

River Lakes Board
Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2010

Mission: River Lakes Hockey exists to provide a rewarding experience, focused on the development of players, and volunteers while promoting a fun, fair, and safe environment dedicated to the respect, sportsmanship, and excellence of all participants.

Opening: The regular meeting of the River Lakes Board was called to order @ 717PM on July 26, 2010 at Hafley's in Richmond by President, Swain Smith

Present: Swain Smith, President; Margaret Spanier, Vice President, Heather Kipf, Registrar; Tami Stanger, Secretary; Mary Sweep; Treasurer, Marsha Meed; Scheduler, Scott Klatt; Director, Mitch Sweep; Ace Coordinator, Gary Oothoudt ; D5 Representative

Secretary's Report: Tami Stanger

The minutes from the June 28th, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved with the amendment from RLW to RLE for the River Lakes East report and section. Motion: Margaret Spanier, 2nd Scott Klatt

The Timeline for the River Lakes Board was reviewed and the solicitation for Player Development members was moved to February.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Sweep

The Financial reports were reviewed and approved. Motion: Tami Stanger, 2nd: Margaret Spanier. The tax report from Habben & Co was reviewed and the statement for Habben & Co approved. Motion: Margaret, 2nd: Heather.

Player Development and Ace Coordinator Report: Mitch Sweep

- Dryland~ coaches will be allowed to carry their own dryland program @ the level they coach at choosing from a selection of drills. One day a week the coaches will work with the schedulers to give the teams a half hour before or after a practice for dryland.
- The PD has a special meeting scheduled for August 30 to plan Fall Clinics. Fall clinics will be run by Player Development this season and be offered at no charge.
- Player Development has requested adult supervision in the player boxes and benches during tryouts. River Lakes board members will full-fill this duty for levels they do not have skaters participating.
- Coaches are going to facilitate skill sets for skills nights.
- River Lakes is going to solicit outside coaches for all levels and have them apply along with parent coaches.
- Player Development is requesting that skaters that are requesting to waiver up attend tryouts with their age appropriate level as they must be moved to the lowest level at the next age group so do not need to attend tryouts. This is not Peer Waivers.

- Player Development supported the D5 recommendation of 15 full-ice games for Mites/8U . After much board discussion River Lakes passed a motion to allow 10- full ice games for Mite level hockey with a reminder that when the East scrimmages the West as one association this does not constitute a game at the District level. Motion: Margaret, 2nd: Tami.
- Player Development supported the D5 recommendation to not require neck guards. An original motion was passed to require River Lakes skaters to wear a neck guard on ice in all cases (practice, scrimmages, games, tournaments). Motion: Margaret, 2nd Heather. A discussion ensued regarding the regulatory body of USA Hockey, MN Hockey, being the bodies of knowledge for hockey and should we be overriding their decisions and the purpose of the Player Development Committee. In addition the enforcement of wearing neck guards would then fall on coaches without any real substance or penalty. A motion was then made that River Lakes Hockey strongly recommends all skaters wear a neck guard on ice at all time but, it will be up to parental discretion. Motion: Marsha, 2nd: Scott.
- Away tournaments were selected (these are preliminary and need to be finalized yet)

Squirt A	Duluth Jan 28-30	G 10U Hibbing	Feb 4-6
Squirt B West	Duluth Jan 28-30	G 12U Hibbing	Feb 4-6
Squirt B East	Breezy Point Dec 18-19	G 14U Hibbing	Feb 4-6
PeeWee A	Redwood Falls Jan 7-9		
PeeWee B	Owatonna Dec 17-19		
PeeWee C	Breezy Point Jan 23-25		
Bantam A	Bemidji Dec 3-5		
Bantam B	Breezy Dec 3-5		
- PeeWee/12U level hockey will go to 15 minute stop periods without re-surface. Bantam level hockey will go to 15 minute stop periods with re-surface.
- Mandatory adult locker room monitoring and supervision will be required by USA hockey this season. I have attached the USA Hockey statement. The USA Hockey policy is attached.
- As recommended by USA Hockey, and District 5: No cellphones, recordable devices, or devices with photography capabilities will be allowed in the locker rooms. The penalties will be: 1st offense; verbal warning to skater and parents, 2nd offense; sit a period in a game, 3rd offense; follows the disciplinary policy and a meeting with the Association President, coaches, parents, and player. Motion: Tami, 2nd: Heather
- Next Player Development Meeting is August 18th at Queen Bee's.

D5 Report ~ Gary Oothoudt

- New waiver forms were distributed to be returned by the association for player waiver requests
- All board members, coaches, etc are encouraged to look at the new D5 handbook available on the D5 website.

- A new goalie policy allowing a goalie in a specific situation with prior D5 approval to move up a level for a single game.

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Old Business:

- The 4-wheeler raffle and opportunities to sell tickets were discussed. We need to sell 40 more tickets to break even. Raffle date is September 18th.
- A discussion to standardize the kick-off packets as much as possible.
- Tournament hand-book~
 - In process, the board requested this be available for review prior to the next board meeting.

RLW Report- Margaret Spanier

- Rink Manager replacement in process.
- Fundraising~ waffle breakfast dates are set for Dec 5th, 2010 at New London Spicer and Jan 2nd at Paynesville.
- The RLW golf tournament is tentatively being moved from Oct 2 to Sept 25, 201.
- The floor in the rink has had some repairs made to ensure the tubing underneath remains intact.
- Registration has been set for 9-8-10 for existing players
- Job duties and responsibilities for numerous positions are being developed (fundraising, parades, recruitments, etc)
- Reviewing Kick-off packet.
- Sentence to Serve workers coming in August to work at the Paynesville rink.

RLE Report- Swain Smith

- Calendar adds are being sold
- Brochures for school open house are in process
- Clothing samples are requested for the 9-8-10 registration meeting for RLE
- Parade organization discussed

Registrar's Report~ Heather Kipf

- Requested that the Fall Camp brochures be ready and available at registration

Clothing Report ~ Margaret

- We continue to work on determining the 5% owed from Play It Again Sports based on orders still being filled as the Small Adult Easton hooded sweatshirts are still on backorder.
- A flyer was presented with the River Lakes "hoodie" that can be ordered at anytime. The board questioned the price of the "hoodie" and Margaret will ask Teri to look into that.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 PM. Motion Swain, 2nd Heather