PVAHA Meeting 07/06/15

Rockville, Md.

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM.

Present: Mike Mulligan, Keith Williams, Pam Weiss, Bob Otte, Deb Moon, Mike Alfaro, Paul Duquette, John Coleman, Bud Buonato, Linda Jondo, Nao Matsukata

Absent: Brad Surdam

Tier 1:

* Tier 1 game counts begin on September 1st.
* Potomac Patriots- Max Judson issue with financial release from Patriots has been resolved.

Tier II:

* Ashburn would like to send a mite team to a full ice tournament in Rhode Island on MLK weekend. Feels the PVAHA is holding team back from playing full ice and requests a waiver. PVAHA Board voted to not issue a waiver.
* CBHL preliminary teams sent out.

House/Rec:

* CCHL President is Joe Loschiavo. Need to review their rules and by-laws. Need to put a discipline director in place.

Girls/Women’s- Pam Weiss

* 100% increase at 8U over the past 5 years.
* Contacted USAH about Disney possibly being a sponsor or promotion from the movie “Inside/Out”.
* Crerar grant application sent to Mimsy Linder who forwarded to all of the CBHL girls teams.

Special/Disabled Hockey

* No report.
* Need a rep for this position.

High School:

* Don Gensler is doing fine regarding his health. Some issues with oxygen while at the USAH Congress, had to return early from the meetings.
* USA High School Nationals will be held in Reston area in March 2016.
* Note to Bob Mathison- how many teams, 1 from Md., Va. and DC? Pure, Combined and/or Prep?

Registration:

* Too early for numbers for this upcoming season
* USAH registry is not ready, but release date is imminent.
* Verbage says all teams must submit a roster.
* All rec. teams and in-house mites must submit a roster with a coach’s name.

Safesport:

* New Affiliate rep. is Keith Williams. His contact info is on the PVAHA website.
* New Background Screening provider is SportsNgin.
  + $10 per person, coaches will now pay for their own screening
  + John is currently working with all clubs/associations to update their points of contact.
* All volunteers must register with USA Hockey prior to screening. Volunteers registration is free of charge with USAH.
* Keith will be added to agenda for August CBHL meeting in Rockville.

Coaching:

* Ty Newberry- no report
* Currently working on a Level 1,2, and 3 in late August, Ashburn.

Discipline:

* Mike Mulligan will be taking over Affiliate Discipline duties.
* There have been a rash of match penalties in spring/summer high school league where a player removes his own helmet and throws it at an opposing player. All these match penalties have been adjudicated.

Finance: Paul Duquette

* Account has been reconciled, to the penny.
* Deb Moon requests $5K for Mite end of season jamboree, PVAHA Pond for outlying clubs who need to grow, pre-season mite half ice jamboree with Caps (ice cost)
  + Food for attendees at August Town Hall meeting
  + Would like to have Ben Frank attend Town Hall meeting and asks PVAHA to pay his air and hotel bills. Paul made motion to ask if he is interested in attending, if so, and allow for cost not to exceed $1500. Nao second. Vote passes.

USA Hockey:

* Congress held June 3-6, 2015 in Colorado Springs.
* Kraft Hockeyville will launch its contest in January 2016; 1300 rinks nominated between Jan. and March 2015. Johnstown, Pa. was the winner, awarded $150K in rink upgrades and an NHL pre-season game.
* USOC has a separate entity to handle sexual abuse/misconduct allegations, will be up and running by end of 2015.
* Need to ensure use of locker room monitoring at all levels
* 88% of registered coaches completed Safesport training by Dec. 31, 2014. Upcoming season requires training to be completed prior to participating with any team activities for the 2015/16 season.
* Recreational hockey- focus group determined 98% of players around the country are recreational players. Rec. is less restrictive, has less requirements and has more flexibility.
* Mike MacMillan advised the coaches section is working on an app for players and parents.
* High performance symposium was held in Colorado Springs. 65 clubs were invited. Coaches have asked USAH for some sort of standards to be put in place.
* 600,000 in member counts; coaches, players and officials. The 2015/16 season opened on April 1 and is currently at 88,000.
* 1200 associations have U8 players registered, 398 completed the 2+2 challenge.
* Nov. 7, 2015 and Feb. 20, 2016 are Try Hockey For Free days.
* Focus is to grow 8 and under and retain at upper levels.
* Mite exemptions- goal is to have all affiliates with no exemptions.
* Rule 411 progressive penalties re-sets for the upcoming season on Sept. 1, 2015, provided the player is not serving a carry over suspension. Once the carry over has been served, the new season begins.

Background Screening:

* Brad and Nao have to re-screen for this season. The rest of the Board is clear for 2015/16.

New Business:

* Mr. Bazzone has filed an appeal with USA Hockey regarding his disqualification. PVAHA has until July 10 to respond. John and Linda will answer the appeal.
* Excess Crime insurance needs to be re-newed with AIG.
* John is working on new draft of By-Laws and will forward to committee for review.
* Rules change proposals:
  + 1.2 vote approved with changes
  + 1.7 vote approved to add CSHL
  + 2.6 vote approved to include verbiage “must” submit a roster, etc.
  + 11.4 vote approved to remove word “should” and replace with “shall”.
  + 11.3 vote approved to accept as written
  + 2.0 vote approved to accept as written
* Bud Buonato elected as Vice President of PVAHA.
* Upcoming Dates: August 15-16 CBHL Town Hall meeting in Rockville. Deb will send an agenda prior to the meeting.

Old Business:

* Motion made to remove the amendment and new business from the last meeting minutes before posting on PVAHA website. Nao motioned to approve, Paul 2nd. Vote approved.

Next Meeting is Sept. 14, 2015. Rockville, Md. 7PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jondo