

EHA Board Meeting

April 12, 2010

Attendance:

Present - Joanne McGarry, Pat Foley, Jon Foust, Jon Palmer, Dan McGraw, Carrie Knowles, Scott McGarvey, Peter McComber, Renee Hunzelman, Billy Klein, Judy Goodman, Kathleen Vorlicky, Peder Larson, Jim O'Neill, Bob Levy.

Absent- Todd Shuman, Erik Hendrikson, Russ Lemker.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Dan Rectenwald.

Approval of Minutes: The March minutes were approved.

Overview of Board Responsibilities: Dan Rectenwald presented an overview of board member assignments for the 2010-2011 year (general, tournaments and team liaisons). The assignments for board members will be listed on the website, along with tournament responsibilities and team liaisons.

Meeting Dates: The board meets every month on the second Monday, typically at City Hall. Kathleen Vorlicky distributed a master calendar to those in attendance.

Agenda Overview for 2010-11: Dan Rectenwald reviewed a master agenda for the year's meetings, highlighting the focus of each month. After discussion about the goals and best dates for this year's retreat, it was decided by the group not to host a retreat this year, and to fold the global discussion items into the May and June meetings (these meetings will most likely run 2.5 to 3 hours accordingly).

Financial Update: Treasurer Jon Palmer led this discussion.

- A) Each board member must complete a check request to be reimbursed for expenses related to the EHA.
- B) Jon Palmer also shared a Profit and Loss report. Cash status is close to the same numbers as last year. It was suggested tournament fees be included in registration fees. Another idea was to prorate registration fees like some other larger associations.
- C) Dan Rectenwald and Jon Palmer noted to the group that, since there is not year over year growth in our cash holdings, it was noted that the fundraisers (“Toast to Hockey”, banners, advertising and tournaments) play a very important role in our operations.
- D) Action items:
 - i. Renee Hunzelman will put together a report on what team expenses were.
 - ii. Dan Rectenwald and Joanne McGarry will breakdown tournament costs.
 - iii. Jon Palmer will investigate modifications to the payment system.

Goalie Update: Peter McComber gave an overview of our goalie program, with a focus on the EHA’s role in providing equipment for the younger teams (typically Mites). The EHA speculates as many as 20-30 goalie bags are being used by goalies in the program. This is a very time-consuming and costly program, with an equipment tracking system that would benefit from some added discipline. McComber met with Rob Stauber from Goalcrease. Stauber presented a proposal to manage the goalie equipment for the EHA. In the long run it would save the EHA substantially.

Action: Peter will continue to explore the equipment management and goalie training issue with another report at the next meeting.

Ice Acquisition: Bob Levy outlined the issues for the fall relating to the closing of the West Rink at Braemar due to remodeling.

In lieu of mite grading, the EHA will be providing free skills clinic. U10 and Pee Wee tryouts will be held in October. U14, U19 Junior Gold will be held in November. Squirt tryouts will be at the end of October.

Coaching Surveys: April 18 is the last day for coaches' survey to be submitted. One hundred fifty-seven parents and 52 players have responded so far. A reminder email will be sent to the entire association to get the confidential surveys in.

Big Ideas for 2010-2011: Several suggestions were made including:

- a) Refining EHA job definitions (for "general" responsibilities)
- b) Improving the Mite Program (ice, communication, skills,...)
- c) Leveraging available ice better
- d) Outlining for membership where the funds are allocated
- e) Developing an archiving system
- f) Reinstating the Mite Refereeing program
- g) Improving coaches' education (to improve our product)
- h) Enhancing coach recruitment
- i) Goalie Coaching
- j) Team count forecasting (including Jr Gold age limits issues)
- k) Conducting "extra" clinics for bulk of our skaters/membership
- l) Explore expanding EHA's role beyond the winter season
- m) Developing guidelines/limits for team budgets

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Next Meeting: May 10, 7 PM at Community Room (City Hall)

