

CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 16, 2011, 6:30 PM

Called to order by: Bob Normand Time: 6:30
Present: President (2013) Bob Normand X Vice Pres. Steve Gibbs (2012) X
Treasurer (2013) Sara Bowe Secretary (2012) Michael Pynch X
Board (2012) Randy Reeg X Kris Johnson X Mike Armstrong X
Members: Brian Anderson X
(2013) Rod Olson X Rod Elkin X Pat Bowe X
TBD Craig Frenette

Other Attendees

Scott Peloquin, John Frizzell, and Brad Martin

1. General Meeting

Board Member Selection

- Withdrew: Ralph Couey, Tim Scobie, and Janet McDonough
- Kurt Pickerign (Sent notes), Scott Peloquin (Spoke in Person), Nick Schemenauer (Sent notes), Scott Francis (Spoke via phone)

The Board took an anonymous vote where each selected their top two candidates. Kirt Pickerign was chosen to be a part of the Board.

Concealed Carry Law (Chi-Hi AD to attend)

John Frizzell came to thank CYHA for the support that we have provided to the high school teams. He also brought a check for \$500 from the school district as a donation to our association. John said that the WIAA and the school district has a no weapons policy at all WIAA sanction events. The School District is in the process of researching what other school districts that rent rinks from cities or associations are doing. The high school will be allowed to post signs for WIAA events at obvious entrances. This mitigates CYHA's risk as they are in effect a "renter" so we don't assume their liability. All renters will have the authority to post signs as necessary during their events.

2. Secretary's Report - Minutes of previous meeting

No Changes

Motion made by Steve to approve the board meeting minutes for October 19.
Seconded by Mike.
Motion Approved

3. Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Steve to approve the financial reports.
Seconded by Randy.
Motion Approved

There are at least a few people that were Bantams from last year that never completed their assessment hours. The plan would be to collect from those individuals as we have done that in the past.

There was some concern about individuals that participated in Captain's practices and the individuals were that participated in fall sports and could only attend some of the practices were asked to pay \$8/night. Bob

has a list and is going to make sure that the association is compensated.

4. Correspondence/Officer Reports

Bob shared the Community Foundation of Chippewa County report. It showed that the association has a Pass Through Fund of \$15,936 and a Seedling fund of \$1,350 (can only disburse after reaching \$10,000). The additional funding that has come to date has been from annual Lions Club contributions made by Mike Leisz.

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

It was brought to Pat's attention that some parents would like to have their high school kid's keep their equipment at CYHA. Other association members have suggested this in the past as well. There is not a simple solution for this though the hope would be that at some point the Chippewa Falls Booster Club might consider building out locker rooms for the high school boys/girls. Mason Companies has already suggested that they would sign a 100 year lease if we were going to build out locker rooms on the East side of the rink.

There was also some discussion about dryland and stickhandling and who has priority over the north rink area. In the past Scott Pulver has kept a schedule for the dryland program and that it would be scheduled on a first come first served basis for teams in the association. Rod Elkin is going to follow-up with him to see that we have a method for scheduling this area. It was also discussed as to what other areas would be permitted for dryland training and the general consensus was that all dryland stickhandling training should be done in the North rink area designated for this. If the mats are in the way then they can be quickly stacked up and then put back as needed. Bob was going to follow-up with the high school coaches to make sure they understand this as well.

7. Committee Reports

Finance/Administration (Randy)

- Items to Procure – Second set of bumpers

Motion made by Randy to approve the purchase of a second set of bumpers (~\$2,500). This will be funded by the \$1200 that Rod raised from Polar Plunge, the \$500 donated by Larry earlier tonight, and the rest through our own funds.

Seconded by Steve.

Motion Approved

The question was posed as to whether there were any other items that needed to be considered for purchase before the hockey season is half over. Pat suggested that we should be looking at putting ice dams on the roof before it snows. He is going to get us a quote. Pat also suggested that we should consider getting a floor scrubber and we requested a quote for that as well.

- Bylaw Update
The process is moving forward. Tim Scobie is working on a complete re-write and then it will be reviewed by Randy and Steve before bringing it to the Board for Review.
- Screening Compliance (Coaches, Moms, Managers)

The coaches are all screened. There are still a few Moms/Managers that need to be screened and Bob is working on getting that completed. When someone is screened it is good for three years. We also need to confirm any Moms/Managers from Menomonie for the Co-op Girls program are being screened.

- Northwoods Indoor Advertising
After further review of Northwoods Indoor Advertising it was estimated that this would only net the association \$200 for the year. The Board does not feel that this is worth it. We may evaluate this or a similar marketing solution at some future point.
- Association Move to Division 1
There is a very good chance that Chippewa Falls will be moved up to Division 1 next year. We have pretty good numbers in our association this year and individuals on the WAHA Board have suggested we should have already been moved up. From a positive side that would get us into State in a lot of areas since the only other D1 program is Superior in our region and they don't participate as they play Minnesota age. We don't think that this will significantly impact the association negatively regarding tournaments.
- Discuss paying for Pee Wee C and Squirt C2 Tournaments
This is no longer an issue for the Pee Wees. The Pee Wee C team will be permitted to play in the Pee Wee C State tournament at the D1 level. As for the Squirt C team Bob was not sure if we should try to put our Squirt C2 team into a state tournament as we have some very new skaters.

