

The Rockford Hockey Association (RHA) Board of Directors met Monday, March 21, 2016 at 8:00PM at Cedar Rock Sports Plex. The meeting was called to order at 8:01pm by Dave Bina.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Dave Bina, Chuck Veen, Erin Weber, Craig McPhee, Tom Marchlewski, Jason Hodel, Donielle Austin, Casey LaMore, Ken Sergott, Dennis Santos

ABSENT:

GUEST: Todd Tinker

Meeting Minutes: February meeting minutes approved.

Open Membership Forum: Todd Tinker (PW AA parent) (2004) shared concerns regarding parent behavior at a hotel for an out-of-town tournament. Mr. Tinker talked with the coach and the team manager regarding the incident, as well. Discussed Parent Code of Conduct and the potential for board actions when situations come up. Mr. Tinker's purpose for sharing his concerns was to make the board aware of the incident.

Committee Reports:

MAHA – Craig McPhee – MAHA meeting in Kalamazoo – spring rosters & tournament rosters (did not need new roster for late season tournaments); WMJVL has been going “rogue” and needs to be cleaned up; Bellgraph ... MAHA coaching meeting August 7, 2016 (mandatory for association coaching coordinator); March 26, 2017 spring coaches meeting; send email with change in coaching coordinators ASAP. Next season's play-in games will be January 7-8, 2017. Discussed options as associations what can be done for players with unpaid bills. Summer meeting discussion point with Stapleton (President's Meeting). Discussion about referees – chief referee discussed that good refs coming up; need to recruit new refs (looking for parent, association support). Discussion re: teams that leave an association and move to another association / issues with association's growing the sport; consideration for rules regarding percentage of players that were with the association the previous year – general consensus was that such regulation was not feasible. The issue of community hockey will be/is a USA Hockey issue. Kevin Sehlmeier – next in line to be a D6 director. RHA needs a new MAHA rep for monthly meetings (August thru March) + winter meeting + summer meeting + networking. Hearing for misconduct (JV coach) regarding not following de-roster/re-roster procedure issue will be conducted before March 31; need board leadership to attend hearing.

ADRAY – Dennis Santos – Rates \$175 for next year. Meeting in mid-April, Dennis will be sure to bring up game misconduct policy, invoices, JV league situation.

Marketing/Growth – Casey Lamore – Getting calls about teams for next year. Pulling together numbers for MAHA OneGoal report, which Donielle is writing. Will follow-up with Jeanne Bina on Start of Summer parade. Surveys – request to improve transparency between board and association.

Policies/Compliance – Nominating Committee – shared updated roster of candidates with bios. Dave Bina will send email to candidates.

Director Reports.

General Manager/Ice – Chuck Veen – Spring hockey is on the books. Greener's camp scheduled at CRSP. Tryouts scheduled. Work with Ric regarding volunteers to help with rink repairs over summer.

Coaching Commissioner – Jason Hodel –

- Second JV Team – focus on 1 team for coming year
- Squirt AA team – 36 eligible Squirt players; board unanimously approved for 2016/17. Ken Sergott will coach.
- Tryout Plan – need help with house evaluation on 3/25; PWA Wed 3/24 CRSP; 3/25 Thu BR; spring tryouts (May) dates are set – need procedure in place to announcing cut.

Shared his willingness to continue helping; please reach out.

Treasurer – Craig McPhee – Sent sponsorship package. Reviewed outstanding receivables, monthly expenses, and P&L. Expected to come in at budget by end of FY.

Registrar – Tom Marchlewski – Spring rosters will ready and posted by Friday.

Secretary – Erin Weber – No report.

President – Dave Bina – Shared thanks for continued dedication of board members. Shared significant decisions ahead in the future for the association (e.g., girls hockey, overall association growth, difficult strategic objectives and decisions going forward, leadership, leveraging key players to continue success, hockey operations, foundational programs, volunteer process, crisis management, travel program); specific thanks to Jason for his dedicated service on the board and on the ice. Set expectations for board to support new members coming in (treasurer, coaching commissioner).

Members at Large –

Danielle Austin – Hat Trick Raffle going well.

Casey LaMore – Will update website with disclaimer regarding camps.

Ken Sergott – no report.

Old Business.

Annual Meeting – March 28 at 5/3 Ballpark – Dave Bina will finish agenda and send me agenda. Dave Bina leaving no later than 7:45pm for airport.

New Business.

Need more help for LTS/LTP. Parents permitted to help as long as they have a helmet. Jordan Steger will not be back. Need LTP coach. Need Rec League coordinator/coach

Communication.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Annual Meeting – Monday, March 28 at 6:00pm at Fifth Third Ball Park

Conference call – April, April 11, 2016 at 8:00pm

Board meeting – Monday, April 25, 2015 at 8:00pm at Cedar Rock Sports Plex

Meeting adjourned at 10:09pm by Dave Bina.