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MVYHA General Board Meeting

April 7, 2014

Present:

Tim Herold, Rich Nelson, Anne Lalla, Jim DeMay, Jim Wurst, Jason Sprague, Beth Kraetsch and Troy McCulloch

Not Present: Don Ortloff and Dave Schavee

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by President Tim Herold

President's Report

- Motioned to approve March meeting minutes, Rich N. second, Anne L. approved
- Change in Board Staff (And thank you to the departing members)

Vice President:	Don Ortloff replaced by	Darrick Metz	2 year term
Secretary:	Randy Jiskra replaced by	Kelly Walseth	1 year term
Treasurer:	Jim Wurst replaced by	Jason Geer	1 year term
Boy's Coordinator:	Don Ortloff replaced by	Peter Brownlee	3 year term
Retention/Recruitment:	Incumbent/Uncontested	Jim DeMay	3 year term
Tryout Coordinator:	Incumbent/Uncontested	Jason Sprague	3 year term
D2 Representative:	Incumbent/Uncontested	David Schavee	3 year term
- Discussions for outline of new board positions and meeting protocol.

Vice President's Report

- No Report

Secretary's Report

- Blast emails to the association for Summer Training Programs for boys entering 6-8 grades. To be run by high school coaches Adam Schmidt (Irondale H.S.) and Rick Thomas (MVHS).

Treasurer's Report

- Jim W finalizing year end budgets to hand over to Jason G.

Boy's Coordinator Report

- No Report
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Girl's Coordinator Report

- Beth K communicating with IYHA for upcoming hockey registration fairs, looking for volunteers from MV association to assist in planning and participation for these events.
- Planning meeting to be held on Thursday April 10th.

Mite's Coordinator Report

- Rich N received ice confirmation with Centennial Ice Arena for Mites summer shinny hockey on Sunday nights. Summer ice cost will be \$145/hr.
- Centennial has new ice coordinator – Nick 763-792-6091
- Paid the March \$2080 ice bill for the Mites 3 on 3 program at the Super Rink. Program was a huge success.
- IYHA Ice Coordinator applied for grant for their learn to skate program, which is held in December and January.

Retention and Recruitment Coordinator

- Jim D applied for an equipment and girls recruitment grant from MN Hockey.
- Jim D attended MN Hockey meeting in Blaine and spoke to presenters about recruitment and retention.

- Jim D acquired local school registries to send out flyers to kids to try hockey.
- Discussion to send out pre-recorded message from MN Wild Ryan Sutter or Zach Parise to get kids to try hockey.

Registrar's Report

- Anne L working on registration numbers and ice schedules for upcoming season.
- Discussions for registration fee for association members to be billed in two payments.
- USA Hockey starting to incorporate a more streamline process that will allow association to electronically submit their team rosters for approval and certification.

Equipment Manager Report

- Troy M collecting goalie equipment from all teams, will inventory and access needs for next season
- Working with IYHA equipment manager to inventory equipment and access needs for upcoming season.
- Will allow goalies to check out equipment for spring and summer programs

D2 Representative

- Jim D covered Dave's shift at U12 A state tournament in Stillwater: Thank you to all who volunteered for the 12A state tournament shifts.

Try-Out Coordinator Report

- Jason S is working with Anne in team numbers to determine ice needs for warm ups and tryouts in the fall. Warm ups to start in mid-September, tryouts in early October.

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Discussions for adding structure to coordinator positions, non-voting board positions.
- Beth K: from communication with other associations regarding level coordinators, some have created "Traveling Coordinators" that took direction from Boy's/Girl's Coordinators and are a part of the try out process, they would work with team managers regarding team issues and needs. These would be non-voting positions and would need to be documented in the association by-laws and handbook.
- A number of association members from the U8 and Mites have not paid their February bills. Coordinators will be reaching out to these families for follow up.
- Anne L, Mike G and Kara Chamberlin (IYHA Registration Coordinator) are in discussions for projected number of teams and ice requirements and preliminary ice schedules for 2014-2015 season.
- Looking to reduce ice over for Thanksgiving weekend as many teams are in tournaments.
- Looking to reduce ice over mid to end of February as most teams are in district playoffs.
- Preliminary numbers are that association needs 1800-1900 hours of ice for 2014-2015 season.
- Changes to ice requirements: No ice times before 7:00 AM. No starting time after 8:50PM.
- Alternating ice times for Mite and U8 teams
- Shoreview Ice Arena first choice for ice, Vadnais Ice Arena second choice for ice and White Bear County Ice Arena third choice for ice. Eliminating the need for ice from Westside and Pleasant Ice Arenas.
- 80-20 shared ice for Mites and U8s.
- Learn to Skate ice on weekends. IYHA has two tentative dates Sunday in late August and Saturday in late September. Discussions on whether to host the August learn to skate session.
- Tournament Ice: Discussions on hosting two tournaments: Thanksgiving weekend and weekend in early January. IYHA had trouble finding enough teams to fill all their brackets in previous years.
- Discussions for MVYHA/IYHA to host Squirt and Mites year end tournaments. Looking into open weekends and ice availability. D2 does not offer playoffs for squirts and mites currently.
- Irondale Youth Hockey requested that we continue with their Monday Night Skills Clinic, coordinated by Adam Schmidt, sessions are run by Rick and Chris McKelvie.

- Vadnais Arena Update: Bondholders doing their due diligence in sale of arena to Ramsey County. Once complete MVYHA and IYHA will have 50% usage of facility including attached dome area.
- Discussions for adding goalie incentives for all association teams. Beth K: Girls programs are challenged to attract and retain goalies for U10 and U12 levels. Request to run incentive program in parity with boys program. Ideas included: Refunding registration fee at end of season for players that committed to playing goalie for entire season. Free goalie equipment (which is currently offered to goalies), continued goalie training throughout season.
- Beth K made motion for association to refund 100% of the registration fee for players that committed to full time goalie for entire season and 50% if split time with second goalie on a team. A 50% refund would also be given to players who shared goalie duties with another player, but skated out when not playing goalie. Motion to cover both boys and girls programs.
- Anne second motion, all board members in attendance approved motion.
- Goalie incentive program details will be added to association by-laws and handbook.
- Rich N presented details for Mite and U8 level summer hockey camp, hosted by Dennis Johnston (Vancouver, BC Canada) for week of June 30th – July 4th. Rich will add camp details to the website.

Tim H made motion to adjourn meeting @ 8:40 PM

Anne L second

Adjourned