

## DCYHA Board Minutes June 25th, 2015

Present: Becky Jacobsen, Anna Erickson, Troy Osborne, Karyn Baxter, Doug Morrill & Paul Amidon

Absent: Tyler Poulsen, John Jensen, Scott Hinerman, Rich Lucy

Guests: Matt Green, Melissa Freigang

Meeting begins 8:00p.m. May minutes ratified.

Matt and Melissa, attended the meeting at the invitation of DCYHA Board of Directors. They are the designated representatives of the Utah Golden Eagles program, the travel program of DCYHA. Matt shared his vision and philosophy for the Eagles program. Matt noted that the program has grown considerably since its inception. Many issues were discussed on how to continue to grow both the developmental/recreation/house program and the travel/tier program while maximizing the limited resources of coaches, ice time, and parent participation. Of the many issues discussed there was agreement that the two DCYHA programs would begin to address the following issues this season:

- \*Set an expectation that players who are rostered and participating on a DCYHA Wind team in addition to a DCYHA Golden Eagles team wear their DC Wind jersey and DC Wind uniform socks when participating in DC Wind games, DC Wind scrimmages, team events and as requested by the DC Wind coaching staff. Matt will discuss this expectation with the Utah Golden Eagles coaching staff and the DCYHA Coaching Director will do the same with the DCYHA Wind house/recreation coaching staff.
- \*Provide combined coaches training, clinics, primers, & opportunities for coaches of DCYHA recreation/house and travel programs. Maximize the expertise and resources within the two programs.
- \*Entertain the idea of providing combined house/travel training sessions that strive to improve the level of skills of the players and elevate the level of expertise of the coaching staff.
- \*Involve representatives of the Utah Golden Eagles program in the updating of the DCYHA Travel/Tier Program Policies and Guidelines.
- \*Initiate the process of having the Utah Golden Eagles players register through the [www.davisyouthhockey.org](http://www.davisyouthhockey.org) registration link. This process will help DCYHA to better meet player registration & rosters management requirements as expected by USA Hockey, Inc. and the Utah Amateur Hockey Association.
- \*Continue regular dialog between the two programs of DCYHA (rec/house & travel/tier) as strategy to continue to grow both programs and to provide a positive developmental and travel experience for players and families of DCYHA.
- \*The DCYHA travel program is officially known as the Utah Golden Eagles. There will be a concerted effort to accurately represent this DCYHA program in published and written communications and promotional material (i.g. website, facebook, flyers, etc.) approved by the Board of Directors or their representatives.

Equipment Manager - Steven Breault has offered to take on Equipment Manager responsibilities for the 2015-16 season. The Board has invited Steve to the next Board meeting to introduce himself and meet the Board of Directors.

Coaching Director recommendations were discussed. Candidate names will be provided via email with the entire Board of Directors. President, Tyler Poulsen will make an official

nomination to the Board. The Board will vote on the nominated candidate(s). The Coaching Director, at their discretion, can inform the board of additional support he/she will need to accomplish the duties of the position.

Anna will finish the position description and email within the week. Input was provided by all former DCYHA coaching directors and the founding President of DCYHA.

USA Hockey-ADM Potential implementations/challenges. Will follow to the best of our ability. Doug is reaching out to the Regional ADM Director and will bring to the Board any information that will help DCYHA make the decision of becoming an ADM Model Association

Learn To Play Hockey - 44 kids are participating in the program. Of this number, about 7 are the children of coaches providing instruction during the sessions. About 5-7 Adult coaches have assisted during the on ice sessions. Approximately 4-5 young adults/recent graduates from Viewmont High School & Judge Memorial High School have assisted as well including gear fittings, gear repairs and on-ice instruction. The SDRC staff assisted with skates, hauling gear, preparing the ice with nets, dividers, etc. Online registration was successful resulting in only one registration payment remaining outstanding. It has been a very productive & successful group effort. ACTION: An effort will be made to talk with each LTPH parent/guardian to ascertain their satisfaction with the program; how they learned of the program; and what made them enroll their child in the LTPH program. In addition, at the end of the program, each parent will be sent an online survey to gain additional information to help the Board as they continue to grow and improve the program. During the final week of the program, each participant will be given information on how to sign-up for the regular season and other summer hockey training opportunities along with a discount code for participating in the LTPH program.. Each participant will receive a DCYHA cinch sack filled with goodies. These are part of an in-kind donation coordinated by Becky and Anna. A final program report including financials and feedback will be provided at the July Board meeting.

Thank You Notes - We have had quite a few donations of hockey gear. Notes of gratitude will be sent by the board to the donors. There was a question as to whether or not the DCYHA non-profit status allows the organization to offer a tax donation letter to donors. Action: Doug will inquire about the DCYHA tax status with his professional staff and let the Board know of their opinion. Scott may know this information already but he was not present to weigh-in. Becky and Anna will work with SDRC staff to learn the identities of the donors and follow-through with the Thank You notes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00p.m.