

DYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2010
6:00 P.M.
Riley's Mitsubishi Showroom

1. Call to Order by Brian Rieckens

Current Board Members Present:

Mike Belmont, Erin Coates, Eric Ellingboe, Samantha Hancock, Shawn Kelly, Ben Kluesner, Brian Rieckens, Jim Riley, Marilyn Snyder, John Tigges, and Duane Tucker.

Excused: Lisa Thormann and Dave Zillig.

Board Members Not Present and Not Approved: none

2. Motion to approve the April minutes by Duane Tucker, seconded by Mike Belmont, and carried.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Sam Hancock gave the report. All but two travel teams are balanced out. Sales and gaming tax paid every quarter \$78. Under sponsorship on the second page, \$1,000 was taken out of savings and put into the checking account. Brian Rieckens asked if people are donating any money to the sponsorship fund. Mike Belmont said in the past Union Hoerman has donated money to the fund. Jim Riley asked how the aid is determined. Mike said there is a form to fill out at sign up and a committee reviews the applications. In the past Dawn has handled it at the front end. \$122.62 taxes for the high school, they paid us the extra money for tax forms. Rental equipment purchased by Lisa was reimbursed, \$305 for flyers and \$265 for candy for reimbursement. Mike said the equipment Lisa purchased for rental was on sale.

Motion to approve by Erin Coates, seconded by Duane Tucker, and carried.

4. Old Business

A. Appreciation Dinner: May 22 at Catfish Charlie's - 6:30 cocktails, dinner at 7:00

B. High School meeting: Ben Kluesner gave an update. Jim Goodman said having Ben on the coaching committee is a conflict of interest due to the fact that he is listed as a reference for a head coaching candidate. Ben will still be involved. There will be a High School meeting after the Midwest League meeting.

Brian Rieckens passed out the new committee assignment list for the year.

5. Committee Reports (Include Checklists)

A. Apparel/Merchandise: Nothing to report.

B. Bylaws: Brian Rieckens said we have to have a bylaws reading at the next board meeting. There may be the need to clarify some things before the year-end party.

- Brian said the league commissioner is to oversee the house team and travel team committees.
- C. Coaching/Evaluations: Brian will give Jim the forms, and try to give them out by June 1. Coaching classes are this fall, none this summer. You can only take 1 class per year.
 - D. Equipment/Rental Program: Ben gave the report. Tim said he has gotten some more gear back at the dealership. Brian suggested we should do inventory before we move back to the new rink. Ben said maybe we need to get rid of some stuff after equipment rental. Brian asked if we need to order some more? Erin said maybe purchasing some larger equipment for bigger kids. Brian said there is usually a 20% increase due to the new hockey team and rink. Shawn suggested maybe a discount for a first year player. Ben said we talked about it last year and didn't know how much it would cost for the first year. Shawn suggested some kind of discount for squirts or pee wee's. Ben thinks additional discussion is needed. Mike said from a bookkeeping standpoint it would be a challenge. Also, we wanted to make a definition of the free program. Ben said we haven't turned anyone away for scholarship assistance. Erin said the rental program helps defray the cost for new players with bigger equipment. Jim suggested emailing people to see if anyone could donate old equipment for other players. Mike said having a dedicated rink open all the time would make drop off easier.
 - E. Fundraising: Lisa is not here to do a report. Eric Ellingboe said his wife works at the Clarke Bookstore, and has a contact with Nike about warm ups. This could be used as a fundraiser with so many purchased they would donate money back to the organization. He will find out more info. Mike passed out a flyer for the paver project at the new rink. DICE has offered to give 10% back to DYHA for all sales of the bricks. Mike is heading it up and John Ervolino is heading it up with DICE. It is important to get the word out and kicking it off. The sales are for construction funds. This will be ongoing project and there are plans to expand the plaza as the need. Mike will forward the digital copy to Duane for the website. There are some color copies available to hand out. Forms can be returned to Mike or John. Duane asked when the first ones will be installed? Mike said it should be very close to opening in August. Mike asked about having another trivia night? Brian suggested before registration and after baseball.
 - F. Golf Outing: Mike and Bob were talking about the golf outing and postponing. There are challenges about changing it. Lacoma is open every Friday in July, and also open in August. Erin said help is needed for the rest of May. Mike will check with Lacoma to see if we can change the date to June 18 from June 4. Mike will let Erin know about the contacts. Mike will resend the flyer. If you can't call your list let Erin know. Duane will update the flyer.
 - G. House League: Erin gave the update on the Handbook for House League. Erin said it is a guide for coaches, parents, and also an information piece. Update player classifications, maybe reference something online rather than changing it every year. We want feedback on the document. There should be evaluation at the beginning and the mid year and year end to see how they improve. Changing teams in mid year might be a conflict for some parents. It is getting too competitive and it should be recreational level. Mike said there was only one

time that a player was moved from a team. Coaches should not be yelling at each other across the ice about lines, and should be able to work together. Jim said it is common sense to move the kids around. Mid season re-evaluation for the teams will occur. House league assignments for the parents and House team moms will encourage involvement. Erin asked Mike about the Iowa Games at the new rink. Erin went through the handbook highlights. The Bylaws match the house league policy or vice versa. Playing down a level is not allowed by USA Hockey. Erin will look up the rules. John Tigges asked about making it a requirement for the neck guard at all levels. Mike said there has been discussion about requiring neck guards. The built in neck guard is more recommended due to the others possibly being pushed up in the neck. Erin said at the Upper House we want to run it like the Old Bucks or Fossils, where there are 4 teams and they play each other. Mike said one of the challenges is finding coaches for the Upper House. Duane said the high school age is untapped, and upper house could be an opportunity for that age group to play recreational hockey. Upper house could start 2 weeks into the season. John Tigges suggested maybe Leisure Services could do a fall or spring league. Erin said House League was not well attended for practices, having a 25 minute practice and 1 hour game. The younger kids would not last that long. Discussion about having Travel Team and House League practices together. Mike said the purpose of splitting up the TT practice and House League teams was to work on skill levels. Duane said more coaches are showing up for TT and not House League. Sam suggested having an older kid teaching a small group of kids a drill or skill. Mike said there is limited time on the ice as it is 1 hour. Maybe older kids it might work but not the younger kids.

