

DRAFT IYHA Minutes
May 19th, 2008
Lehigh Valley house



Call to Order: Peter Dugan called meeting to order.

Attendees: Peter Dugan, Dan Mitchell, Rick Hughes, Richard Uhlig, John Duthie, Tim McKinney, Brian Crane, Chris Grippin, Dave Lewis, Rob Ralyea, Craig McCallister, Alison Shull, and Rick Kuhar

Officer/Committee Reports:

1. Presidents Report

Pete Dugan discussed the results of the May 7th meeting at his home. This included player projections for each age level. Those player projections were used by Chris Grippin to start ice planning for the 2008-2009 season. The most difficult age level is again Bantam with 25-30 estimated players. Options include having 2 teams (Travel and Snowbelt), or if 25 seems to be the actual number, potentially moving some of those players to Midget Snowbelt "C" 16U team.

Craig McAllister asked for clarification on UNY League. Peter Dugan explained Central Section has eliminated the UNY League. Instead there are 3 Snowbelt Leagues. Snowbelt "A" is comprised of the former UNY teams and the stronger Snowbelt teams. Snowbelt "B" is made up from associations having multiple teams at the level. Snowbelt "C" was not discussed but would be made up of the lesser skilled Snowbelt teams. Rob Ralyea asked if after the Midget Snowbelt "A" players completing their season in October could be play on the Midget 18U Travel Team. Peter explained they cannot be on championship team and Snowbelt team, but was not sure because of the split season that there might be exceptions for Midgets. There is action to get clarification.

There is action to get Snowbelt Reps and Travel Reps for the upcoming League meetings this summer.

Peter Dugan reviewed the Central Section meeting in April. The Central Section Annual Meeting is May 30th in Syracuse. There will be a general preparation discussions for the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 22st at Peter Dugan's House.

Pete Dugan discussed potential of Junior "C" Franchise in Ithaca. It could be farm team for the Junior "A" and Junior "B" teams in Binghamton. This league would be for players interested in developing to compete at the collegiate level. Rob Ralyea answered the question as to Franchise cost. He believed the initial cost is around \$14,000 for franchise, with yearly fees of around \$3,500. The players are often bused to weekend games out of state. The total cost for team would run in the \$100,000 to \$150,000 range. There seemed to be interest, but may not be enough time for this season.

2. Administration Officers/Committee Reports

a. Secretary's Report

- Rick Hughes Presented the minutes to 4/28/2008 BOD meeting. The minutes were approved with corrections to the "*Key Officers/Directors/Reps/Chairs/Committees and BOD Liaison*" spreadsheet. Craig McCallister commented it would be nice to have more open BOD meetings and advance notice to members of their time and place. Peter commented the BOD would work on that but the first meeting has traditionally been a more closed meeting with the newly elected BOD's.
- Chris Grippin presented the Scheduler's Report
 - ✓ The IYHA has Lynah and Cass Park Ice Times Allocated
 - ✓ Chris prepared and discussed the "*Ice Time Proposal 5/19*" spreadsheet. This was based largely on last year's ice usage. By adding ice cost by location and length of season, ice costs could be estimated. Key direction from the membership includes Snowbelt 1 vs 2 practices per week, full vs shared practices, skill practice sessions for 2nd practices and so forth. There needs to list of options created to get feedback from parents to actually create the schedule and budget for next season. Chris mentioned that the Rink's sale of ice to Figure Skaters on Tuesday and Thursday early makes those nights particularly hard. In this spread sheet, REC league and Mite Extra Skate times were not included.
 - ✓ An amended motion was passed to have Dan Mitchell "Buy" ice at Lynah and Cass Park.
 - ✓ The ice committee chaired by Dan Mitchell includes Rich Uhlig and John Stevens and will get proposal to the RINK (CRC).
- Chris Grippin will also look at options to utilize Cortand.
- The following were deferred to June Meeting
 - ✓ Cornell Leadership Community Service Programs and the Communications Director Report.

b. Treasurer's Report

- Rich Uhlig Presented the May Treasurer's Report. There was discussion with no decent on the report's content or format. Peter Dugan, Tim McKinney and Dave Lewis will form the Audit Committee that will meet monthly and/or quarterly. The following actions came from the treasurer.
 - ✓ The legal name may be able to be changed back to Ithaca Youth Hockey Association. Craig McAllister provided a contact that may know the issue that required the original name change from IYHA. The resolution was signed by the BOD's present.
 - ✓ The treasurer and the secretary may sign IYHA checks. That resolution was signed by BOD present.
 - ✓ The bank account consolidation resolution was signed by the BOD present.
 - ✓ The Fiscal Year end closing is May 31st. Rick Hughes moved and John Duthie seconded that all outstanding reimbursement request with corresponding receipt documentation must be made by May 31st and that all parents with delinquent fees shall be notified of their membership status.
- The following were deferred to June Meeting
 - ✓ Dan Mitchell to provide the Scholarship Criteria
 - ✓ Registrar's Report
 - ✓ Fundraising (Sponsorships)

c. Legal Report

- The following were deferred to June Meeting
 - ✓ Collection of 2007-2008 Delinquencies

3. Directors Reports

Dan Mitchell's comments were made during the discussions of the Schedulers Report by Chris Grippin. The discussion was deferred on filling the open age level Reps positions. This will continue as the Travel Team Coaches are selected.

