

# ERRA

Eagle River Recreation Association

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## Annual Meeting Minutes September 20, 2010

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Vice President Todd Monge at 7:10 pm.

**Roll Call:** Todd Monge, Jason Boxrucker, Tina Basil, David Cox, Darren Rubo, Bob McDonald Jr., Rodney Sternhagen, Larry Snedden Jr., Maria Zingler, Wendy Ebert

### **President's Remarks (Opening Remarks):**

Vice President Monge welcomed the members present and thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication. He also remarked that newer families needed to be made aware of how much the volunteer fundraising and work hours reduces the amount of ice fees that each player has to pay. Each year brings changes and we all need to keep working together to keep our association running and keep Eagle River the destination for other teams and skaters to want to visit.

### **Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting:**

Vice President Monge asked if there were any corrections to be made to 09' minutes, none noted. A motion was made for minutes from the 2009 annual meeting to be approved. Motion made by Darren Rubo, second by Mike Sanborn. Voice vote pass.

### **Financial Report:**

Discussion and answers from floor and Jason on general items. No changes made. Motion made and second to accept the financial report. Voice vote pass.

## **Information Items:**

### **1. Online Store:**

Darren described that in early October, on the ERRRA website, that we will be opening an online store. We will be able to attach our logos to many items of apparel for both hockey and figure skating. A new logo for hockey is being designed and hopefully will be ready to add to this year's apparel. A portion of all proceeds are to be returned to the organization as a fundraiser. We will start out slow with the items offered and then add based on input from the members increase our selections. This should alleviate inventory in our pro shop and added overhead to the organization and give a better selection of team apparel.

### **2. Master Schedule:**

David Cox reported that the master schedule is online and October will be up this week. November is coming into shape and the goal is to get it up by mid month so people can plan. Hardest month is February as the HS play-offs change our schedule due to teams advancing each round or not as well as hosting or being on the road. Also hard time scheduling games for some levels so he will hold the schedule as long as possible so it is correct when posted. There is lots of open ice for the association members, just need an adult chaperone and necessary equipment if playing hockey (Helmets). Problem is ice time available often is not at the optimum time from 4:00 to 8:00 at night. Goal is to get each age level 2 practices a week and one night of skills. Need people other than coaches to help run skills for forwards and goalies both. Ice needs and times have changed because of the HS boys JV, Girls having HS varsity, and U14/12 giving us more teams desiring prime ice. He will not put splits or mandatory practices on calendar in the future. Coaches and instructors need to schedule additional ice but it should not be mandatory other than the time scheduled for regular 2 X's a week per level or FS Level scheduled nights. He is open to getting anyone the ice time they need and willing to work with any member.

### **3. Registration:**

Darren said registration is going well with the new online process up and running. The hope is that next season all registrations will be conducted online. The database created by this registration will help in organizing member contact info and financially who has paid. There were a few small glitches initially but all seems to be running smooth now. Input from the members is appreciated.

## **Business Items:**

### **1. Ice Fee Schedule:**

Darren described that the ice fee schedule had only changed slightly. \$10.00 plus tax was added to the base fee to help defray the expenses of online registration and \$5 was added to all tournament fees for hockey because of the increased cost of tournaments attending and decreased team enrollment.

## **2. Committees:**

There was a call to volunteer for committees by Monge, with various members volunteering for committee positions. Names were noted and members were told that the final decision on committee chairpersons would be at the next regular board meeting.

## **3. Capital Improvements/Financing:**

Todd announced that back at the beginning of July the board entered into an agreement with Becker Arena products to purchase a new dasher board and glass system for the New rink including seamless glass for the spectator side. The glass will all be 5' high providing better protection to spectators from flying pucks. Also as part of this contract we will be purchasing new glass for the Dome which will be 5' high as well. All glass is to be tempered versus the acrylic that we have now. We have sold the old board and glass system to an association near Duluth, MN. Darren has drafted a construction which is slated to start Monday October, 11<sup>th</sup>. Everyone's help is necessary to complete this project. Hours to be counted as other hours towards this season's worker hours. The association has saved a substantial sum of money by providing the labor for this project. A list of required tools was also provided.

Jason described that the ERRA Board has decided to fund this through Mid-Wisconsin Bank as well as through cash and CD's on hand. We will also be changing all of our draft and savings accounts over to Mid-Wisconsin as part of our agreement with them. He hopes to consolidate accounts during this change over. Additional funds through this loan have been earmarked for upgrades in our cooling plant. An appraisal will also be conducted around mid October.

## **4. ERRA Handbook:**

The revisions to the P&P Handbook were discussed. Bob McDonald Jr. explained revised tryout procedure and selection process. Wendy Ebert questioned why the selection wasn't left to the coaches and narrowed to 3 practices. Bob explained that the new selection process was more objective and helped eliminate any preferential picks by a coach. He also explained that selection committee had no affiliation with any players in program and that coaches ranked players in their age group and the results were used in the event of a tie. Wendy voiced concern that tryout practices conflicted with football and that it forced players to choose between football and hockey. Several parents responded that it didn't affect their kids who were also playing multiple sports. Motion made and seconded to pass handbook changes as presented. Voice vote pass.

## **5. Nominations and Elections:**

Four board members are up for reelection: David Cox, Darren Rubo, Tina Basil, Wendy Ebert. Tina did not accept a nomination to run again. All other board members accepted a nomination to run again. Nominations from the floor are Jennifer Fink and Amanda Mattke.

A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. Voice vote pass.

Paper and pens were passed out and the voting process was explained.

First round of voting elects David Cox and Darren Rubo

Second round of voting elects Jennifer Fink, a tie for fourth board member. Revote required.

Third round of voting elects Wendy Ebert.

Thank you to Tina for all of her hard work and dedication.

## **6. Closing:**

Vice President Monge states that the board is here for all members. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact a board member to discuss. We have a great facility and let's have a great season.

## **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn at 8:10pm was made by Jason Boxrucker, second by Wendy Ebert. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Fink