

CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING AGENDA – Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 at 7 pm

President 2023 Bob Normand

Vice President 2022 Steve Gibbs

Treasurer 2023 Jennifer Lindstrom

Secretary 2022 Jodi Ash

Board members	2022	Billy Bergh	2023	Trevor Bohland
		Cyrena Black	Barry Bohman	
		Eric Mueller	Brad Martin	
		Nick Hart	Connie Fedie	
			Chris Buesgen	

Others in attendance: April Jansky, Drew Bresina, Kacy Bresina, Heidi Christopher, Andy Skelton, Brad Stepen, Jarrod Thorton, Tony Anderegg, Dominic Ryder, Liz Seubert, Doug Custer, Darrel Herr, Melissa Strong

1. General Meeting: Brad Stepen shared his appreciation of the association hosting the Badger/Bulldog scrimmage. He especially thanked Barry Bohman, Steve Gibbs, and Bob Normand for their work in organizing the event. He also shared that the Women's National team will potentially play the Steel team in December. Brad also mentioned that many free tickets are being given to the community to promote the Steel.

Andy Skelton shared his concerns with the number of skaters on the ice during the squirt practices. Andy also expressed his concern for having 2 squirt level teams in place of 3 squirt level teams. Andy Skelton offered to coach the squirt C team if CYHA were to have a squirt C level team.

Jarrod Thorton also shared his concern for the number of skaters that will be on the ice during the squirt level practices.

Barry Bohman suggested dividing the ice with boards and nets for two practices a week for the squirt practices.

Trevor shared his appreciation to our association members for coming to the meeting and voicing their concerns. The board appreciates the conversations and ideas generated from the CYHA members that were able to be in attendance this evening.

Brad Stepen shared an idea for organizing free ice time and a tournament between Chippewa's local elementary schools.

2. Secretary's Report: The September meeting minutes were shared and approved via email.

3. Treasurer's Report: The cash balance is up due to receiving the final \$75k distribution from the Tom Mason estate which was transferred to the endowment fund. Registration is up compared to this time of year last year, which means registration fees are coming in faster. Figure skating has brought in \$7,000 since May for use of morning ice time. ***Trevor Bohland made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Steve Gibbs. Motion carried.***

4. Correspondence/Officer Reports

- a. cPresident's Report:** Bob shared updates from his meetings with WAHA. Only approved spit guards will be allowed for the season. Goalies do not have to wear masks at the Eau Claire rink. However, players do need to wear a mask at the Eau Claire rink. Bob also shared his experience at the Boy Scout dinner he attended where Mark Johnson was the guest speaker.
- b. Vice President's Report:** See other areas of the minutes
- c. Secretaries Report:** Shared a request for information on the Mite start date. Mites will begin on November 1st at 6pm.

5. Old Business

- a. Website Updates:** Josh Prueher who has taken over the position is switching our website over to a newer system which is more mobile friendly.
- b. New Jerseys:** The new jerseys arrived. The new jerseys will be housed in the old practice room in the North rink until the old jerseys are cleaned out.
- c. Rink Rules:** The rink rule signs are now made and will be on display around the rink.

6. New Business

- a. Calendar winner position open:** Dominic Ryder agreed to assist with drawing the monthly calendar winners.
- b. Rink Internet:** The internet update is almost completed. The rink also purchased TV monitors for both rinks to post locker room assignments. Another update that will occur is that during games, the network will be able to shut down during period breaks so that Steel and high school teams can have quick access to review plays.

- c. **Grievance Committee:** A discussion was held regarding when a report is shared by an association member, what should be handled by the PDC and what reports should the grievance committee look into. It was decided that the grievance committee would assist with reports after the proper steps are followed and the PDC feels additional support is needed.

7. Committee Reports

a. Finance/Administration (Jennifer, Trevor)

- i. The Steel have requested for their share of the concessions proceeds from the first seven games.
- ii. The applications for a new insurance company are being finalized prior to a decision being made.

b. Special Events (Brad M, Cyrena)

- i. Bingo: Nikki Clark has taken over sharing the bingo position with Bob on the Wednesdays of the CYHA board meetings.
- ii. Steel: Steve shared compliments from Kelly (the owner of the Steel team) and Brad about how our rink is operated and the involvement of the association members. Beer is also being sold differently. Our association members that are running the bars at Steel games should continue to sell until a few minutes after the game for last call. If we did this for each game we could help our beer sales.
- iii. Wisconsin Game Recap: Barry shared that he received positive feedback about the cleanliness of the CYHA/Chi-Hi locker room and the hospitality of our facility for the Badger/Bulldog game. CYHA was able to raise around \$19,000 for the endowment fund by hosting this game. The board would like to thank Barry Bohman for all of his hard work in getting the Badger/Duluth game to occur. Both coaches expressed interest in coming back to the CYHA to play.

c. On-Ice (Chris, Nick, Connie, Eric)

- i. **PDC update:** A proposed list of coaches was shared with the board. **Steve Gibbs made a motion to approve the list of coaches pending discussion. Brad Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Bob shared that two schedules are made for the squirt level practices. A discussion was had on how to maximize the ice times for all the youth skaters. The decision was made to keep squirt practices to squirts only. A final decision for the number of all teams will be made after try-outs.

Nick Hart mentioned that any tournaments that are scheduled above the two that are already scheduled and paid for by the association will be at the team's own expenses. This does not include the team's home tournament and state, as those are also covered by the association.

Eric Mueller would also like to limit the number of games scheduled each year to promote skater development with more practice time versus game time.

- ii. **Open Skate:** Is scheduled to begin the first Sunday of November-the 3rd week of March from 6-8pm. Hockey skates for sizes youth 9-11 youth are needed.

These can be donated to the association in exchange for work assessment hours.

iii. Open G.O.A.L. positions: Kacy Bresina and John Ippel will be taking over the G.O.A.L program

iv. Recruitment of new skaters:

- Kacy Bresina shared an idea for recruiting new skaters: Refer a friend for assessment hours or another incentive.
- Some association members shared they have heard that new families have a concern with the cost of purchasing equipment for their skaters. Discussion was had on giving assessment hours for hockey equipment that is donated to our association.
- Another idea that was shared was to have the Steel players visit our local elementary schools. Also, giving a Steel game ticket to all K-5 students. Another conversation was had on sharing a welcome packet with new families at our G.O.A.L. and beginner programs. April Jansky suggested adding video links that show how to get your skater dressed to the welcome to hockey tab on our website.
- Cyrena Black suggested having a beginner ambassador position that would be at the beginner practices to help the new families in exchange for work assessment hours.

d. Facilities (Billy, Barry)

i. Zamboni maintenance: The new zamboni is scheduled to ship Nov. 1st. The zamboni blades are still being sharpened by Chippewa Carbide. They are asking about being able to advertise on the zamboni room doors.

ii. Rink Manager Update: CYHA received a new threshold for the North rink. Bob shared that he has been working with Becker, but will be using rink systems instead to replace the rink pads that come up. Logos will be put in this weekend (10/22~10/24). Bob also shared that he has been training with Dash for the new scheduling software. Plan for November 1st for the scheduling sight to be live.

iii. Building Maintenance: The ODR was epoxied last weekend. The heat in the South rink is operational and the North is also back on and running as it always has. A fan is going to be installed in the maintenance room to reduce the heat which is hard on the motors.

iv. Capital Improvements: Nothing to report at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 10:49pm

Next meeting dates: Sunday, October 31st at 1pm, and Wednesday, November 17th at 7pm