4. ACE Coordinator Report

John Duthie reported that he has received applications for head coaches for Squirt through Midget Travel teams. The next step in the selection process is to solicit member feedback on these coaches. The goal is to have those coaches in place in June.

It was also highlighted that Travel and Snowbelt League meetings are likely starting in June and will need IYHA representation. Like the age level Reps position, those positions need to be determined in the near future.

Old Business:

1. Jerseys

Brian Crane reported that we have sufficient Jerseys for next season. The option of families purchasing Jerseys will be deferred to the June Meeting.

2. USA Hockey's ACE Coordinator Role

The action to review USA Hockey's documentation on ACE Coordinator's Roles and Responsibilities was closed by the appointment of John Duthie as IYHA's ACE Coordinator.

3. Vice President IYHA Officer

The motion to hold a special membership meeting on June 23rd, 2008 to vote on amending the current IYHA By-Laws was passed. The proposed changes were distributed to those present at the meeting. These changes expire on May 31st, 2009. They can be amended or made permanent at the March 2009 Spring Meeting or in effect deleted by no action at Spring Meeting.

The Officers are defined in the Article VI of the current By-Laws as the following:

“The executive officers of the IYHA shall be the President, the Vice President for Travel Team Division, the Vice President for House Team Division, the Vice President for Snowbelt Division, the Vice President of UNYHL Team Division, the Secretary, the Treasurer and Scheduler. The Board of Directors shall be free to appoint other such officers as the Board may deem necessary. The executive officers & officers of the Association need not be members of the Board of Directors.”

Since there is no longer a UNY League, our By-Laws must be amended. The BOD can add officers as the need arises and have appointed John Duthie as ACE Coordinator. Under our current By-Laws the 2008-2009 Officers to date are as follows:

Office	Name
Co-President	Peter Dugan
Co-President	Dan Mitchell
Secretary	Rick Hughes
Treasurer	Richard Uhlig
ACE Coordinator	John Duthie
Registrar	Richard Uhlig
Scheduler	Chris Grippin

The amended By-Laws in Article VI would be the following:

“The officers of the IYHA shall be the President, the Vice President, the ACE Coordinator, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Registrar and the Scheduler. The Board of Directors shall be free to appoint other such officers as the Board may deem necessary. The officers of the Association need not be members of the Board of Directors.”

4. Key Officers/Directors/Reps/Chairs/Committees and BOD Liaisons

The following table lists some of the positions that currently are filled with volunteers for the 2008-2009 season and ones that need to be filled. The detailed discussion of this was tabled till the June Meeting. The following table also shows the BOD Liaison responsible to insure actions are being addressed and communicated.

Key Officers/Directors/Reps/Chairs/Committees and BOD Liaison				
Executive Position Title	BOD Liaison (Responsible)	Name	Phone	Email
Master Scheduler	Rick Hughes	Chris Grippin		
Registrar	Rich Uhlig	Rich Uhlig		
Communications	Rick Hughes			
Web Master	Rick Hughes	Chris Grippin		
Fund Raising (Sponsors)	Rich Uhlig			
Past Presidents	Tom O'Neill	Tom O'Neill		
Travel Rep	Peter Dugan			
Snowbelt A Rep	Tim McKinney			
Snowbelt B Rep	John Stevens			
House Rep	Brian Crane			
Parent Education	John Stevens			
Locker Rep	John Stevens			
Jerseys	Brian Crane			
Coaches Committee	John Duthie	Committee of 9		
Tournaments	John Duthie			
Pictures	Tim McKinney			
Year Book	John Stevens			
Recreation Director	TBD			
In-Line	TBD			
Learn to Play	Brian Crane			
Initiation Rep	Brian Crane	Joe Kieley		
Mite Rep	Brian Crane			
Squirt Rep	Dan Mitchell			
PeeWee Rep	John Stevens			
Bantam Rep	Tim McKinney	Dave Lewis		
Midget Rep	Peter Dugan	Rob Ralyea		
High School	Peter Dugan			
Junior Rep	Peter Dugan	Rob Ralyea		
Summer Program				
Team Equipment				
Leadership/Community Development	Rick Hughes			

New Business:

1. Summer IYHA Programs

It was agreed to move forward with plans for IYHA summer programs as they are an important part of building and keeping players. The summer program must be open to all players in that age group and they must be registered with IYHA in 2007-2008 or have proof of USA Hockey registration to participate. The cost could be partially subsidized by IYHA once participant levels are estimated from surveys by coaches.

