

## **Petoskey Area Hockey Association Board Meeting**

Petoskey Ice Arena

May 13, 2024 @ 7:00pm

**In Attendance:** Sarah Saddison, Chris Firman, Brent Bolin, Henry Pfiefer, Heaven Alcala, Rob Higgins

**Absent:** Fedor Fedorov

**Public in Attendance:** Anthony Brandao, Jessica English

1. Brent called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
2. Approval of tonight's agenda and 3/12/24 meeting minutes. Rob motions to approve. Henry seconded. Motion approved 6-0.
3. Public Comments:
  - a. Jessica English had inquired on parent letters that were emailed to the board. Rob is working on the investigation and will follow up on this.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - a. We received 6 certified letters back that were sent out for outstanding bills. We will leave them at the rink and ask the rink to pass out to those families.
  - b. We received the trust check (\$95,487.69).
  - c. Accounts are approximately: \$60,000 checking - \$50,000 savings
  - d. Huntington is planning to come to a board meeting to talk about the parameters of the trust. Henry will reach out in another month or two.
5. **Equipment Update:**
  - a. Chris is planning to bring all jerseys in to get dry-cleaned.
  - b. Chris will inventory our jerseys and gear this summer.
  - c. Sarah will send the previous season jersey spreadsheet to Chris to help with planning.
  - d. Brent will follow up on the storage garage and make sure it's listed with the current names.
  - e. Goalie gear to be loaned out to PAHA players for FHA camp - Gear will be stored at the rink during camp. Rob has okayed this.

## **6. President's Report:**

- a. Insurance policy for the board (Harbor Brenn Agency) is up for renewal and the company had issues contacting us this season. Brent will follow up with them to make sure they have the proper contact information.
- b. Brent has been working on cleaning up paperwork – filing with the state, etc. and will continue working on this.
- c. We need to work on filing our 2022 and 2023 taxes. Brent will work on this.

## **7. 2024-25 Registration Fees & Structure:**

- a. \$300/hour for ice (\$20/hour increase from last season)
- b. Our budget for next year is tight with the rising ice fees.
- c. We will revisit how we fund the learn to skate program. We may have to cut back on our donation. This is tabled for now.
- d. Heaven brought up having team sponsors to help offset registration costs.
- e. We will keep registration fees the same, add \$100 sign-up fee per player. Rob will work on the language for communication to families on why fees have increased. Rob will send to Sarah.
- f. Discounts: \$50 early bird discount per family by July 30, 2024, and family discount will still be offered (2<sup>nd</sup> child – 50% off, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> – free).
- g. Deadline will be by May 20, 2024, for association letter and registration link.
- h. All players must have payments current before registering.
- i. We will investigate MAHA rules for de-rostering players for non-payment.
- j. We will work on getting team sponsorships this year to offset higher costs. Team sponsors will get advertising through banners, online advertisement, team pictures, and stickers for helmets. Sarah will start working on this.
- k. New registration fee and discount plan approved 6-0.

## **8. 2024-25 Season Planning:**

- a. 14U Bantam – Brent reached out to Jeff Guiney to ask for help on this. Rob will follow up with Fed to see where he is at with his planning.
- b. Projected team sizes – we have an issue with limited hours of ice time and multiple teams.
- c. Jackson Saddison – move up request – Heaven motioned to approve; Rob seconded. Motioned approved 5-0.
- d. 14U Bantam Co-Op – Henry will reach out to Cheboygan to offer a co-op for next season with Petoskey players.

## **9. Spring Teams Update & Billing:**

- a. Billing – for travel and select teams – coaches/managers need to provide spreadsheets – total bill will be divided evenly among players. We will work on revising our travel team policies.
- b. 12U Spring – 2 practices – Heaven will bill out to the sports engine roster.

**10. Petoskey High School Funding Request:**

- a. We will table this for now.

**11. 2024 Regular Board Election:**

- a. Election Committee – Sarah, Chris, and Henry
- b. Committee will go through the bylaws to make sure it's done correctly.
- c. Once we have our votes, the bottom two elected will serve the one-year term.
- d. We can only have one person who doesn't have a player registered.
- e. Sarah will coordinate the communication and start election.

**12. Board Member Updates:**

- a. Two 1-year seats up for election: Morey & Imbleau
- b. Four 2-year seats up for election: Bolin, Alcala, Higgins, Fedorov
- c. Brent, Fed, and Rob will re-run in this next election.

**13. Next meeting:** We will schedule our next meeting through email.

Brent adjourned the meeting at 10:05 pm.