Motion made by Steve to pay for a tournament for this year for up to \$500 for the Squirt C2 team and furthermore that this is a special situation for this season and should not be viewed as setting any future precedence.

Seconded by Brian.

Motion Approved

Special Events (Kris)

- Confirmation of dates and any proposed changes to Ice Bowl or Beerfest.
Ice Bowl Date (March 23-24), Beerfest (May 19)
- ATV Raffle Update
As soon as the new ATV comes in we will get them the check and bring it into the association. Randy noted that when we did the registration that some families mistakenly did not receive their ATV raffle tickets and also did not pay for those tickets. We are still ~\$1200 short and we will be reaching out to some families to let them know that this was an oversight and all families are expected to participate in this Raise the Roof event.

On-Ice (Brian)

- Tournament Update
Most of the tournaments are full. Squirt C and Bantam B/C are almost full. Squirt A still has a few spots open.

Brian is setting up Microsoft Live Subscriptions for Managers, Treasurers, etc. so that they can view who is attending the tournaments and which have and have not paid.

We are not going to have a U12 team or Bantam B or C teams so it was noted that we are going to need to solicit a lot of assistance to help work those tournaments.

- Try-Out Update
 1. Squirt C2 Team
They will have enough skaters for games and are starting to schedule some games with other local teams. They have a Team Mom and are working on a Team Manager. The C2s will

be put into our Mite and Squirt C tournaments. They will have a paid away tournament as well so this should get them close to 20 games already. They have an individual that may want to play goalie though they may rotate goalies as well. They are going to be doing some combined practices as well with the C1 team and Bob N. has been assisting with that.

2. Letter of Concern – Scott Faris / Tom Freid

Don Mulder followed-up with Bob. Bob clarified to Don that he felt that there was no retaliation. He said that most of the evaluators had nothing to do with the situation from the prior year and no grudges were held against the Faris'. In terms of the evaluation, the evaluators did feel that they appropriately evaluated skills at this level.

- Referee Update

All clinics are closed and now Rod O. is waiting to see which kids will pass which tests. Rod does not have access to the list of refs and Bob is going to help Rod get access to the site. Lee has agreed to continue to schedule the refs this year.

- Coaching Update

There are still some coaches that need to complete their courses. All coaches must be registered and certified by December 31, 2011.

- Menomonie Co-op Update

The future of the Girls hockey program is less promising than it was a year or two ago. There were 10+ girls between Chippewa Falls and Menomonie that have moved from skating with the girls to skating with Pee Wees. One girl in Menomonie moved to Bantams. One question was whether the extra travel was contributing to the issue. There was discussion that something significant has to be done to get the girls back focused for next year. This will likely mean getting a top-notch coach for next year and getting that confirmed earlier in the year to gain commitment. Steve will be looking at writing for some grants to possibly help fund the girls program.

- Concussion Testing

Jane Duren is taking care of this and it is \$2 per head for age eleven and up. The testing will be completed in the next week. The association is going to pay for this now and we will evaluate this for next year.

Facilities (Mike)

- Roof Update

The roof is complete. We will be getting the other \$25,000 from Mason Companies in early December. The bill came in at around \$98,000 and we did receive the credit for the flashing work that Pat Bowe performed. There are still some potential costs that we may have such as some new roof fans and we estimate another ~\$500. We are hoping that the fans will take care of the dripping we are still seeing in the North Rink.

Steve is going to take the blueprints for the original rink and get them laminated and put up in the hockey rink. That would be approximately \$100 and the board agreed to cover this expense for historical purposes.

- Use of new speakers by High School Team

The noise and concern over blowing speakers was an issue during the Captain's practices. It seems to have been addressed and it was noted that we could lock the doors to eliminate access to the stereo equipment.

- Brian was contacted by Ben Halverson and he wondered why kids at all levels didn't have matching warm-ups. He is wondering if we can have a standardized warm-up suit or jacket. Some of the teams are looking at this individually and it was noted that this is another cost and consideration of financial impact should be factored into all these types of situations as some families may not have the same financial means yet don't want to be singled out for non-participation.
- Mike Armstrong suggested that for our December meeting we might want to meet somewhere else. Bob is going to send out the location for the next meeting.
- Stout is supposedly having a "clean-up" date and they are going to be letting us know what might be available (tables, chairs, etc.). There are items that CYHA would like to acquire such as new tables for the south rink concession area and therefore we may have to handle some mid-month approvals of purchases over e-mail if warranted.
- Gaber is going to be giving us a quote on updating our sign on the rink with our new logo.
- Janet McDonough (attorney) served Mr. John Otto for his lack of payment for ice rental and CYHA will be taking him to court. Unfortunately, a similar situation occurred in the past with Mr. Otto.
- There was some discussion about whether we wanted to keep the gumball and candy machines at the rink. We make very little from this and most of the board had complaints about the mess and other things related to having them.

Motion made by Randy to remove the gumball and candy machines from CYHA

Seconded by Michael

Motion Approved

- We need to have a printer for the association. Steve is going to bring a used copier from Hertel and Gibbs to CYHA. He feels that with some realignment this will more than cover our needs. We are going to schedule a service call on this copier once it is delivered. If for whatever reason this is not going to meet our needs we are going to purchase a refurbished one from EO Johnson.

Motion made by Randy to approve up to \$1250 for a new copier plus an ongoing service contract in the event it is required.

Seconded by Steve

Motion Approved

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting Wednesday, December 21, 2011 7:00 PM – Location TBD