



PAHA Board Meeting, February 8th, 2016

Attendance: Diana Guiney, Brian Stinger, Jason Nemecek, Chrysta Russell, John Dallos, Trista Teuscher, Michelle Babcock, Sarah Montgomery. Guest: Ben Kolly.

- I. **New Business:** Financials- After our final ice bill was paid and referee charges were covered we currently hold \$10,000.00 in our general account. We still need to be reimbursed for the final bill by those with outstanding ice bills from within PAHA. All bills must be paid in full prior to the State tournaments.
- II. **Trust:** We have an attorney working with us free of charge reading over the trust and helping us with any paper work that needs to be completed. (Sean Osborne Klien). While the trust remains somewhat vague, money may be divided amongst the high school hockey team. It is important for everyone to work together in order for this trust to benefit all hockey players within our hockey community.
- III. **Huntington Bank:** Currently Huntington Bank is deciding who is entitled to the money in the trust. The board has discussed with the attorney, (Sean Osborne Klien) if moving the money from Huntington Bank to another financial advisor within another financial entity may be on the brink. 
- IV. **Outside committee:** The board discussed having an outside committee decide how the money from the trust is used/distributed/etc. This idea keeps things impartial.
- V.  **Red Wings:** Trista was happy to report we sold 103 tickets for our upcoming Red Wings fundraiser. 10 Peewee's and 10 Squirts will be high-fiving the Red Wings as they leave the locker room to head onto the ice before the game and 9 mites and mini's will be skating on the ice during a period break. Each entire team will have the opportunity to skate at the rink the night before. (Friday) 45 minutes for players, and 45 minutes for players and families.
- VI.  **First Annual Winter Classic:** 6 Peewee hockey teams will be playing in the Winter Classic and 4 squirt teams. Squirts will be playing on Saturday and Sunday only while Peewee's will be playing Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Gift bags will be given out by our sponsor, Buffalo Wild Wings. Players will receive medals and trophies for first and second place. Player of the game awards will be given out at the end of each game to both teams. Buffalo Wild Wings will be bringing in dinner for the Squirt team on Saturday to Griffin Arena. Our tournament director: Ben Kolly. Referees: Scheduled by Kenny. Championship game will take place at the Winter Sports Park for squirts. Consolation game

will take place at Griffin Ice Arena. Concessions: the concession stand will be up and running for all peewee and squirt games and will be run by both parents of peewees and squirts. Bake Sale?? Possibly.

- VII.  **State Tournament:** Charter a bus- the idea of chartering a bus was proposed but has been declined by the coaches for numerous reasons. The board agreed with these reasons and therefore it won't be happening. We are hoping for community support in sending the team off to State. Possibly downtown merchants to wave flags, a school bus decorated to take the team as far as Wal-Mart parking lot where a caravan would resume the rest of the way to the tournament.

- VIII.  **Travel Hockey and District Seven Proposal:** District 7 has put out a survey requesting a vote by board members of district 7 teams concerning the development of travel hockey teams. District 7 is hoping to put in affect parameters, which would require house teams at each level to be in existence within an association prior to approving any travel teams. For example, if you have a squirt house hockey team but do not have a peewee house hockey team, you would not be allowed nor entitled to establish a travel hockey team within your association. District 7 believes our travel teams are saturating our district. House teams need to be considered a higher priority. While select teams can always be established, travel teams need to be limited to only those associations having house teams at all levels of play. While travel teams may seem necessary for the advanced player, here in Northern Michigan it is questionable that these teams have enough players to convincingly be considered legitimate for travel quality hockey. While some coaches may complain they aren't able to accommodate all variations of skill level on the ice, home hockey coaches are being trained and given tools to accommodate the variations of player diversity. Coaches are taught how to teach at both ends of the spectrum. Coaches may complain that our communities do not have enough players to complete a hockey team at all levels, therefore we are being punished unfairly. If it isn't possible to create teams at all levels due to low numbers, which should not cancel out an association's ability to have a travel hockey team. Our board unanimously voted down this proposal made by district 7 based on this last statement.

- IX.  **Concession Concerns:** Our concession stand is in need of some TLC. We have machines that are not working, not being cleaned promptly. Some machines are in need of components. In order to have a successful concession stand it must be manned and it must be kept in working order. Help is needed in this regard. If you want to help please contact Chrysta Russell to donate time, energy, expertise and maintenance.

- X.  **Team Dynamics:** During our hockey season moments of concern have occurred. It is important that all players are being conscientious of their individual

behavior, as well as meeting our expectations for parents to create a positive hockey experience for all. Please remember any concern or complaint should begin by speaking privately with your head coach. We as a board believe all conflicts can be resolved peacefully in this manner. The board will review any letter of complaint should you find no resolution by speaking with your head coach. PAHA will decide if a private meeting involving you, your coach and the board is necessary on an individual basis. Thank you for making Griffin Arena a safe place for your child to learn to play hockey.

XI. Adjourned: 9:17 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Sarah J. Montgomery/Secretary