spreadsheet showing the income they bring in and how the difference is being used.
- e. This program will need to fill out a PAHA form for future money requests.

12. 10U Update (Chris):

- a. Chris brought up the idea of having a PAHA 10U elite team for the season and what that would entail.
- b. He would at least like to see a 10U select team in addition to house teams – so some players could dual roster (similar to last year).
- c. Chris brought up the possibility of dropping Adray league and what that would like look.
- d. He'd like to see Silversticks on our future schedules and will continue having conversations with the coaches, on what's best for the players/team.
- e. The board likes the idea of players being able to dual roster on select teams, however house team has priority for games and practice times.

13. Misc.:

- a. We will continue to do the work bond fee. The volunteers are essential.
- b. Concessions was brought up – this is very hard to run. Parents/families really would like to have concessions, similar to other rinks. Sarah brought up the idea of inviting food trucks in for our big days/events. The board liked this idea. Sarah will look into details.
- c. MAHA is relaxing the 4-hour rule this season. We will provide rule changes to all teams at the start of the season.

14. Next meeting: We will schedule our next meeting through email.

Brent adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.