



Minutes - EYHA Board Meeting

Date:
December
17, 2009

Attendees:	Board Members: Pat Burke, Jerry Heath, John Maddalena, Pete Glass, John Laliberte, Deanna Cram, Kristin Romick , Larry Hagerty , Carney Daniels, Al Foice, Rob Young, Craig Benson Other Attendees: Justin Jacaro, Susan Brooks, Steve Schultz
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Notes:

- Meeting called into order at 7:10 PM
- Minute approvals – Minutes were approved from 10/2009 Board meeting.
- Open discussion from visitors:

Justin Jacaro came to talk to us about mite tournaments. They are looking for an opportunity for an overnight experience. He believes the kids need to be prepared to play full ice. The proposal includes allowing players to play/grow with peers of the same level. The proposal includes practicing full ice while mixing x-ice and full ice play 2nd half of season. There have been challenges finding cross ice tournaments. The board has already determined that the mites can participate in a full ice tournament. Additionally the board approved two b teams. A motion was made to level teams by ability for the purpose of the tournament. The motion was seconded. An amended motion was made to include an extended play option to include major/minor or ability level to prepare for tournaments. The motion was seconded. Concern was noted as to how to select the teams and how to best communicate with parents. It may be important to level so all kids have a good experience. Also does there need to be a tryout process? Concern is that there are a limited number of tournaments and a decision needs to be made quickly. Could the split happen by birth year?

**Amended motion voted and agreed to by the board to include an extended play option to include major/minor or ability level to prepare for tournaments.

EYHA (all ages) was extended an invitation to attend the Potsdam Youth Hockey Thanksgiving Tournament next year. Info from 2009 here: <http://potsdamhockey.org/index.php?p=custom2>

The board will be prepared to discuss this at the next meeting. They have girls and boys teams.

- Treasurers Report:
- Tournament Director:
- Travel VP Report:
- House: No update
- Head Coach Report: Working on goalie clinics as well as skills and drills for goalie coaches.
- Registrar Update .:
- Equipment Report
- Scheduler: Craig is proposing that the ice coordinator and scheduler position be separate positions.



Ice Coordinator: We need to know what Craig does. Make a decision about what the job looks like and then have someone shadow the position we create. Craig would like to continue to buy the ice and have someone else schedule. Larry and Pat will have a conversation about the position.

- Women's Director: Rob brought the woman's state rep to the meeting. Susie stated that she is very impressed with our website, with the information we provide and the commitment to our players. Susie would like to know what she can do to help grow the game.

Proposal to bring 2 girls from the house to practice with the U12 girls. Motion for 2 girls from house to participate at practice. Motion 2nd. Motion was made to prorate the price for the practices based on the amount of practices left. Board voted. All but one in agreement.

- Fundraising report:
- State Representative
- Head Referee Report
- New Business

Yearbook: What should we do? When Larry sends out next email...have him ask the association to see who would like to head that up.

Banquet: Can we relook at the banquet? Larry will put a note out to association regarding this as well.

PYSA: Coach of the year...Pat will put a note on the web...nominations come from the membership. PYSA will then check with Pat and be sure the nomination is appropriate.

Tournaments: A motion was made to allow teams to play as Essex post season. Motion was seconded. You have to take your team and avoid taking kids from other teams. You may not take players from outside of EYHA. No player may be excluded and the cost and any planning are left to the coach and families. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn at 8:55...Executive session

Action Items:	Date:	Responsible:
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1. Craig will come up with a job description
2. Larry will email EYHA re: banquet and yearbook

Related Materials:
