

**CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA – Wednesday, December 16th, 2020 at 7 pm**

President	2021	Bob Normand X	
Vice President	2022	Steve Gibbs X	
Treasurer	2021	Jennifer Lindstrom X	
Secretary	2022	Jodi Ash X	
Board members	2022	Billy Bergh X	2021 Trevor Bohland X
		Cyrena Black X	Barry Bohman X
		Eric Mueller X	Brad Martin X
		Nick Hart X	Darrell Herr X
			Chris Buesgen X

Others in attendance: Misty Belonge

1. General Meeting: Misty asked a clarifying question in regards to concessions. If two teams are playing but they are not part of the association, concessions do not need to be staffed. It was also brought to the board's attention that the updated Covid-19 concessions policy is not being followed by all teams or not being communicated to teams from the team reps. Cyrena Black stated that there has been a proposal to have a mandatory team manager/rep training that will include concession to go over the updated policies so they can be clearly communicated to teams.

2. Secretary's Report: The November meeting minutes were sent and approved via email. A motion was made and approved via email after the minutes were approved to allow the girls 14u/12u teams to put out concessions shifts to the association in exchange for work assessment hours.

3. Treasurer's Report: See Finance/Administration

4. Correspondence/Officer Reports

a. President's Report: Bob shared that WAHA will be holding another meeting in regards to the wearing of masks and violations of mask wearing policies. Bob also shared updates on some of the tournaments and movement of tournament sites.

b. Vice President's Report: Please see subcategories below

5. Old Business

a. **Covid-19** -Updates were made to the Covid-19 policy based on the Chippewa County health department's recommendations. The updated document was shared via email. The updated policy will require skaters to wear masks at all times within the rink, whether they are playing on the ice or not participating. The updated Covid-19 policy will be shared with the association and posted in the Covid-19 tab on the website.

6. New Business

- a. **Work Assessment Hours for cancelled Steel Games:** The list of people that signed up to work games that were cancelled was shared with Bob. There will be many opportunities to earn work assessment hours through tournament concessions. The Steel season will also be extended, allowing more work assessment opportunities as well. The people signed up will not have their hours forgiven at this time.
- b. **Outdoor Rink:** The question was raised about whether or not we would allow the outdoor rink to be opened due to pandemic concerns. The decision was made to open the outdoor rink but continue to have the warming house area closed. Masks will also be required while using the outdoor rink as well. Trevor Bohland shared that he would like us to consider hosting an outdoor game series on February 6th and 7th on the outdoor rink.
- c. **Mask Violations:** Communication about mask requirements and violation consequences will be shared from multiple avenues (The board, team reps, and coaches).
- i. Parents: If parents violate the mask mandate, they will lose the privilege to be spectators at games.
 - ii. Skaters: If skaters violate the mask mandate, their teams will lose ice time.
 - iii. Medical documentation must be provided if there is a health concern in regards to wearing masks.
- d. **Update on volunteers bottling hand sanitizer at the Distillery:** There are 3 more volunteer shifts left and then we will be done bottling sanitizer for the year. Volunteers have had positive feedback about the experience. Volunteers have shared that it has been a great team building/bonding activity.
- e. **Pro-shop and Livebarn:** Scott Johnson requested that we have Livebarn placed in the Proshop so the workers can watch games, etc. on the North rink. Billy Bergh will donate an Apple TV box to the pro shop so that it will have access to the new app which will allow Livebarn to stream in the pro shop. Chippewa Falls Mens Hockey is live streaming the games. Families will have the option to purchase Livebarn using the association discount code. We do have the ability as an association to black out Livebarn to the public and give association members a rotating access code.

- f. **Score Box limitations:** Only 3 workers will be allowed in the score box at a time. Masks must be worn at all times.

7. Committee Reports

a. Finance/Administration (Jennifer, Trevor)

- i. Year-to-date results through November show us in a good cash position but we still owe approximately \$1 million for the North Rink remodeling project. Ice rental revenue is up approximately \$80K but this offsets approximately \$60K of decreased fundraising and other revenue. Operating expenses (mainly electricity, insurance, and repairs) are down \$94K. Net year-to-date P&L results are \$113K better than last year.

- ii. 5-year financial projection was reviewed by the Finance Committee and presented to the Board. Key assumptions include (1) maintaining ice rental revenues (2) fundraising resumed, and (3) holding expenses to current level. The projected results should give us the flexibility to pay down our debt faster, make annual contributions to the endowment fund, and provide for a capex budget of approximately \$100K per year.

- iii. CYHA recently received several small grants from WAHA and the Community Foundation of Chippewa County to help pay for hockey equipment and cleaning supplies. We should also consider applying for a United Way grant if we can demonstrate meeting a community need. Barry Bohman suggested that the funding request be for bussing daycare kids to the rink for skating field trips. This would enhance physical education for the kids and supplement extracurricular budgets for daycare providers without having to rely on parents.

Brad Martin made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was seconded by Billy Bergh. Motion carried.

b. Special Events (Brad M, Cyrena)

- i. **Bingo:** After the reduction in rental rates, the revenue has increased a small amount. Bob suggested advertising the Bingo night on our Facebook page to gain more participation.

- ii. **Steel Games:** The team plans to return to CYHA on the 21st. There are games scheduled on December 31st, January 1st, and January 2nd. They are planning to run an NHL schedule which would mean they can hold their games at different times than when they were previously scheduled. Steel is looking to play games into May.

c. On-Ice (Chris, Nick)

i. **PDC update:** USA hockey took over all screening for coaches starting this year. Anyone who comes up in their system is deemed ineligible to coach for the year. Two coaches received letters of ineligibility and were given steps they could take to regain eligibility. Both coaches have completed the necessary steps and are now eligible to coach per USA Hockey guidelines. The PDC team met and approved the reinstatement of a coach following the probationary guidelines provided. *Darrell Herr made a motion to approve the return of the coach. Motion seconded by Barry Bohman. Motion carried.*

Some coaches are still in need of additional requirements to continue with their coaching certification.

ii. Tournament Update:

I. The online tournament brackets were tested at the recent Bantam and PeeWee tournament. There were pros and cons to using the online system.

II. Sports Engine does offer an online bracket system that will be tested with the upcoming tournaments. This is a possible solution for scheduling future tournaments as well.

III. Tournaments are full at this point. The board had a discussion that if a team needs to drop out of a tournament due to Covid-19, should the team be refunded? A decision was made to ask other associations what their policy is in regards to cancellations due to Covid-19 prior to making a decision.

IV. Games were running behind in the recent tournaments. A discussion was had in adjusting the times for games to allow for more time in between games.

iii. Game Scheduler:

I. The January schedule is complete and will be shared online. The goalie clinic took place last Wednesday. Erin Connelly and two Steel goalies were at the clinic. UWEC Women's team sent up 2 goalies in full gear & 6 shooters.

II. Out of state renters have not been permitted to rent ice at this point. There have been enough local renters to fill the available ice.

III. A request was made to host a level 1 and level 2 referee clinic at CYHA. Bob shared that we will offer the ice time for the clinic if the ice is available.

IV. Feedback was positive from Susan Babcock meeting with Squirt and PeeWee skaters from the skating clinic.

d. Facilities (Billy, Darrell, Barry)

i. **Zamboni maintenance:** Two new hoses were needed to repair the zamboni recently. Thank you to Chippewa Concrete for donating their facility to build new hoses for the zambonis. The blades were recently switched on both zambonis as well.

- a. Ordering a new zamboni: Discussion was had to order a new zamboni now versus waiting to order the new machine as there is a 220 day lead time for delivery. The older zamboni will last a little longer and we will continue to look for a sponsor for the new zamboni.

ii. **Rink Manager Update:** The Zamboni schedule is being sent out weekly. There are a few new zamboni drivers that have been helpful in filling in needed resurfacing positions in the schedule. *Motion was made by Trevor Bohland to reimburse \$2,500 to Matt Machnik for the maintenance of the rink system. The motion was seconded by Barry Bohman. Motion carried.*

iii. **Building Maintenance:** Lock systems will come to fix the few locks that need to be repaired.

iv. **Capital Improvements:** The hot water heater will be fixed in the near future.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date: Wednesday, January 20th at 7 pm