- H. Ice/Referee Schedules: Nothing to report
 - I. Website: See online registration below
 - J. Pictures/Awards: Nothing to report
 - K. Public Relations/Promotions: Mike will get with Brian McCoy about the flyers for the schools. Erin Coates suggested we should put together a flyer for Upper House which would cover the bantam age 13-up. Brian said the Upper House League is no checking and is co-ed. Mike said there is already interest with this age group due to the new arena. Duane said there is a general flyer on the website about hockey.
 - L. Registration: Brian asked if we would be able to hold registration at the new facility. Mike said he will know by July if it will be available. There was discussion about maybe starting earlier next season. Jim suggested maybe having an early league as well.
 - M. Scholarships: Nothing to report
 - N. Travel Team: Nothing to report, travel team meeting soon.
6. Update on the new rink from Bob Woodward
 Bob said the Paver project will be a good project. He encouraged board members to forward to active participation of board members. Orders are already being received for the pavers. Sam said it would be a good idea to have a sample at registration for people to see it. Bob gave an update on the rink. There were 2 press releases out today. The construction of the facility is on time. We are contractually obligated to have ice on

August 15 for the Saints pre-season camps and practices. No obstacles at this time. They are pouring the floor for the locker rooms now. The ceiling is all around the concourse. The next few weeks it should be closed in. The press release was picked up by KWWL, channel 7 at 10:00 pm. There will be an organizational meeting on Sunday at 4:00 and 6:30 pm at Catfish Charlie's. There is not an organization for figure skating, broom ball, etc. The public open house will help to answer questions about the facility and try and form a figure skating group. A couple of people have said they would help set up the figure skating club. USA hockey and US figure skating Assoc. have created a learn to skate program. This program is designed to teach basics of skating for figure or hockey programs. If not on a year round basis, it will be a good system. It will replace the current DYHA program and the cost will be in the \$35-\$70 for a level. The rink will run this program and they are looking for people to help teach. Bob said all of the rental skates from Five Flags are at the new building, so they will use that equipment. They will try and have something together for this September. Maybe a four week program that would start in September so they could get into Little Stars or other levels. Will learn to skate and figure skating take ice away? Days lost at Five Flags added up to 25-30 days last year. The ice will be in at least through June if not year around. If there are any non-ice events, it would be after April, the most would be 6. This would make ice available for camps, spring league, and summer league. Public skating would be available all year, and open on holidays and available. Synthetic ice could be a possibility. There are multiple storage areas available, 12-14 feet high with shelving needed. Two meeting rooms will be available as well. Wireless will be available in the arena and lobby area. 7 locker rooms - 1 for USHL and the other 6 available, and there will be a dedicated high school locker room. The arena will have 2,972 seats - plastic seats with cup holders. Mike said a storage facility wall might need to be put back with metal studs and dry wall, which could be done the first few weeks of August. Mike said they will be laying down the piping for the ice floor as well. Ben suggested getting the golf outing info to Adam from the Saints. Bob said the rink is donating a free birthday party to the golf outing for 10 kids, 1 hour ice time, and pizza. "Mystique Community Ice Arena" is the official name of the building.

7. New Business

- A. Added the on-line registration to current website: Duane talked to Ken with our website. He said they have added the online registration to our website. The cost is \$100 set up fee. They provide all the forms, training, and there is a 3.25% fee plus \$2 on processing each transaction. They will process all credit cards, checks, Paypal, and pay by month charges. USA Hockey is integrated with this website. There was discussion about listing our fees as \$210 and USA Hockey at \$38. Pay the fee at the USA Hockey first, and then register at our site. Mike said we don't know what the fees for ice are yet. It might be \$185 instead of \$175, an increase of \$10. Mike said he feels we still should require people to sign up. Maybe have a parent meeting before they are registered. Duane said they only need less than 1 week now to get it set up for online registration. Motion on the table to approve the \$100 by Duane Tucker, second by Ben Kluesner. Motion carried.

- B. End of year Association survey results: Duane passed around the survey copies. 56 surveys were returned this year, compared to 38 last year. Parents for the younger kids are submitting surveys rather than older kids' parents. Comments were discussed. Mike suggested having a director of operations for youth hockey and it should be a person who doesn't have a kid in hockey. Continued discussion about the information, and there was some good comments.
 - C. House League Handbook: Already discussed.
 - D. Goalie practice information from Dodgeville: This information will be forwarded to coaches.
 - E. Rink update - presented by Bob Woodward (discussed earlier)
 - F. Committee Assignments
8. Recap
9. Next Board Meeting - Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at Catfish Charlie's. This will be the annual By-Law meeting.
10. Adjournment: By motion duly made by Duane Tucker and seconded by Jim Riley, the meeting was adjourned.