

## **HDC Meeting Minutes – August 6th, 2018**

**Attendance:** Neil Huewe, Kurt Knott, Corey Rupp, Tony Mannausau, Eric Monsrud, Bob Brink, Mike Johnston Andy Haskell, Matt Lee

**Absent:**

**P&P Discussion on Team Sizes:** - The BYHA Board presented a change to P&P rewording the Minimum number of player section in P&P. It was more guidelines around teams and sets minimum higher than the 9 skaters that is there today. HDC recommended we leave as is due to had been more detailed previously and caused issues with not being able to set up teams best for the kids. By keeping broad it allows communities like Bemidji to look year to year on group sizes and overall skill and determine what the best path is each season.

**Squirt In-House Discussion:** - Coach Monsrud brought up his strong desire to focus and develop a strong squirt/10U In-House program to push development to the next level. There was a great discussion and consensus we need to work towards this but challenged here due to ice shortage and parent feedback over the years. We are going to explore options this year to find a coordinator to develop and look at outdoor ice options to run program there when in-house ice is not available.

**2018-19 Coaching:**– HDC will be holding a closed work session to discuss coaching positions before next month and make recommendations for positions we can at September meetings. For parent coaches that will be decided after tryouts we will make sure have options for all teams and fill any outstanding potential gaps.

**10U Team Recommendations:** – A parent meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday to discuss the option of moving up the seven 8U age girls to 10U to form two 10U teams. Teams would be A and B format and all 8U girls that move up will be placed together on the B team to keep girls together. HDC recommends we move to two teams versus one very large team of 17 with varying levels of skill. There will be a parent meeting to discuss this and ask 8U parents for decision if they would be willing to move their daughter to 10U.

**Coach Re-instatement:** – Chris Justice has reached out to request approval from BYHA to move forward with re-instatement process with MN Hockey. HDC has approved and recommended to the Board to move forward and HDC is in support of this.

**Walker Association Update:** – There have been rumors circulating that Walker will not have a Pee wee Team and 8 or 9 players are considering moving to Bemidji. No formal discussions have been had but if this happens there is a formal process to follow with District 15 and Walker releasing players and Bemidji and District 16 approving players to move. Discussions will need to occur with all the parties above to determine best next steps for all kids and programs.

Respectfully submitted: Corey Rupp