

**CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 18, 2015, 7:00 PM**

Called to order by: Bob Normand      Time: 7:00pm

Present:            President (2013)      Bob Normand      X              Vice President (2014) Steve Gibbs   X    
                         Treasurer (2013)      Erik LeMay                        Secretary (2014) Michael Pynch   X    
Board (2014) Randy Reeg   X      Scott Peloquin   X      Darrell Herr      X      Dan McCauley   X    
(2013) Rod Olson      X      Trevor Bohland   X      Pat Bowe   X      Ralph Couey   X      Brad Martin      X  

**Other Attendees:**

Chester Syverson, Rod Elkin

**1. General Meeting**

Rod met with the Chi-Hi Athletic Director and Boys Head Coach. They discussed how there could be a stronger relationship between Chi-Hi Hockey and CYHA. There were a number of items that were identified by the Men's Head Coach that CYHA could help such as improving the skills of the skaters before they get to high school, ensuring that the coaches have the appropriate background and training, ensuring the ice is kept up to standard, and improving the security of the Rink. The Chi-Hi Athletic Director requested a better way to secure the hallway during games and also that we ensure that individuals that are viewing the games are paying to attend the event.

Chester noted that they had 20 girls from Figure Skating qualify for Nationals in Nebraska. Figure Skating also proposed to write a check to CYHA for facility renovations.

**2. Secretary's Report**

The minutes for the month of February were approved via an e-mail vote and distributed to the Association.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Motion made by Trevor to approve the financial statements for February.

Seconded by Rod

Motion Approved

**4. Correspondence/Officer Reports**

Bob reported that he received an e-mail from the President of WAHA that CYHA is no longer in good standing. Apparently, the Post Office Box where we had sent a check for our payment for the State Tournament was an old location. We hadn't been provided with an updated address. We overnighted a check to them to pay for our teams who are attending state. We weren't the only Association that sent checks to the wrong location.

**5. Old Business**

None

## 6. New Business

Jack Skille is a current NHL player and he may run a camp at CYHA this summer. He would rent ice and make it reasonable and affordable. Jon Piskula is another NHL player from Northern Wisconsin and also may be looking to hold a camp.

## 7. Committee Reports

### On-Ice (Ralph)

- Play Downs/Plans for State  
The Pee Wee C Goalie was diagnosed with a concussion the weekend prior to State. Given that, approval was granted to allow Zack LeMay to be able to skate up and cover that position.

The teams that attended state last weekend had the following results:

Squirt A's - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Squirt C's - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Squirt B's - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Bantam B's - 8<sup>th</sup>

Bob also noted that next year Superior will be required to use Wisconsin-aged rosters to play in Minnesota. Given that, it is likely that Superior may put all their teams into Region 1 and CYHA will have to play at each age-level to determine who will go to state.

- PDC Update  
As the season is wrapping up Rod is going to be seeking out input from the Coaches on what they liked and did not like. He also wants to make sure to set expectations for what it is to be a coach.

It was suggested that there be a coaches game (e.g. Mites/Squirts coaches vs. Pee/Wee Bantam coaches) at the end of the season if that can be organized. A number of other Associations do this as well.

- Coaching Survey  
This year's survey went out via Survey Monkey. Rod already had 70+ surveys in the first 24 hours and then got another 35-40 of them the following day. This is a huge increase from the recent years. There was discussion noting that would be helpful for the high school program as well.

### Facilities (Pat)

- New Board Room  
The room is not complete yet and it is currently being kept locked for security purposes. We are relying upon Chippewa Sand Transport volunteer labor which is completely volunteer so that could extend the timeline. There will be cabinets and a sink installed as well as netting over the outside windows.
- Rink Security and Planned Security System  
The board continues to work on a security system. Going forward, key fobs will be provided for limited use rink access. There are still plans to rekey the Rink and that will be performed in June. The Board estimates that to be approximately \$3,000.

On April 6, the Low E Ceiling will begin to be installed on the South Rink. We estimate that this will take 10 days and shouldn't interfere much with the use of the South Rink.

Air Monitoring is going to be setup and they are targeting to be operational by this April.

- Facility Maintenance in Off-Season  
Trevor will get a posting out to the Board for review.
- Alcohol left in Locker Rooms  
Scott reported that two weeks in a row there were beer cans in the locker room. The Sr. League skates in the North Rink and they have been reminded multiple times to address this. There are a couple of new teams and they now understand the importance. Due to concerns on behalf of the correctional supervisors it was noted that discarded alcohol containers may create problems for the workers on site. As a result, if this practice continues they may no longer be able to perform this EXTREMELY HELPFUL service.

#### Finance/Administration (Erik)

- Fundraising for Dehumidification  
Steve needs to connect with one final donor before we consider this complete.
- 2015-16 Operating Budget  
We discussed the Finance Committee's approach to investing in the facilities so there is balance to the value realized by present members and future members while continuing to pay down the debt at a reasonable pace. The major Capital Budget items included in the Operating Budget are the Low-E Ceiling and the South Rink Doors.

Motion made by Trevor to approve the 2015-16 Operating Budget.

Seconded by Randy

Motion Approved

- Off-Season Ice  
There will be communications going out to the Association notifying the Association that Scott Sikkink will be the Summer Ice Coordinator. Each CYHA skater will be invited to one on-ice and one off-ice session based on age levels. There will also be open hockey available to members throughout the summer.

There have been questions regarding whether Co-op members would be able to utilize the summer ice and off-ice sessions available to CYHA members.

Motion made by Steve to approve that Co-op members in good standing will be able to skate with their age appropriate teams for \$150 per skaters for the 2015 summer.

Seconded by Rod

Motion Approved

There was a question regarding whether anything would be done with the shooting cage on the North Rink. At this point, nothing is confirmed and given the plans for North Rink renovations this is more unlikely this summer.

There are a number of important items that have to be addressed regarding the tracking of ice, skaters, etc. In order to better manage our rink the Finance Committee is looking at

upgrading to the enhanced MaxGalaxy software system. The implementation cost of MaxGalaxy is \$1,500 for initial set up and configuration plus \$2,000 for training via WebEx. The monthly cost for this system is \$385.

Motion made by Randy to approve the purchase and upgrade of the MaxGalaxy system.

Seconded by Dan

Motion Approved

Trevor met with Peter Hoefl and Hoefl Builders put together a high-level plan for the North Rink. There were some good ideas put forth and in order to visualize we will need to get the conceptual drawings.

Motion made by Darrell to approve a budget of up to \$2,500 for architectural/conceptual drawings.

Seconded by Randy

Motion Approved

- Notice for Board Elections  
The President and Treasurer are up for re-election at the next Board Meeting. There are also five Board Member positions up for election. All standing board members intend to run for re-election.

Motion made by Steve to approve an hour of ice time rented in Rhinelander for a game in lieu of the Squirt C Green working two bingos and only receiving funds for one tournament.

Seconded by Rod

Motion Approved

#### Special Events (Rod)

- Beerfest  
We had 750 attendees at Beerfest last year and our goal is to make it bigger. There are six bars that have sponsored to sell a minimum of 25 tickets. The Committee is starting to market for this event via posters, radio ads, and commercials. Also, the new Beerfest sign will replace the old Ice Bowl sign at the rink.
- Country/Rockfest  
CountryFest is 95% full. RockFest is 83% full. The volunteer groups are Hallie Girls Softball, Relay For Life, Menomonie Hockey, Pittsville, and Milt Sedlacek's Club. Special thanks to all the Association members, friends, and family that have stepped up to help us make this major fundraising event a well-staffed and well-run event.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00pm