

**CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES – September 21, 2011, 7:00 PM**

Called to order by: \_\_\_Bob Normand\_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_7:03\_\_\_\_  
Present: President (2013) Bob Normand \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Vice President (2012) Ron Renaud\_\_\_  
Treasurer (2013) Sara Bowe \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Secretary (2012) Michael Pynch\_\_\_X\_\_\_  
Board (2012) Randy Reeg \_\_\_ Kris Johnson \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Mike Armstrong \_\_\_  
Members: Brian Anderson \_\_\_X\_\_\_  
(2013) Rod Olson \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Rod Elkin \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Pat Bowe \_\_\_X\_\_\_  
Steve Gibbs \_\_\_ Craig Frenette \_\_\_X\_\_\_

**Other Attendees**

**1. General Meeting**

Nothing

**2. Secretary's Report - Minutes of previous meeting**

Motion made by Craig to approve the board meeting minutes for August 17.  
Seconded by Rod  
Motion Approved

Motion made by Rod to approve the board meeting minutes for August 31.  
Seconded by Brian  
Motion Approved

**3. Treasurer's Report**

The electricity bill is somewhat difficult to understand why some months are higher or lower during the course of the summer. This has been reviewed with Xcel.

We discussed the matching funds for ITW and Bob is going to provide Rod O. with some additional information and Rod O. is confident that the funds will be processed in short order and we will receive the matching funds related to the Polar Plunge.

We received \$2200 for the BWM Rally and Bob is going to follow-up with Rusty to confirm that it was \$2200 vs. \$2500.

During registration the figure skaters collected their own payments. According to NWB the Figure Skating Club did not close their accounts and are depositing the registration in their own account. Kim Thomas is then transferring funds from the Figure Skating account to the CYHA account. Bob is going to follow-up with the Figure Skating Board to get things worked out with NWB.

Craig asked if we are receiving all of our funds from the local hotels. Bob believes that we have received most if not all the funds. There is still some question as to whether we have the funds from The Avalon. Sara is going to review the details and if necessary Craig will follow-up with the hotel. We would like the hotels to pay on a monthly basis if possible.

Motion made by Michael to approve the financial reports.  
Seconded by Brian

Motion Approved

#### 4. Correspondence/Officer Reports

None

#### 5. Old Business

None

#### 6. New Business

Per Craig F., there is a gentleman in D.C. Everest that would like to get AAA teams skating in this area. He would like to pull from Western WI. He would like for us to give him a cost for 3 – 4 months to keep the ice on. He would like to have A and B teams at each level playing Div 2 and Div 3. He would like to run 8 – 10 practices/month. He would like to do April, May, some June, and August. He wants to know what it would cost per month of ice. Craig will work with the Finance Committee to evaluate the feasibility of this for the coming year.

#### 7. Committee Reports

##### Finance/Administration (Randy)

- Roof Update and Fundraising Status  
If we are able to provide the Mason foundation with information showing we have raised \$50,000 they will release the full \$50,000 match by the end of the year.  
The contract was signed and they will start in mid-October.  
Pat will need a \$1,000 down payment on the materials that he is going to work on for the roof.  
Steve has also sent out a few more letters to potential donors.  
We also have funds in the Community Foundation and we may have a reasonable sum that can also be directed toward the roof.
- Registration  
The numbers will be covered in the On-Ice section.
- Security of Concession Area (Two new roasters replaced)  
We discussed that we should have better security for our concession area. Rod will stop in at Chippewa Valley Lock and Key to see if we can get an estimate for a door with keypad and a key option.
- Resignation and Replacement of VP of CYHA Board  
Ron Renaud has sent a formal resignation as he is unable to commit the time necessary to effectively fulfill that role. Our option is to first offer this to a current board member.

Motion made by Michael to tentatively appoint Steve Gibbs as the V.P. for CYHA with a term through April 2012.

Seconded by Rod

Motion Approved

Bob will work with Randy to post that there is an open position for the Board and candidates will be asked to attend the October 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting for appointment by the Board.

- Update on Regional Meeting in Spooner (WAHA Board decision impact)

An ADM Clinic will be held in Chippewa Falls on October 15 from 9am – 11am. The first hour is Mite Cross-Ice practices and the second hour is Squirts Checking practices.

Region 1 Disciplinary Committee: When there is a Match Penalty (e.g. kicking a referee) called there are required hearings. Each region is expected to set up its own Disciplinary Committee. John Hack needs the names of the people from each association that are willing to be on the Committee in case they need to be pulled in for a hearing. This would be a one-year term. Bob asked if anyone was willing to serve in this role and Rod Olson and Rod Elkin have agreed to represent CYHA.

Full-ice, Cross-ice, Mites. There was a motion to not allow any full-ice Mite tournaments or Jamborees before January 1, 2012 and no full-ice Mite tournaments at all. This is a part of the ADM program and hockey is the only sport that does not use smaller field/rink size for youth. This will not affect our tournament as it is in January though we will need to reevaluate for future years.