- Midget Adult League -- Chris Grippin/ Peter Dugan are contacts
- Bantam/PeeWee – to be determined contact
- Squirts -- Rick Kuhar is point of contact. He is looking at Wednesday's from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

2. Coaches' Recognition at Cornell Game

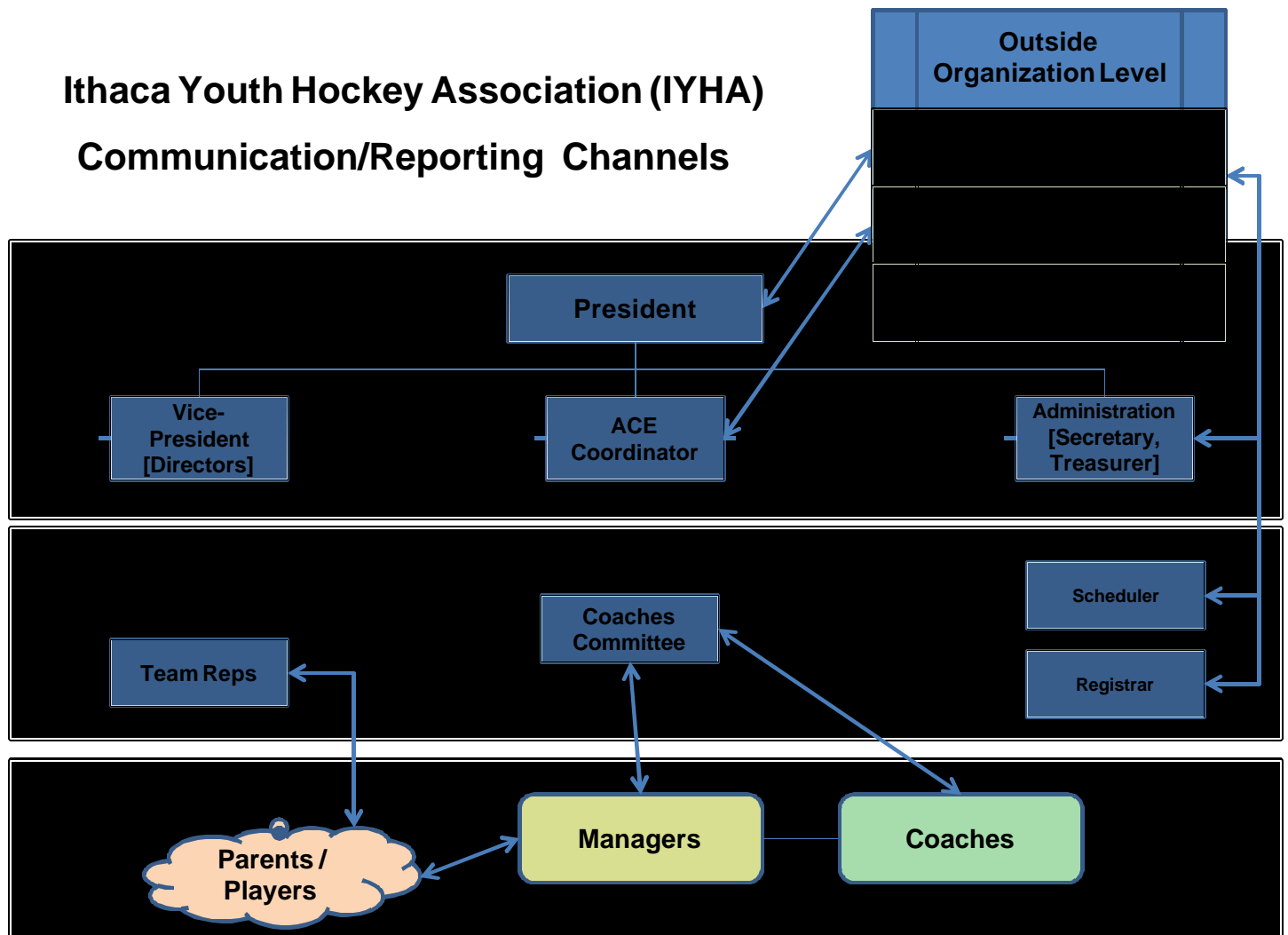
Rick Hughes deferred discussion of the potential of recognizing or coaches and volunteers at a Cornell game during the student break to the June meeting.

3. Discussions with Ithaca High School Coach

Chris Grippin discussed a meeting he had with Ithaca High School coach. It was resolved by those present that there is desire to have open dialog with the high school coach.

4. IYHA Communications

There is need to have clear communications among various groups as we move forward in the planning process for 2008-2009. The following graphical depiction of our current organizational structure will be deferred to the June meeting.



Meeting Adjourned