

Minutes of the IYHA Board of Directors Meeting

September 19, 2006

Location: The Rink

Board Members Present

Michael Boggs, Sharon Kasel, Todd McGill, Craig Mcallister, Tim McKinney, Bob Mendola, Brad Bilinski, Tom O'Neil, Beau Saul, Peter Dugan.

Members Present

Pat Musa, John Callister, Dan Wheeler, Louise Watson, Rick Kuhar, Ed Pfaff.

Meeting called to order at 7:10.

Minutes approved for summer meetings.

Presidents Report

Requested that VP reports be sent to board members via e-mail 3 days prior to meeting.

Schedulers Report

Sharon Reported that the travel game schedule has been completed. Discussed potential of 3 Squirt Snowbelt teams.

Treasurers / Registrar Report

Brad Reported the balances in checking account. October Ice bill to the rink has been paid. Several people took the installment option at registration. Approximately \$17,000 remains to be paid in December on the installment plan.

There are still several people that preregistered that have not yet sent in their registration paperwork and fees. The board determined to send out an e-mail notification that all registrations needed to be post marked by the 23rd of September or a late fee of \$50 per player would be charged. Also registrations received after the deadline may not have space available on a team.

UNYHL VP Report

Beau Saul gave the UNY Report. The current VP for UNY, Brad, also holds the treasurers position. Due to the volume of work in the treasurers position the board needs to find another board member to act as UNY VP. Michael Boggs will go to the UNY meeting next week to represent IYHA. A permanent replacement was not found at this meeting.

The board also discussed Midget UNY Fees. It was determined that the board will revisit fees for

teams after we have received all registrations.

Travel Report

Todd reviewed the travel tryouts. Todd was on hand to handle any issues that may arise. Discussed how to handle tryouts for kids that are injured or sick during the tryout period. Todd will be holding a coaches meeting with the travel coaches.

50th Anniversary Committee Report

Louise Watson gave a report on the 50th Anniversary Committee. Several news outlets have responded positively about the celebration. The Ithaca Journal will print a 10-12 page insert in the paper the week before the Hockey Expo. News Center 10 will do a story on IYHA as well. The Cayuga Radio Group will be doing Public Service Announcements about the expo. A e-mail will go out to the membership in a few days to request volunteer support.

Snowbelt Report

Peter Dugan Presented the Snowbelt Report submitted in advance.

Meeting 9/14/2006 Present from Ithaca, Beau Saul and Peter Dugan.

1. League Dues
 - a. \$ 50 per association
 - b. \$ additional \$50 per team.

2. Schedule
 - a. Oct 8 team numbers due
 - b. Oct 15 schedule out to association schedulers
 - c. Nov 1 Midget Rosters due
 - d. Nov 4 League games begin
 - e. Nov 18 Tentative Rosters Due
 - f. Dec 31 Final rosters
 - g. Feb 18 Q games completed

3. East/West Regions

4. Secretary needed, anyone interested?

5. Association Sizes
 - a. 25-28 Squirts
 - b. 19-22 PW
 - c. 16-17 Bantams
 - d. 11-12 Midgets

6. Hardship cases heard
 - a. Any team asking for hardships will be subject to sit out JAMS, SB Vote.
 - b. Ithaca pleaded hardship with
 - i. Squirt (potential for three teams)

7. Issue with Camillus Midgets.
8. Next meeting October 12, 2006 Valley Legion 7:30 pm.

Learn to Play Hockey Report

Peter Dugan Presented the Learn To Play Hockey Report Submitted in advance.

Try Hockey – Agenda Summary

1. To date 140+ kids signed up, over 120 touched the ice.
 - a. 79, 68, 78 kids show up.
2. Advertisement in Ithaca Journal
3. IYHA Funds
 - a. Spring Fliers approx. \$175
 - b. Fall Fliers approx \$175
 - c. Initiation Sticks approx \$180
4. Keep Kids
 - a. Roster
 - b. Some 3.5-5 year olds will/may not want FULL time initiation
 - c. Propose ½ time Initiation this November
 - d. Propose October skate (fee to recoup)
5. October Skates Help Needed
 - a. Equipment
 - b. Registration Table
 - c. Coaches
6. October Skate – USA Hockey Program Needed!
 - a. Personal Injury Coverage – push to get kids in USA hockey.
 - b. Cost for the ice, spool into non-profit account

The board discussed the possibility of extending the learn to play hockey program throughout the year. Concerns were raised over funding and sharing of ice costs with TGHA. Additional concerns were the impact on the initiation program. A committee of Craig Mcallister, Tom O'Neil and Peter Dugan were formed to discuss how to position the Try Hockey Program and the Initiation Program.

Adult Education Program

Bob Mendola discussed the adult education requirement. So far it has been received favorably. Discussed how to deal with situations regarding bad behavior. Micheal Boggs reviewed relevant sections of the players handbook that deal with these issues.

Communications Report

Tom O'Neil presented the Communications Report submitted in advance.

Web Site Update

7. Web Site Redesign 90% complete. Tasks remaining: Update meeting minutes section. Finish Team Layout sections.
8. Will Update the 50th Anniversary Section and History Photo Albums throughout the year.
9. Removed all commercial Links. I have received requests to send advertisements using e-mail blast but have not done so.
10. Will send e-mail to members asking for photos throughout the year. The goal is to build a photo album on the web site. This should help build a sense of community in the membership and help promote hockey to people that are not yet playing.
11. Would like to solicit someone to write an one page article on how to equip your hockey player for the new families. We can put this up on the web site.

E-Mail List

9. The e-mail list is not complete. We have been receiving a few requests a week to get added to the e-mail list. This creates problems as we rely on the list as one of our primary communications vehicles.
10. We need to create a plan to insure that everyone that registers gets on the e-mail list.

Registration

- Received a few e-mails regarding registration. There was some confusion as to if people needed to register in September. I checked the e-mail blast that was sent out with the early registration and it specifies that there was not going to be a fall registration. This may be why some people were confused regarding registration.
- I recommend we have create a committee at some point in the year that will address the operational logistics of early registration. We need to come up with a streamlined method to obtain the early registration data along with the required forms and fee payments at a later date.
- Discussed on line USA Hockey registration with people from TGHA. We should explore that option. It would reduce the paperwork we collect at registration.

Handbook and Bylaws updates.

Micheal Boggs presented the revised player handbook and bylaws. He will send those via PDF to the members for approval via e-mail prior to the next meeting.

Coach Screenings

Beau Saul Discussed Coach screening forms. They are due by the 5th of November.

Association Solicitations

Beau Saul discussed the solicitations that he receives regarding the association. Most of these are for web site work or to market something to our association members. He ignores these.

We discussed the team / player pictures for this year. The board decided to use the same person as last year for the pictures. Board member Tim McKinney took the pictures last year and will do so this year.

Next meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 10th at 6:00 PM at The Rink.

The board meeting then moved into executive session.