

ERRA
Meeting Minutes for October 26th, 2009

Members Present: Todd Monge, Tina Basil, Dave Cox, Darren Rubo, Wendy Ebert, Jason Boxrucker, Rod Sternhagen, Wade Klessig, Bob McDonald Jr.
Absent Bob McDonald Sr.

Others present: Maria Z., Ron R., many other members.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Todd Monge at 18:08.

Wendy reports that she has received numerous phone calls from parents this week. A question was asked about why we have policies in place and why we are not using them? Why is everything different this year? Darren says that we used to have judges, then the coaches committee and then the determinations on teams. Wendy says that we got away from tryouts in 2006 as there was too much pressure on the parents and the kids. Rod says that the only problem he has seen is the communications throughout this process. It is also reported that the use of the unbiased committee was great and that it takes the pressure off of the coaches picking the teams solely during this time. Darren says that he feels that this year is the best that he has seen. There are parents here tonight that do not agree. It is noted that we live in a very small community and that it is very hard to be unbiased. It was also suggested that the judges should have been spread out around the arena and not just sitting together.

The 1st night had a group of 4 unbiased judges and the coaches were also in the stands.

Wendy asked, what about the kids that were sick or not here? She feels that the pressure is back with tryouts. That is why the last 3 year worked so well. Wendy read the annual meeting minutes from 2006. It was noted that this is still being followed. Dave said that years ago the stress level was high and he described some personal experiences. Everyone agrees that the communications during this time was very poor but that we will get it right. Everyone is trying to get this done and there is nothing in writing as of yet regarding teams. It was noted that people need to start showing up at the coaches meetings. We all need to be positive and move forward. Maria Z. says that she has attended the last few board meetings and that all intentions have been good. One issue was brought up about Mite Goalies. Just because someone comes out dressed to be a goalie should not automatically make them a goalie. This is being discussed tonight. Problem is that kids that play goalie are not required to skate out. It was noted that all kids should skate out through Mites and not try out for goalie until Squirts, but it

is not policy yet, only suggested. This is a topic we discussed last year and wanted a recommendation by the coaches committee to put in new association handbook.

Communication is again the problem.

Player move up. There should have been more communication on this. A skater has been skating up but nothing has been announced. There are move up rules in place to cover this.

Bobby has been skating with the kids and so far his list matches the coaches' committee lists. Not all kids have been seen.

The goal of having the coaches committee was to take this job off the board so that the board can be free to make more business decisions.

Kurt requests that we make sure that the coaches are involved before the lists are released.

Kurt also requests that the move up rules be followed so we do not open a Pandora's box. Last year we had a numbers issue and that is why kids were moved. It is noted that the board has the right to do this and it is written in the rules.

Bobby submitted a handout on the evaluation process and procedure. Glen says that he likes what Bobby has written up. Again communication is the key.

Darren says that the judges that were here did not know about the player trying to move up and all evaluations were fair.

There were many thanks to Bobby, the coaches committee and others for all the time put forward on this.

Coach Selection:

Bantam – Dave Cox

Squirt – Mark Zingler

U12 – Dave Eibner

U14 – Dan Savoula

Pee Wee A – Larry Sneden Sr.

Pee Wee B – Mike Sanbourn

Mite A – Larry Sneden Jr.

Mite B –

Coaches can have 2 assistant coaches that they will choose. Note: only one assistant will get reimbursed. All need to have current Certifications.

Motion by Dave C. to Accept Coaches as recorded by the coaches committee. Mite B will be done by email approval. 2nd by Jason B. Motion Carried.

Roof:

A copy of the contract was passed out. Work on the roof is in process. The workers have the approval of the board that if they find any rotten, warped or broken boards to replace them. So far all is going well. Darren asked if the roof above the Hall of Fame is included in the work. Answer is yes.

Wreath Update:

Add was placed in the paper today. The committee would like to give Cindy some kind of down payment on the wreaths as last year she received nothing until everything was done. It was recommended that we at least give her a percentage of the sales at the time of the order.

Motion made by Darren R. to pay Cindy 50% on November 15th. 2nd by Dave C. Motion Carried.

Bobby made the recommendation that we start to look at buying New jerseys. Bobby will get some samples and prices. The worse jerseys are the squirts and mites. We can also see about getting sponsors.

Wendy says that it would be nice to get information out to the people on just what an ACE Director does.

Motion by Todd M. at 19:25 to move to closed session. 2nd by Wade K. Motion Carried.

Motion by Darren at 20:45 to move to open session. 2nd by Todd M. Motion Carried.

Coaches committee recommends for Cody Jantzen to move up to the Pee Wee A's. It is noted that the player does not meet all the criteria for move up.

Motion by Todd M. to not let Cody J. play a the PeeWee A level due to a failure to meet several of the move up criteria but to give him the option of playing on the PeeWee B's due to numbers at the Squirt and Pee Wee levels. 2nd by Jason B.

Motion carried by 4 yes, 2 against and 2 abstained.

Next meeting November 2nd at 18:30.

Motion to adjourn at 20:50 by Todd M. 2nd by Tina B. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Basil