

# SRIYHA

## Meeting Minutes

5/1/14, 6:30PM – 8:30PM

Attendees: Jeff Peltier, Keith Labrecque, Mike Natalizia, Dino Rizzi, Sean Lyons, Bill Brew, Greg Cox, Joe Gately

Not in attendance: Pete Chabot, Sharon McGreen, Jack McGreen, Greg Gonsalves, Toby Gibbons

Quorum: YES

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### - *Acceptance of 3/29/2014 minutes*

Discussion of whether to accept the meeting minutes from the meeting held on 3/29/2014 for posting on the website.

VOTE: SRI will post 3/29/2014 meeting minutes on the SRIYHA website.

AYES: 8 NAYS: 0 **Status: PASSED**

### - *Seating new board members*

A motion to seat new board members Sean Lyons, Greg Cox, Bill Brew and Joe Gately was made and seconded.

VOTE: New board members to be added to the board of directors

AYES: 8 NAYS: 0 **Status: PASSED**

### - *Voting for officers*

A motion to vote for the following officers was made and seconded.

Toby Gibbons – President  
Dino Rizzi – Vice President  
Jack McGreen – Treasurer  
Mike Natalizia – Secretary

VOTE: Accept the above as officers for the 2014-2015 season

AYES: 8 NAYS: 0 **Status: PASSED**

### - *Discussion topics*

1. Wrap up assessment of 2014-2015 tryouts.
  - Cox – well run, communications went well; during tryout need more coaches' input for game situations.
  - Brew – need to spend more time with the younger kids during mite/squirt evaluation

- Generally good to have in the spring; all board members agree that the present format works well.
  - The process of removing kids after the second night of tryouts was discussed. This practice was adopted several years ago to make it easier for the evaluators to focus on a smaller group of skaters on the final night by removing the kids that don't require further evaluation. It was decided that the board needs to add to the website tryout statement that some of the kids may not be asked to come back for the final night that do not require further evaluation.
  - Brew – Is there the potential to incorporate one video-taped station during tryouts for later review. The board will keep this on the agenda for future discussion.
  - Brew – Explore the possibly to add some goalie specific tryout metrics separate from the typical tryout skating/shooting drills. The board will keep this on the agenda for future discussion.
2. Keith Labrecque brought up the need for Ice scheduling software since he will be the primary ice scheduler for the upcoming season.
- Keith has investigated many packages and has decided that “Max Solutions League Scheduling” software is the best. It ties in well with our website and the Boss Arena scheduling package (the same). The cost is \$1500.00 one-time fee with a \$400.00 annual maintenance fee.
  - A question was raised if locker rooms can be assigned? Keith will review this.

VOTE: M. Natalizia made a motion to vote to purchase the software pending successful treasurer financial review. This motion was seconded.

AYES: 8            NAYS: 0            **Status: PASSED**

3. SNEHC – this discussion concerned the recent privatization of the SNEHC to which RIH and all member associations (incl. SRIYHA) belong.
- Generally the board feels that this is a positive step for SNEHC but since no members at this meeting were present at the state league meeting last Monday this topic will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

Director positions need to be determined –

- Pete Chabot – Coaching Director
- Greg Gonsalves – Merchandizing Director
- Skills directors - TBD
- Divisional directors - TBD
  - o LTS, House, Mite, Squirt, Peewee, Bantam
  - o Keith raised the idea of having a fundraising director – Joe Gately thought that this was a job for two people (the board concurred) and he volunteered to be one of the two.
- Picture Day Coordinator – Greg Cox will coordinate; comments were made that we should try to get this done before Christmas

Half/Third Ice Boards Purchase – This concerns purchasing boards for cross-ice games. The board will get a firm quotation then decide if we want to commit funds for this.

Keith added a webpage to help people who might need tuition assistance. This will walk them through the process and guidelines.

The idea of post-season coaching evaluation sheets was raised. This was tabled for the next meeting.

Jeff Peltier brought up the need for jerseys for the LTS & instructional kids that are properly color coded. Last year there were too many of the same color and kids could not be segregated properly by their division/skill level.

Overall the board felt that there were size issues (too small) with the new travel jerseys that were purchased last year. A jersey refresh will be investigated to address the sizing issues and to accommodate the extra (4<sup>th</sup>) peewee travel team.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Brew – goalie items. Need new goalie equipment for the younger kids. He will take the action to research this.

Discussions about supplying each SRIYHA team with a first aid kit, icepacks, and water bottle caddy.

Joe Gately stated that we should be doing more for our coaches (other than the previously approved Level 3-4 reimbursement of 50%). Ideas included were: financial help with USAH membership, financial help with online age-specific modules, supplying coaching jackets and/or hats.

Greg Cox stated his opinion that we need a section on the website for parents/guardians/families that may be new to the sport of hockey that would serve as a sort of FAQ for being a hockey parent and getting your child started in the sport. Greg will put something together for the next meeting.

Submitted 5/2/14

MJN