

SMYHA Minutes 8/16:

Missing: Nate, Brad, Carlye, April, Jen B.

In Attendance: Jackie, Marcie, Jennie, Jen D., Dave, Jeremy, Brian, Ace, Brian M., John, Suzy

I. Welcome:

6:14- Meeting called to order following room change.

Ace- suggested changing meetings back to USM

John- we will make meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month starting in September at USM

II. Minutes:

Ace- last meeting we talked about approving minutes in more expeditious manner. Proposed process going forward: secretary finalizes minutes, sends to group via e-mail, group has 36 hours to comment/ask questions, then formal vote, then minutes get posted. Members benefit from minutes being posted earlier. Also, send agenda out prior to meeting. Reference 12/5/16 minutes for process on email minutes voting.

John- agreed. Wants agenda finalized prior to meeting. Bylaws via email voting process.

Group agreed with voting on minutes ahead of time via email.

Dave seconded Ace's motion to approve minutes via email. All in favor.

Motion to approve minutes- Ace, Suzy seconded motion. All in favor.

III. Floor ball: Former Board President Don Denico came to present.

Need to increase hockey skills of players. SMYHA formerly did dryland in the field house. Floor hockey offering would be a great way to increase stick and puck handling skills. Floorball basically is hockey without skates. Ball can reach 50-110 miles an hour. Part of upcoming Olympics, fastest growing sport in the world. USA hockey starting to get into it. We could set up floorball for our players. Discussion surrounding possibly offering a Floorball session for players. Board will discuss further at next board meeting

IV. Pee wee Tier II playoff format: SMYHA will host PW T2 state playoff on 2/17 & 18 and 2/24 & 25. Suzy- great opportunity for fundraising. Format best 2 out of 3. Suzy- how many hours of ice? Ace-6 hours the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend, 3 hours the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend.

V. Midgets update. Brian M: we have a team of 10 players. Waiting on one player who has a concern with fall sports and can't give definite until Sept. Brian will visit schools and talk to athletic directors trying to get up to 15 kids.

VI. Girls update. Brian M: Going to be fielding a girls team. Suzy: urge parents to commit and register and pay prior to first practice. Parent concern- if no team, how long will it take to pay them back. Jennie- give them a “pay offline” code and have them register so we can pay them back quickly. Suzy: we want to field a team, need parents to register and commit. Combined U12 and U14. Jennie can provide offline code so parents can register kids for girls and midget teams.

VII. Meeting format. Brian- should we revisit have director reports from each director? John: this summer it’s been unclear about who is doing what. Need to define and focus on asking everyone if they have everything they need. Dave: Carlye and Kelly requested agenda items well in advance. Suzy: got 3 emails about small area clinic, referred to Bruins Academy. They can roll right in to learn to play. Small area games went well. Marcie- emails had contact person listed but people still reached out to her. John- each person’s responsibility to share important things from their area at the meeting.

VIII. Responsibility/Following by-laws: Ace- question whether we are following the by-laws and do people know their responsibilities? Who is responsible for being at events and checking people in and making sure payments are in and done? When Ace took over defensive clinic, he did it himself. Breakers bylaws don’t outline this for his role. John: we are following the by-laws for everyone’s role. Marcie: consider summer program director. Discussions surrounding roles of each board member. Ace: Ace or Brian should communicate to the coaches. Dave- Tier IV comms to coaches should go through Dave and Suzy first. Discussions around collecting unpaid tuitions and players that have not registered. Marcie- Brad can advise on owed monies.

IX. Review coaching director and girls director responsibilities. John: reviewed bylaws. Coaching director positions are pretty clear. Brian M. and Dave will work together to get girls coaches. Brian M. can ensure certifications but have Dave deal with them 1x1. Brian C.: will handle girls Tier 2 teams. Brian M: will do legwork trying to get coaches in. John: Coaching directors in charge and can delegate work to Brian M. as needed. Discussion around registrations. John: Brian M responsible for overseeing it and setting up leagues they are in and recruiting girls. Brian M: would like to work with coaching directors hand in hand to find coaches.

X. Discussion regarding U18 Tier II midgets play. John: waiting for 2 waivers from kids coming from other teams. Jennie: also still waiting for two payments. Need to check with Brad to see if he’s collected.

XI. 2017-18 coaching selections. Discussions regarding coaching selection process for current year and potential changes to next year’s process.

XII. Tier IV goalie coach: Dave: always had Tier 2/3 goalie coach, never had Tier IV. Will look for Tier IV goalie coach. On ice 3 hours a week. Dave will follow up with Brian and report next week.

XIII. Breakers goal tending coach: Ace: Jason Barden, from Scarborough, played in Western States Hockey league. 1 day a week for all 3 groups.

XIV. Prorating tuition: Discussion around prorating tuition for player. Proposal will be made via email and voted on by board.

Action items:

I. Merchandise update: John: sold \$1,500 worth of Breakers merchandise; we will receive \$225.

John: Bob said we're on hold with Huskies. Ace: open it up to Huskies early September. Need to follow up with Nate on Huskies' logo.

II. Dunkin Donuts sponsorship: will address with Jen B. at next meeting

III. Bruins Academy: 36 kids registered (50 spots). Registration closes on 8/25. Marcie will make a flyer for Break the Ice that we can give out at this program. Jen D.: will reach out to presidents of other programs to get additional kids.

IV. Jenn D: should we allow 3.5 year olds to play learn to play? Suzy: they can, but kids would have to play 3 years of mites. Ace: kids likely wouldn't be able to play up.

V. Sweatsuits: Ace- Bauer changed whole line. Nate went to Play it Again- best option is CCM. Our Breakers coaches will get new warmups. Price point is decent. Families will go to Play it Again and get sized and buy items.

VI. Jen D.: 2 and 2 challenge. Retain 2 and get 2 new players. Learn to play- must be done by 9/28. Done through USA Hockey.

VII. Discussion surrounding need for assistant coaches.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47. Motion Jackie, seconded Brian M.