

Rome Youth Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12th , 2018

Location: Kennedy Arena

Time: 7:00 pm

Attendees:

Nathan Van Wie	Y	Rob Kopek	Y	Alissa Sparace	Y
Tara Waterman	Y	Darcy Crofford	Y	Steve Zizzo	Y
Alexa Townsend	N	Jason Combs	Y	Joe Mellace	Y
Crystal Graves	Y	Tim Sestitto	N	Beth Baldyga	Y
Jen Tyzinski	Y	Brian Huluska	Y	John Corr	Y
G. Millington	N			John Bliach	Y
Additional Attendees: None					

- A. Call to Order – Nate Van Wie called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM
- B. Public Forum – No one from the public was present to address the board.
- C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. C. Graves made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August 15th Board Meeting, minutes distributed on September 12th 2018. B. Balydga seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. Committees Updates
 - i. Governance
 - 1. N. Van Wie advised that the governance committee had not met yet this season.
 - ii. Discipline
 - 1. J. Combs advised that the discipline committee had just met and were working on updated policies. Post meeting N. Van Wie and J. Combs retrieved the previous Code of Conduct handouts from the Coaches Room.
 - iii. Finance
 - 1. C. Graves presented the cash balances report for August 2018, noted that she had reconciled two months worth of receipts and was working on the year end filing for the accountants.
 - 2. C. Graves gave an overview of the Ad-Panel revenue received to date. To date only a handful of companies have paid for their ad panels. N. Van Wie to follow-up with B. Gulla who is heading up the ad-panels.
 - 3. C. Graves advised the board that she had received notice that the IRS filing that was subjected to late payment penalties had been resolved and no penalties were assessed.
 - iv. Fundraising

1. A. Sparace advised that the fundraising committee was working to get together prior to the next meeting.

v. Tournaments

1. B. Baldyga advised that the tournament committee meet on September 10th and were working through items for the upcoming season and focused on the first tournament. The committee advised that they were working with seasonal sports for tournament T-shirts, there was some discussion about the use of previous logos that B. Baldyga will look into.
2. D. Crofford will be the point of contact for all tournaments going forward, all board members are asked to forward all requests to D. Crofford. T. Waterman will update the website with D. Crofford as point of contact.
3. T. Waterman advised that there was currently 5 teams registered for the girls fall brawl tournament. 10U-Rome, 12U- Tompkins County, Valley & Southtown, 14U – Rome. S. Zizzo advised that currently Rome would play in the 14u division and if needed put together a 12u team to help fill the division. N. Van Wie advised that there was some interest in an 8u division.

vi. Player Development

1. S. Zizzo advised that the player development committee meet on August 26th and development model had been forwarded for review. N. Van Wie to review and provide comments.
2. Coaching Applications – R. Kopek shared a list of potential coaching candidates for each level.
3. The player development committee advised the following equipment needs for 2018/19 season for budget development, the list includes, first aid kits, pucks, resistance bands, shooter tutors, rebounders. J. Blaich to forward lists.

vii. Snowbelt Coordinator Update

1. D. Crofford advised that Snowbelt Red teams and Thruway series teams were required prior to 9/20. N. Van Wie advised that this may be a viable option for the top Squirt Team and the 2nd PW team for the upcoming year.
2. D. Crofford advised that snowbelt game scheduling would be conducted online for the upcoming season. Details are still being developed. Snowbelt scheduling is to start after the October 18th meeting.
- 3.

viii. IP Coordinator Update

1. N. Van Wie advised that IP Equipment handout is October 12th volunteers will be needed. J. Blaich, J. Combs and B. Baldyga offered to help, additional volunteers will be needed.
2. B. Hluska delivered flyers for the open houses. J. Mellace took a copy of the flyer and will try to distribute through the school messenger, Peach Jar.

3. N. Van Wie has the banners and arraignments to put one up at the ACE. J. Blaihc will look into putting the sign up on Turin Road by Rome Catholic
4. Open House Dates / Volunteers
 - John E. Joy – September 25th – B. Baldyga
 - Staley – September 25th – A. Sparace, J. Corr
 - Stokes – September 26th – C Graves, N. Van Wie
 - Bellamy – October 4th – D. Crofford

E. President Report

- a. N. Van Wie advised that Central Section Meeting is being Sunday, 9/16, any one who is interested in attending is welcome to. A copy of the agenda was distributed, the significant vote will be for the adoption of a tryout policy.
- b. Safe sport screening is required for all volunteers and has be completed by November 1st or there are penalties to pay. All board members should complete safesport training.

F. Follow-Up from Previous Meeting

- a. Pant Shells
 - i. General discussion regarding the purchase of pant shells was the logistically and financially the purchased was difficult to complete at this time. The purchase will be tabled until further notice.
- b. *2018 / 19 Registration*
 - i. Discussion on the anticipated number of teams by level based on the current registration numbers. There was a motion made by T. Waterman and seconded by J. Combs to set the number of players per team at the following numbers. The motion carried.
 1. Mites – 52 registered, 5 teams of 8-12 players each.
 2. Squirts – 40 registered, 3 teams of 11-14 each.
 3. PW – 21 (does not include State Bound Team), 2 teams of 10-13 each.
 4. Bantam – 17, one team.
 5. Girls 14u – 6 (does not include dual rostered players), one team.

G. New Business / Open Discussion

- a. Locker Room Policy
 - i. There was a general discussion about locker room policy and the need for players mites and above to utilize the locker rooms. It was decided that Mites and Squirts would look for 2 locker volunteers per team who would register as off-ice volunteers, complete safe sport training and a background screening.
- b. Mite Jerseys
 - i. Currently have 45 mite jerseys, projected enrollment over 50. It was discussed that additional jerseys were purchased last season and prior to ordering a count was needed. If additional jerseys are ordered, they will be orange and white.
- c. *2018 / 19 Schedule Overview*

- i. N. Van Wie provided a copy of the proposed schedule for the upcoming season. Based on the arena users group meeting the Tuesday slot on HS nights will be cut to 6:30 p.m. and there will be no skills slot on Friday night.
- d. Opening Weekend Schedule
 - i. N. Van Wie advised that the first day of ice is September 22nd and that practices had been posted to the calendar on the website.
- e. Fall Meeting
 - i. The fall meeting will be held October 5th at the arena. There will be public skating, form collection, jersey handouts and general information shared about the upcoming season.
 - ii. A. Sparace will look into a caterer for the event.
- f. Photographer
 - i. J. Mellace made a motion, seconded by A. Sparace that T. Waterman would provide photos for the association for the 2018/19 season. T. Waterman abstained from the vote, the motion carried.
- g. Equipment Room Cleanout
 - i. September 23rd at 8 a.m. was set for equipment room cleanout, all board members who are available are asked to attend.
- h. Jerseys
 - i. Jersey handout was discussed at length, J. Tyzsinki agreed to collect jersey sizes from all players during the weekend of September 28 – 30th, each player will select their 3 preferred numbers and the board will do their best to accommodate requests. Jerseys will be tagged and handed out to all players on October 5th.
- H. Next Meeting
 - a. Next meeting was set for September 26th at 7p.m. to prepare for the fall meeting on October 5th.
- I. Adjournment – J. Mellace made a motion seconded by A. Sparace to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried.