

Everest Youth Hockey
Board Meeting
January 13th 6:30 PM

Members Present: Mike Wasmundt, Pete Jaglinski, Ryan Berdal, Mike Lukasik, Charlie Herwig, Lonny Techel, Eric Beck, Joel Widmann, Bernie Begley, Barb Schubring, Ken Jensen, Dave Burnett & Bob Schmitt

Members Absent: Faye Landry, Jac Du Vair & Tod Speer

Secretary report: November minutes reviewed, motion made by Bernie to approve, seconded by Dave, motion passed.

Pete provided an update on the values program; all teams have completed the program and Charlie can release checks to all teams that ask for them. To date, eight teams have asked for reimbursement.

2010 election is coming up; we have 4 spots up for election. The plan is as follows:

- e-mail blast and website posting of application 1/14
- Last day to accept ballots 2/24
- Mail ballots on 3/1
- Last day to get ballots back 3/24
- New officers installed on 4/14

The plan was approved and Mike L and Pete will follow up. All board members are asked to recruit new members to the board.

Each board member was asked to turn in articles for the midyear newsletter by 1/27 to Dave and Ryan. They will create the newsletter and target a release day of 2/5/10.

Treasurers Report: Charlie presented the report, Mike made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Lonny, motion passed. Charlie explained that he is still working on getting final numbers from the Skat-a-thon. He believes he now has all the check and information to enter onto the books.

Registrar report: Mike provided a final report on the skaters for 09/10. We have 151 skaters this year this is down from the 08/09 year by 20 skaters. Mike provided a projection for 2010/11 year at 143, skaters along with projections for each level. All levels are projected to have two teams again next year except, the mites who will have three. We will have to watch the PeeWee, program as that age is on the low side for numbers once again.

Mike also presented a projection for the next three years. There is a bubble moving through the High school program at the sophomore level. Once these kids graduate, the high school program will need to backfill with younger kids. The concern is that this hits

EYH at the 98/99 level and this is our age group with the lowest numbers in the program. EYH will address this issue at the summer planning meeting.

EYH will skate with the high school team on Jan 19th. Mike and Eric are putting this together with events planned for the breaks between 1&2 and 2&3rd.

Official's report Ken reported that we received one claim from early January. He will address this issue, but overall very pleased with our officials.

Ken raised a concern that there was not equal distribution of games for the Freeze tournament. EYH officials got on average 3 games, when the other two associations got 6. Eric will take the suggestion to move officials around and have equal games to the freeze group.

Storm: The ongoing issue of moving players up to play as needed was put on hold. The issue came from the U12 & U14 team. The issue of who and when and why has caused issues. The Storm program is working out the details and addressing the issue. There was a procedure that was put in place and it was not followed. Nothing the EYH needs to do, this is just an awareness issue.

Ken reported that the Storm team is buying all new uniforms – they will be selling the old ones to help fund this, the current ones are 7 years old.

On Jan, 29th the In-House girl's team will skate with the Varsity.

Storm indicated that they want to send out their own flyers for 2010. This raised some discussion as we have 12 min-mite girls and we need to be careful in the communication to the family so that these girls know their options. The goal is to keep them all in hockey, not keep them in any one program.

Ken reported that overall girls hockey is being restructured by WAHA- other than the general info that this is being done the impact on EYH is not known.

Scheduler Report: Bernie reported that he continues to fill ice with games. On Feb 21st he let some ice go, as all the EYH teams are booked.

The question was raised concerning the PeeWee and Bantams getting the late ice. Bernie reported that 4 nights a week we have late ice. We are forced to buy this ice, as the early spots are limited. The plan for the rest of the year is to have the Bantams go after the PeeWee's when they both practice on the same night. This impacted two nights in Feb. Ryan took issue with the comments by parents that board does not care about these kids. He went on record to say that we do care, but we are limited by the ice at Greenheck. Options for ice at other facilities will be explored for next year.

Ace Coordinator: Mike reported that we have a new cabinet for the equipment. This was donated by one of the parents and a thank you to them has been made.

Mike reported that he has gotten a couple of complaints of coaches playing a “short bench”, meaning that all the players are not getting equal playing time as defined by the EYH handbook. Mike will address this with the coaches involved.

Mike reported that he is getting a lot of slack about the approaches that EYH took this year that the program is not about winning but about development and having fun. Mike will address the rumors and complaints in the newsletter.

Manager of Manager Report: Shirts have been ordered for the shot club and will be in by the end of Jan and will be given to the kids.

Mite Coordinator Report: Jan 17th is the outdoor potluck skate at Kennedy park depending on the weather.

Sponsorship Committee: Barb is working on a report detailing who has credits and how much. The plaques have been ordered for the sponsors and the players will be asked to give the plaques to the sponsors Feb. We still have about \$8K in pledged dollars that have not been collected.

Fundraiser Committee Report: All payments that have been received for the Skate-a-thon have been turned into EYH. There is about \$1,000 outstanding and this will be required to be paid by 1-31 or these kids will not play until they pay.

The raffle and dinning cards due date is 1-31 and the managers will be collecting.

Posters are being created for the main event and should be out by the edd of the month. Two billboards will be used to advertise the event to the public as well.

Tournament Committee: The committee reported that the Freeze went very well. Final numbers and report will be presented in Feb. There are a number of cases of root beer left and a message will be sent to EYH regarding the sale of these.

Other Score sheets need to be kept, the ones for the past couple years will be given to Faye to keep in the storage locker.

Eastbay has asked for the opportunity to present to EYH in and effort to take over the merchandise. Bob will coordinate this with Eric.

The ice issues at Greenheck have been pinned down to the water. Greenheck is looking at a reverse osmosis system and is getting bids for this.

Suggestion was made to do a target mailing/e-mail to the soccer club in an effort to boost our numbers at the younger level. This will be done in the fall.

Pete, Lonny, and Charlie presented an option for a fall 3 vs. 3-hockey league. This was discussed and Mike will look at including this in his Blaze summer program.

Jac reported that he is looking into changing the format of our youth hockey camp. It would be for one week over the summer. We would be targeting the serious hockey kids, as this is going to be an intense week. I think we are going to start with PeeWee's and Bantams, but we could consider doing something on a lesser scale with the Squirts.

Basically, the idea is to do five, eight hour days. There will be 4 hours of ice/ day, 1-2 hours of off-ice training daily and 1-2 hours classroom instruction daily. The price would be between \$350-400 for the week.

He wanted EYH to put a feeler out to the board to see if this is something we should just run through EYH or open area wide. If it is felt that we could fill this fairly well with EYH kids, that's where we'd like to start.

Eric, Joel, and Dave agreed to work with the village of Weston to move the idea of an outdoor rink ahead.

Next meeting March 11th at 6:30 check website for location.