

## **September 8, 2021 Board Meeting (Face-to Face**

Meeting called to order by A. Respecki at 6:32 pm.

### **Attendance:**

Adam Respecki, President

Michael Hutchens, Vice- President

Emily Barber, Treasurer

Meghan Powell, 10U & Under

Jennie Carr, Scheduler

Nick Powell, Equipment Manager

Frank McClelland, Coaching Director/ADM

Derek Quick, 12U & Older

### **Absent**

Jess Campbell, Secretary /Registrar

Vacant Slot, PR/ Fundraising

### **Agenda Additions and Deletions:**

Item L is added: Emily as a sustaining member by A. Respecki

Item M is added: Discussion on the passing of M.Wilde by J.Carr

### **Introduction of Guests, Board Meeting Conduct of Business Expectations, Public Comments:**

David & Olga Kurn (player parents)- Question as to whether or not there will be enough kids for an 8U team with rumors of players moving associations?

- a. Board: There are currently 10 registered for 8U which is enough for a team.

Taylor (High School Hockey Coach)- Questions what the association needs in terms of retaining players and offers to be a mediator in helping talk with families who may be leaving. He also questions the progress of the current board when taking over from the old board.

- a. Michael Hutchens & Adam Respecki express interest in talking to Taylor about opportunities for retention and the needs of the association at a separate time as this will take more than the allotted time for public input. It is also addressed that that the previous year COVID had an impact on forward motion of goals set to be achieved but that aside the board is making forward progress in vision.

Katie Kucharek (parent, Sportsplex Employee, Gaylord Snow Volunteer)- Raises the question to Board as to why there was a “234%” cost increase for 8U player this season without “asking anyone else?” Asks why certain financial documents were not distributed to all association Members? Asks the treasurer personally as to, “Why aren’t you doing your job?”

- a. Board: Adam Reminds Katie that each public speaker will receive 5 minutes to speak during the meeting per procedure and that all questions should be asked prior to a response of the board as Katie’s voice and body language escalate in tone. Katie proceeds to present documents to the board which were from when she served on the board stating, “I saved everything.” The identity of these documents is unknown as Katie collects these before they are viewed by all board members. The board acknowledges that the cost of 8U has in fact increased related to projected number of skaters on the ice and feedback from the majority of 8U parents last year related to congested ice conditions with IP/6U/8U sharing the ice along with increase in ice fees from the Sportsplex to the association. Emily (treasurer) addresses Katie’s questions about documentation by noting that the information is available at the request of the members in the association but that the information does not need to be distributed individually. Katie is asked by a board member later in the meeting if the Gaylord Snow players remain interested in being involved with the youth hockey association, as she presented at the last meeting as a representative of the organization, she responds with, “No, they will hold off until the number of registered players increases.” No further comments from Katie during the meeting.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Meeting – Meghan Motions to approve, Michael seconds, 2 abstain related to absence, all others in favor, none opposed-Motion passes
- b. August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting – Emily motions to approve, Meghan seconds, all in favor, no one opposed-motion passes

### **Treasurer’s Report**

- a. New quick books just opened and is live so no printed document available.
- b. Checking account: \$39,231.83
- c. Scholarship Fund: \$5,00.55
- d. \$21,144.82 CD

### **Registrar’s Report**

- a. This is read by Derek Q. as Jess C. is absent
- b. In need of 7/28/21 Meeting minutes in PDF format for website
- c. A team is set up that makes up of the board to ensure that all board members are in compliance with USA Hockey and MAHA rules.

- d. Minutes other than the requested above are updated on the website for public view.
- e. Current Registration Numbers:
  - IP-3
  - 6U-3
  - 8U-10
  - 10U-4
  - 12U-0
  - 14U-0
  - 18U-0

**Old Business:**

- a. Coaches Meeting: Raises the discussion as to a few levels are still without a committed coach. Frank would like to have a meeting with parents next week to talk about getting involved in hockey and the general experience of being engaged and the needs of the association. The board agrees to set a meeting for next Wednesday 9/15 at the availability of open rooms at the Sportsplex, it is asked that the members of the board that coach are present to support the mission.
- b. Level 1 coaches meeting scheduled for 10/16-no/minimal after course work or pre course work will be required.
- c. Manager's meeting is TBD after coaches are selected for all teams.
- d. Advertising progress/Schools: Adam will follow-up with his contacts to again attempt to ask the schools to put out OCHA hockey information. This has been limited in the recent pass.

