

EHA December Minutes December 13, 2010

Attendance: Bob Levy, Jon Foust, Carrie Knowles, Billy Klein, Kathleen Vorlicky, Peter McComber, Erik Hendrickson, Peder Larson, Dan Rectenwald, Pat Foley, Tom Terwilliger, Dan McGraw.

Absent: Russ Lemker, Todd Shuman, Renee Hunzelman, Judy Goodman, Joanne McGarry, Jon Palmer, Jim O'Neill.

Meeting was called to order by Bob Levy at 7:11 pm at Braemar – EHA room.

Approval of Minutes: Bob Levy made a motion to approve the November minutes as they were presented. The motion was approved.

Financial Update: Jon Palmer was absent from the meeting. An update will be given at January's meeting.

Tournaments:

Cake Eater – Bob Levy gave update on the Cake Eater. Financial figures from the tournament were not finalized by this meeting. An update will be provided at the January board meeting. There is a new scheduling and volunteer organization in place with the new Tourneyville system.

Invitational - Bob Levy gave an update. He reported we could have more scheduling challenges since it is such a large tournament. Volunteer shifts will be out by

Wednesday – board members are looking at three to four shifts. The Reimann is a smaller tournament.

Recommendations for all tournaments:

- Need to look at stop times;
- Less resurfacing;
- Perhaps phasing out some levels to get all the entire Invitational back at Braemar;
- Need a living document for all tournaments that is passed between boards. Check list, procedures, D6 policies, rules, contacts; and
- Increased coach involvement, getting them involved upfront.

Additionally, the new scheduling vendor has had some kinks in its operations, but they are getting worked out. Former Board Member Lesli Rauch's experience and assistance with the tournaments has been instrumental. For the upcoming Edina Invitational, some teams were disappointed in the scheduling process, but the EHA was not able to make substantial changes without incurring significant fines.

Board Restructuring: Pat Foley and Jon Foust brought forward ideas on structuring the EHA Board. Discussion was held and a draft flow chart was handed out.

Financials: Dan Rectenwald asked that check cashing should be an immediate "to do" item. A financial report will be shared at the next meeting. Kathleen Vorlicky reported that relative to sponsors and dashers, these are complete and invoices should be issued soon.

Coaching Update: Tom Terwilliger reported several coaches are still in the process of having their certification completed. Tom Terwilliger and Judy Goodman will send a follow-up email to these coaches to complete this task.

A discussion followed regarding the development of a coaching manual. Erik Hendrickson said the Highlands Program has a well-organized manual that addresses age appropriate development, and it serves as a guide for their coaches (i.e.: practice outlines, dryland drills, general philosophical issues, tips,...). A manual would benefit all ages (and their coaches), but the EHA should start by expanding its coaching assistance with the Mites.

(Note: One-third of the EHA program is made up of boys/girls mites.) A coaching committee goal for the Mites program next year would be to offer more consistency throughout the program.

Mite Night: Mite Night will be at University of Minnesota Feb. 26. Three hundred tickets will be available. Access to the tickets will be available directly from the U of MN through a link on the EHA website. Feb. 5 will be the Girls' Night at Ridder for the girls' Mites.

Hockey Days: Billy Klein will be researching the logistics of this outdoor jamboree-like event between several Edina teams.

Ice Management: Erik Hendrickson suggested a centralized “real time” ice management system to sell EHA team Ice. Erik and Bob Levy will look this into this.

Refining Organizational Structure:

Jon Foust suggested a system for restructuring the EHA organization chart for upcoming years. Board members/volunteers would be the foundation of Board Committees. Each committee could focus on specific EHA tasks or events. Committee members could report to an executive committee, which would be a smaller group. Jon offered to refine the organizational chart diagram with input from the executive committee. This is a priority since it may impact the recruitment and selection of new board members for upcoming terms. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

The next meeting will be at the City Hall Community Room, January 10 at 7:00 P.M.

