

ERRA
Meeting Minutes December 21st, 2009

Members Present: Bob McDonald Sr., Todd Monge, Tina Basil, Wendy Ebert, Dave Cox, Darren Rubo, Rodney Sternhagen, Bob McDonald Jr., Wade Klessig, Maria Zingler

Absent: Jason Boxrucker

Others Present: Numerous

Meeting called to order by President Bob McDonald Sr. at 18:43.

Secretaries Report: Motion to approve by Todd M., 2nd by Wendy E. Motion Carried.

Treasures Report: None this meeting.

Liquor Liability Insurance:

We are under insured for this. Because Falcons are members they can be under our wing. Question was asked about how much the Falcons should pay and how much we should pay. What percentage? We could sell at gun show, Home Show, Auction, etc. We should put Kim on the license.

Website:

This is coming along. Darren and Jack are working on this. Everyday more content is being added. Ex. Hockey School, etc. Dave is working on the January ice practice schedule. With this program you can tag teams so you can track where they will be playing. Also this will show teams by the week. The schedule will also upload into this. This will be a great tool and will improve communication. The website will have the same address as our old website when finished. We plan to go live in January. The Figure Skating Club will be included and Jacqui Monge will be contacted about this.

NHLPA Grant:

They would like to know more about our association and what we are planning to use the money on. Can we get some information on the Rink history and send it to Rodney. Also history can be put onto the website. Darren would like anyone who has any pictures of the Rink to get them to him so he can include them.

Rink Lights / Cooling Plant Update:

Ice plant checklist is out and is located in a green binder out in the cooling plant. We need to talk to Dave about doing the daily checks. If it is an issue with Dave then maybe we as a board could rotate this responsibility. Cooling plant is fixed. Charlie is ordering supplies. Charlie asked about an advertisement/sign for the work. We could have a sign made up for him and they would pay the yearly fees to display.

Rink lights are showing a 43% reduction in energy so far. Dave would like to look at the compressors next. The wiring of the compressors needs to be improved. He wants to see the WE energy bills.

USA Hockey:

ADM is big into the development of kids. They have free video clips that you can take to the news for advertisement. They also have a Hockey parent video that the parents could watch. We need to get into the schools more to promote more players. Maybe offer class trips on open ice during the day. Cross USA is Jan 29th – 31st. They recommend having a one hour free time for the kids that what to try skating. We could have 4 coaches out on the ice to help kids with equipment and things. This is if we want to do this. Suggestion was to advertise open skate on the website. USA is recommending a free skate once a month but we do this weekly.

Zamboni

Where do we sit with the replacement? The one we were looking at is sold. The company has been trying to sell us a new one but we are looking into used. Todd is working on getting prices. He has been emailing the rep for information but so far he has not heard back. Todd will keep working on this. Someone has a 2003 that will be coming up for sale. He told them we are interested.

We also need to look at training Zamboni drivers. We need to make sure that everyone is being trained the same way. Maybe Brad could do the training. We need to decide how long training will be and what it needs to include. We could also use a check list for ice shaving. We need to know when this is being done.

Motion by Todd M. to give Bobby the authority to meet with Brad and set up training for Zamboni drivers. 2nd by Darren R. Motion Carried.

Game Schedule:

Have more games been scheduled for the girls? Maria says yes. She does not know details but says that it is getting better.

Equal Ice:

Dave wanted to discuss having siblings on the ice. There is good and bad with this. There are issues and it is better not to do this. Marks letter was good and we do see his point. It would be ok to use the High School kids for this but not siblings. We also need to consider that kids could get hurt.

Motion by Todd M. not to allow helpers at practices unless they are High School age or older. The only exception to this will be In House as this will be handled by the ACE coordinator. 2nd by Wade K. Motion Carried.

Player attendance/ Mandatory and optional:

What is really mandatory? The two scheduled practices should be required. This will be discussed with the coaches. The ACE coordinator will get with the coaches to clarify the requirements.

Meadow has a question on the ice time issue. She asked about the Handbook requirements. She feels the "2 – 30 second" rule should not be listed as a minimum. Rodney gave a coaches perspective on this and says that it's hard due to the nature of the game. It was suggested that if there is no reason for it that we should get rid of it. Steve L stated his opinion on this. This will be looked into further.

Rink Signs:

Darren retrieved the spread sheet off the old computer. He says that he hopes that the list is up to date. He would like to take pictures of the signs that are up and see what is really being displayed. There may be some that need to be added to the list and some that need corrections. There were some questions on the signs on the boards. Wicked Grill still needs to pay. There are some signs that have not even been billed yet. Darren is working on the list and will get the bills sent out.

Pond Hockey:

This year they want to add 4 more rinks. We need Refs. Mac is taking care of score keepers. Bobby and Kim are working on sponsorships. Question was asked about insurance. Yes we are covered. Mac will get more details and will advertise in the paper for volunteers.

Penn Coaching Grievance:

Steve is here to address the board on this. He says that he is not here as a lawyer but is here as Dave's friend. He says that our mission is about kids having fun doing hockey. He feels that Dawson is being picked on and that he is not getting equal ice time. (Not played enough). He says that we should act on it. There was much discussion on this. Dave C. says that he is glad that Steve L is here speaking from his heart.

Motion by Wade K. to move into closed session at 20:30. 2nd by Todd M. Motion carried.

Motion by Wade K. to open session at 21:15. 2nd by Wendy W. Motion carried.

Bantam 12 team tournament. Parents would like sign up sheets so they can get their hours in. Wendy says that the teams are allowed to put sign up sheets up for hours.

Motion to adjourn at 21:21 by Wade K. 2nd by Tina B. Motion carried.

Next meeting January 18th 2010 at 18:30.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Basil