

LRVHA Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2019/6:00pm

Merrill Fay Arena

Attendance: Jen McGreevy, Rich Ellis, Heather Javalgi, John McKenzie, Charlie Gallagher, Jim Girard, Lyndi Girard, Joe Spicuzza(arrived late, apx 7:45pm)

Members: Jyoti Hall, Mike Zegarelli, Caroline Drouin

Call to order: 6:08pm

Old Business:

Bantam Meeting

Jen reported that it seemed to be a positive meeting and that we have 9 current Lakers, 3 returning Lakers, and some possibilities from other organizations.

Advertising for tryouts

Our website and social media has already been updated. After school vacation the plan is to have an email blast of some kind go out at the schools, as well as a radio spot and newspapers.

To Do: John- Radio spot

Rich & Heather- newspaper ads (Sun, Winnisquam Echo)

Laker Award

This was last year awarded to Allan Gilbert and Jen would like any nominations sent to her with thoughts on someone that has dedicated their time volunteering or supporting the Lakers.

To Do: All-ideas for nominations

Awards

Rich suggested a glow in the dark medal he found that will keep within budget for closing ceremonies, with players names, season year, and team to prevent any errors. Caroline suggested souvenir pucks, however many teams do this as their season end gifts/awards and we don't want to duplicate.

Wolves Update/Team Feed

Jen was working with Sandy and spouse on assistance to provide subs from the local Subway.

Update: We were able to provide the subs for the Wolves to enjoy on 2/22/19.

New Business:

Bob House

Jim has already spoken to Will Fay and as soon as the snow melts they have a plan for removal.

Sports Engine Migration

Members that have already started the registration process for tryouts found it to be very easy and efficient. There is a bit of a cost \$1 fee, plus 3%, so roughly \$45. The Square is only 2.75% and is free. Since the Square is portable it can be used for multiple convenient options, such as business donations on the spot. It was suggested using the Square at the table for LTS, but there was a concern about funds coming from too many sources being harder to track, so for now that thought was tabled until it can be discussed further.

To Do: Jen -getting the Square

Tryout/Evaluation Discussion

Sports Engine will ask about position, as the evaluators have requested to know this when reviewing players that may be hanging back. We can also look at color coding the jerseys. Coaches are working on the evaluations for kids that may be on the bubble. This document will only be used in these cases and internally.

To Do: Jen/Rich-family survey to be sent after Feb. vacation

2019-2020 Proposed Tuition

Discussion: Heather was currently working with the same numbers as this year, but if we are able to provide a Bantam team those numbers might need re-working. We may also consider sharing ice time with the Wolves to make more cost effective. As families will need to know cost of tuition before committing to a team after tryouts a motion was made.

Motion: (by Heather) to keep tuition cost the same as current 2018/2019 season and if a team was playing in the Valley League that is currently not, adjustments would need to be made.

Mini's-\$400.00

Mites-\$950.00

Squirts-\$1,500.00

Peewee 1's- \$2,000.00

Peewee 2's- \$1,550.00

Bantams-\$1,500.00

Second: Rich Ellis

Vote: Unanimous, (Secretary absent)

Sponsorship Goals

We would like to do a program selling advertisement space and handing out at home games. It netted \$10,000.00 for BG hockey. We will look at having them professionally printed and giving credit towards tuition for any player that is able to sell space in it. A hockey ball for parents and putting on a Meltdown night for New Year's Eve or during the Christmas shopping season for parents to drop of kids for a fee were also discussed.

Bylaws/Open Board Positions

It was proposed to change the format of the current board to no longer have an executive board, but to give each office held a vote, combine duties from other positions, and tuition discounts. This will save on tuition discounts and give more voices an official vote/say. (Going from a voting executive board of 7 voting members and 3 non-voting members to a board with 9 voting members). The proposal also removes items such as tuition, payments, codes of conduct, and disciplinary processes from by-laws because these are items that belong in a Rules/Regulations document. Rules/Regulations will also need to be updated and some work has been started, but the By Laws needed to be worked on first. It was also mentioned that any changes, once voted on by the membership (with proper notification) will require us to update our documents on file with the State of New Hampshire.

To Do: Jen- tweak job duties and update missing information about grants by end of week to get an update to group

Public Input

Mike Zegarelli- He would like to see a half ice mite league, similar to Dover. He was asked to get a committee together to form a plan for what it would look like schedule wise, costs, if grant funding would be available, interest level, and how they would plan to advertise it, as we need to remain in compliance with USA hockey regulations.

Updates:

Treasurer:

Pond hockey netted \$1,500.00 (minus \$1,100 for the cost of the ice hut and banner) The hut and banner currently can be re-used. It was a lower net than previous years, but not for lack of effort on anyone's behalf, many teams had already purchased their own huts. It was mentioned to look at advertising the amenities more for next year, such as the grill, wood, drinks, and free set up.

ACE Coordinator:

Still seeking help for independent evaluators, currently we have 2 yes and 2 maybes. Mike Z. offered a couple of additional suggestions and will work with Charlie. Coaches Party will be held March 30th, more information to follow.

VP: Not present at the time

League Rep:

Matt Roy is current interim president for NHAH, Memorial for Paul Comeau 3/9/19

Due to Lakers being in good standing, especially with mite levels, we received an additional \$1,000.00 grant for our skill development.

Roger Gilly mentioned PeeWee Tier 2 may need book for regionals

Will Fay has 2 tournaments booked and assistance may be needed. (John and Jim will help as needed.)

USA Hockey Updates/Possibilities of changes:

- Increasing fees to roughly \$53
- Requiring 17 year olds to be screened on a U18 team
- Transgender players are welcome on gendered team they identify with
- Potential removal of checking in 2021 at the Bantam level
- Discussion at USA Hockey about rink employees needing background checks
- Still reviewing options to address shortages of Referees as a national issue with USA Hockey

To Do: Heather-receipt from Andy Trimble to Jen for submission to claim grant

Sponsorship Coordinator: Not present-Jen updated BOD Lynne will not run for next season

Event Coordinator:

Nothing at this time, will catch up with Heather on previous year's contracts

Equipment Manager:

Presented bids for jersey replacements, all roughly \$100 a set, looking at quality Body Covers may be best option. Logo change was brought up, as design has to be updated with a new company but tabled for future review.

To Do: Charlie will assist Jim in checking Coach's Room and broken outdated materials to be removed

Webmaster: Will update materials on website in April for next season

Secretary: Not present, Lyndi took minutes in her absence

Registrar:

Currently, 35 players registered for tryouts.

Projections:

Heavy on Mini numbers

16-Mites (9 returns, 7 minis, not sure on LTS)

30-Squirts (3 new from outside)

23-Peeeweas (4 from outside)

16-Bantams (3 outside, 1 LTS)

Total: 84 and currently have 64 players this year

John mentioned trying for the Little Bruins next year to help with equipment and enrollment

Adjourn: 8:30pm

Next meeting scheduled for March 21st at 7pm, MFA *Non-public executive board meeting