

HDC Meeting Minutes – March 9th, 2020

Attendance: Corey Rupp, Neil Huewe, Andy Haskell, Bob Brink, Kurt Knott, Pete Stahnke, Jenn Nelson, Jim Dewar
Absent: Mike Johnson

Spring Ice – We have 173 kids signed up as of this morning so great numbers. Starting the 3x3 tourney after first couple weeks after all teams are done and kids are registered. We are working to get cross-ice boards over from City and intermediate nets are at BCA. Coaches seem to be okay with Peewee/12U being a little light on coaches.

Goalies for Spring Ice – We are not seeing the goalies sign up for Spring Ice. We had a discussion as to why. Seems to be a myth that it is not good for development. This is a false myth we need to break as they get a lot of shots. We will draft a letter from Pete to send a letter to goalie parents about importance of being here. Kurt is also reaching out to Jesse Wilkins as he has expressed interest again in helping.

Discuss HDC Appointments – There was disappointment of the discussion at the last board meeting about creating a new process to select HDC members. Some on HDC did not feel there needs to be a new process as what we have works. The high school coaches are heavily involved in the selection process which is the key. Some feel we need to send out a note looking for members and develop a process to appoint etc. Need to educate parents on what happens at HDC. Pete and HDC are attending the Board meeting to have discussion and work to improve process.

Coach Evaluation meeting – We will be holding off until April after the Spring ice to discuss due to time commitment of coaching through that.

Reason for Low Mite Numbers? – We discussed the low new termite skaters this year as we have not seen this low in quite some time. Discussion was around why and solutions. It does not seem to be cost but we all agreed need to improve recruiting. Best way is work of mouth and friends. We are going to improve the Mini Lumberjack and try to have more local high school kids help versus BSU that kids can better relate to. Also discussed better partnership with Learn to Skate program to recruit.

Money for Peewee AA to State – Discussed options of getting more money to peewee AA team for advancing. Board is looking at options.

Respectfully submitted: Corey Rupp