**New Business:**

- a. Michael Discusses the Little Caesar's pizza Fundraiser: Orders will be tentatively due right after Thanksgiving with orders delivered right before Christmas. Online ordering with player code will be available with players responsible for distribution of product
- b. Michael discusses the possibility of Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser from a company in Petoskey. More information will be obtained and presented to the board.
- c. It is noted that individual teams may also fundraise and obtain sponsorship if they present to the board the intention of the fund with approval.
- d. August 24<sup>th</sup> MAHA meeting Notes- Adam reviews notes and slides from the meeting that include topics such as new ways to combine ice time, practice approaches. Reviews that there is a MAHA contest for "Association of the Year", the focus will be on 8U teams and full details are available online.
- e. Resignation of Andrea Kirkby- Adam reads Andrea's resignation letter. She will be moving on to support her daughter in Girl's travel hockey. She offers thanks to the hometown hockey program that helped support her daughter's growth. All express

thanks for the work that Andrea during her tenure on the board as PR/Fundraising. Emily motions to accept resignation, Nick seconds, all in favor, none opposed. Motion passes. Adam reports that one name was submitted as a potential replacement. He would like to hold off until the parent's meeting with Frank to see if a volunteer with a different age group representation is interested before moving forward.

- f. Mission Statement: Adam reads the current mission statement of the association. All agree that a new or improve statement needs to be made. Adam asks all members of the board to write a mission statement prior to the next board meeting to be read aloud at the next board meeting to revise the current statement.
- g. Growth Coordinator Selection- Adam reports that each association will now need to have a selected representative as a growth coordinator. This ideally would be the PR/Fundraiser which is currently vacant. Adam agrees to submit his name as interim representative until the board position is filled with the group collectively helping with tasks.
- h. Rule Change Highlights: New rule changes are discussed such as the modification of penalty minutes time to have a better relation to the minutes in the period that are played at each level. Slapshots are now legal in all age divisions. Standardization of Game Misconduct Penalties will allow for the player/coach to be notified of punishment and it will be up to them to appeal. 11/15 is the deadline for District Game count exceptions. This season there will be no playdowns for districts, fees will be looked at and revised in accordance.
- i. 8U Head Coach: Adam brings up that currently there are two coaches for the 8U division with only 1 team as of current registration numbers. He asks if either Derek Q. or Nick P. have a preference as head coach or assistant coach. Neither party expresses preference. Nick was 8U head coach last year. Adam asks for a motion for Nick to be current 8U coach if only one team is rostered. Meghan motions for approval, Michael Seconds, all in favor, no one opposed. Motion passes, Nick will be Head coach for 8U and Derek the assistant Coach unless a second team is able to be rostered.
- j. Emily as a sustaining board member: Emily's daughter will not be playing hockey this year and her step-son will currently be playing in another association. She still wishes to remain on the board. Adam asks for a motion to have Emily remain on the board as a sustaining member. Meghan motions for approval, Michael seconds, all in favor, no one opposed. Motions passes for Emily to remain on the board.
- k. Michael Wilde- Jenny reports on the unfortunate passing of a formerly active association parent related to COVID-19. She asks that the board consider sending the family an expression of our condolences related to the time and effort he spent in the association. All board members quick to express favorability on the topic. Nick motions for the association to send flowers to the funeral with cost up to \$75, Michael seconds, all in favor, no one opposed, motion passes. Thank you, Michael

for all of your support in the success of OCHA, your family will remain in our thoughts.

- I. The board collaboratively would like to look at the split of ice time in conjunction with the current enrollment numbers and to potentially lower the ice fees for the season. Discussion occurs to combine 8U and 10U practice, combine 12U and 14U practice, leave IP and 6U together on a sheet of ice with prospective change in practice days, and 18U will have their own sheet of ice. A motion is made by Emily to have new shared ice by teams as stated above with potential for shift in practice days based on scheduling, Meghan seconds the motions, all in favor no one opposed motion passes.
- m. It is also discussed that with the above motion passing that we should extend our registration deadline to 10/1/2021 without penalty of late registration. Nick motions for approval, Michael seconds, all in favor, no one opposed, Motion passes.

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

Emily motions for meeting to be adjourned, Nick Seconds, all in favor, no one opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:26 (please double check the time)