

Hinsdale Central Red Devil Hockey Board Meeting January 14, 2019

Attendees: Ken Turrentine, Pat Montroy, Peter Cook, Bill Naphin, Greg Johnson, Tim Romberger, Mike Dimitriou, Alex Laskowski, Dan Merz

Agenda:

Hockey Director Report:

- The board welcomed Hockey director and Head Varsity Coach Jim Swoyer to the meeting.
- Coach Joe Masselli is being considered for an assistants role with an emphasis on thursday night skills sessions.
- Varsity: currently ranked #20 and playing well but inconsistently.
- JV: wide range of talent on the team with skating deficiencies at the lower end of the roster. The coaching staff will likely shorten the bench over the remainder of the season in order to gain playoff momentum.
- The board discussed with Coach Swoyer his desire that JV be limited to 15-16 players next year. This notion was met unfavorably due to revenue concerns, as well as notions to the community that the club has an obligation to field a full team. Would only be possible if a 3rd team were added.
- Both teams suffered from the combination of the coaching penalties at the start of the season and the inability to use the Willowbrook facility until late in the fall period.

IL West:

- IL West playoff format the same as last year.

Recruiting:

- The coaches are already in engaged in recruiting efforts for next year across all age levels.

Spring Program:

- The board impressed upon the hockey director the parent's desire for a more formal hockey program in the spring. Showcases will still be the focus with no league play, but a 2nd night of practice will be added.

Summer Program:

- The coaches have yet to designate a formal schedule or agenda for summer training.
- Fitness, skating, and strength training will be emphasized and will almost certainly be an arbiter when roster decisions are made in August.

Third Team:

- The board engaged in a spirited discussion regarding the possibility and viability of adding a 3rd team next season.
- There is a capacity for such, though specifics are yet to be determined.
- Feasibility is dependent on 8th grade turnout next fall, absent a large influx of AAA or AA players to varsity.
- The board estimates the likelihood of sufficient turnout for such at no better than 50/50.

Financials:

- Treasurer Mike Dimitriou expects the club to run a slight surplus for the season as long as delinquencies are remedied.