

River Lakes Board
Meeting Minutes
August 23, 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 @ 707PM on Aug 23, 2010 at the Koronis Arena in Paynesville 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,

Secretary's Report: Tami Stanger

The minutes from the July 26th, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion: Margaret Spanier, 2nd Scott Klatt

The Timeline for the River Lakes Board was reviewed and the Tax due date of 9-15 was put on the August agenda.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Sweep

The Financial reports were reviewed and approved. Motion: Scott K, 2nd: Heather K. Approval to pay the current invoices. Motion: Margaret, 2nd: Heather. A Motion was made by Margaret and 2nd by Swain to approve TST to complete the file build so that we can accept credit card payments with on-line registration and tournament registrations.

Player Development and Ace Coordinator Report: Mitch Sweep

- PD requests a mass e-mail be sent out to go on-line to fill out coaches applications and with information regarding the Mandatory Coaches meeting on Sept 12th. River Lakes will register and pay coaches USA Hockey fee for coaches in attendance.
- 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. Tryouts for Bantams will move to Saturday and Sunday due to Football conflicts. Marsha and Kevin will schedule ice time.
- Existing coaches will not be re-interviewed if they were on the ice last year as a head coach
- Player Development is watching our squirt #'s as it is a possibility that Squirts will need to co-op across the board.

- Player Development talked about a speaker in Rochester that is giving a free symposium on concussions. We are going to try and recruit a speaker from Paynesville Area Health Care System to come in and speak to the coaches on this topic.
- Player Development is requesting the coaches are present and helping with the Fall camps.
- Broch Ballard is coming October 30-31. The cost of his camp is \$100.00.

D5 Report ~ Swain Smith

- September 1st is the D5 Tournament Coordinator meeting @ 630PM in Delano. Either Margaret Spanier or Tami Stanger will attend.
- Preliminary team declarations have been completed.
- Doug Foster is requesting the names for the Recruiting Director and Tournament Director for River Lakes
- The Affiliate agreement must be filled out to skate with D10 for 14U.

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
- Jersey order has been placed and is in process.

RLW Report- Margaret Spanier

- Rink Manager replacement in process.
- Rink Cleaning and updates are in process

RLE Report- Swain Smith

- Recruitment meetings
- Collection of past due debts
- Increase the number of board positions from 5 to 7 members

Registrar's Report~ Heather Kipf

- A motion was made by Tami and 2nd by Scott to approve the purchase of a Visa card for registration of coaches with USA Hockey.

Clothing Report ~ Margaret

- The on-line store will be e-mailed out to board members to preview

New Business~

- WSOA (West Suburban Officials) representatives Jeff Carlen and Don Clemens along with Mike Mooney (officials supervisor) presented information to the board. Some of the highlights were:
 - WSOA sent 2 crews to MN Hockey State Tournament
 - WSOA sent 2 officials to the NationalTournaments

- WSOA sent 4 officials to summer camp
- WSOA had 146 mentor slots last year
- Some issues that were highlighted:
 - Game misconduct penalties increased exponentially last year (44 game misconduct)
 - Match penalties were 6, mostly for kicking.
 - Stress ZERO tolerance for head contact
- Officiating seminars for D5 are sent in St Cloud for 1st level this year (check D5 website for more)
- Complaints can go to Mike Mooney and should be referred by Board members, Coaches, or ACE Coordinator.
- MN Hockey petitioned USA Hockey to reduce penalty to 1:30 minutes. The fair play point calculations will not change a minor = 2 minutes toward fair play points.
- The game scheduling fee is being reduced from \$4.00 to \$3.50 per game.
- Contact Jeff Carlen if kids aren't getting any games
- The board will need to discuss the contract presented.

Kick-off Meetings:

River Lakes West~ Sept 18th @ 6PM at Blue Sky in Spicer

River Lakes East~ Sept 26th @ 3PM at River Lakes rink in Richmond

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM. Motion Swain, 2nd Heather