Motion made and approved by WAHA to pay for any new screenings for coaches, etc. Since WAHA wants to get access to the information they are still going to take care of paying for it. Last year, WAHA spent \$20K for this service. We need to send a report to WAHA by November 15 to confirm they were screened.

State Tournaments: There is a potential for fees to be increased. This was tabled.

WAHA was told to be more lenient on high school girls co-ops to keep girls skating.

PlayDowns/Seeding: There are no more round-robins. Instead, it will be seeded based upon your record for Northern WI games through January 15 and feedback from coaches. Because of single elimination it will be difficult to ask associations to keep the ice open so it was determined they would select 1 site and start rotating it for Division 2 and select a few sites for Division 3. The PlayDowns will be in Hayward (Year 1), Rice Lake (Year 2), and Chippewa Falls (Year 3). There is a cost to be paid to the host. For girls, there may be a 14U team in Superior, Hayward, and Chippewa Falls.

- Bylaw Rewrite

Steve, Time, and Randy were planning to meet on September 27 to begin the bylaw rewrite though schedule conflicts delayed that from occurring.

- Website assistance and the need to keep it current

Randy was not at the meeting and from what we know he has not found an assistant for this.

### Special Events (Kris)

- Pancake Breakfast/Fun Run

It seemed like the numbers were down this year for the pancake breakfast. There were only ~15 runners. Cari felt that the date was not at a very good time and maybe we could do this at another time that might draw in more runners. Cari may propose something different for next year.

- 4-Wheeler Raffle

The price is \$5683 plus tax. He said that rebates are coming out and he will let us know when the best time would be to purchase it.

The tickets that were handed out were recorded though we have to determine who is responsible for the tickets. Bob will follow-up with Heather to get the master record.

- Clothing Order

Michelle Mikula will be taking care of the clothing order this year as Trish Anderson is stepping down from that responsibility.

### On-Ice (Brian)

- Tournament Update
  - Bantam A – 2 teams
  - Bantam B – 2 teams
  - Bantam C – 6 teams
  - Pee-Wee A – 2 teams
  - Pee Wee C – 2 teams
  - Squirt A – 1 team
  - Squirt B – 2 teams
  - U12 – 2 teams
  - U14 – 2 teams

We are not supposed to have the 19U tournament on our WAHA State Weekend. We won't know numbers until November though we are hoping to have this tournament the second week of March. WAHA is considering the possibility of changing one of the state tournament weekends from being a weekend other than the high school tournaments. For example, they want to move the Squirt/Bantam tournaments to end of February. This is to shine a larger spotlight on the high school hockey tournament.

- Referee Training

Rod is going to have Heather send out an e-mail for kids to sign-up if they are interested in reffing. This year's closest reffing clinic is in Barron. We hope to have it again at McDonnell at some point.

- Number of teams with initial registration numbers

Targeting: 1 Bantam team, 3 Pee-Wee teams, 4 Squirt Teams, 1 14U, 1 12U, and 3 or 4 Mite Teams.

12U update: Meeting was held at 29 Pines this past Monday and led by the Co-op Committee. There were multiple people that spoke (Rod Elkin, Tim Scobie, Sage Paletta, and Terri Bollinger's daughter (Shawna). The meeting went well and now we are still in limbo. Christy is wanting to get the final numbers and roster though that won't likely happen after try-outs as things will shake out. The Chippewa 12U team will be the only team in the region so the thought is that they will have to play games vs. Pee-Wee teams etc. in addition to the girls teams near our region. Menomonie's tryouts are the same timeframe as Chippewa so we won't know much about numbers for girls until later in October.

For Squirts there will be two Squirt C teams and one will actually play as Squirt C and compete with the Parks/Rec teams in Eau Claire. The Squirt C2 team will focus on development and play games vs. other teams that they will be able to compete well against. On Monday the PDC is meeting and the following night is the Squirts meeting. There are already plans to have six Mites come up and play Squirt and numbers will depend based upon the 12U team.

- Free Jerseys received and getting number pressed on them

Jason Krista contacted Brian Anderson regarding the ~200 jerseys. His question was how to track them and wondered what A to Z would charge to put numbers on them. The owner of A to Z would offer to press the numbers as "In Kind" payment for their sign on the South Rink.

Motion made by Michael to allow an in-kind contribution for the number pressing in lieu of payment for the sign for A to Z on the South Rink.

Seconded by Craig

Motion Approved

- **Outdoor Ice**  
The question was brought up as to whether we can run practices on the outdoor rink. Once we get the final rosters, schedules, etc. we will reevaluate the need.

#### Facilities (Mike)

- **Speaker Installation on North Rink**  
The speaker installation will start next Tuesday and should be finished in a couple days. They remeasured and realized they had originally measured incorrectly.
- **Making ice and initial rink preparation**  
Wade is out there now doing flooding and hot coating. We should be in good shape for the Goalie Clinic next Thursday/Friday. We will be building ice through next Saturday and then on Sunday the 3 v 3 will start along with Ice Age. The schedule for open ice is on the website. Zamboni training will begin on October 22. October 14 and 15 are teacher in-service and during the day we might be able to offer some open hockey.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting Wednesday, October 19, 2011 7:00 PM