

PVAHA Meeting

February 10, 2019

Rockville Ice Arena

7:00 PM

Present: Paul Duquette, Mike Lyons, Bill Schmidt, John Coleman, Bob Otte, Keith Williams, Mike Mulligan, Pam Weiss, Mike Weiss, Brad Surdam, Bud Buonato, Linda Jondo

Financial Report:

- Debit card with new bank, changed to credit card with new bank
- 3 signatories on the account: Paul Duquette, Linda Jondo, Brad Surdam
- USAH Foundation: committee to look into sending \$50K to USAH for investment. Annual Congress deadline.

Registrar Report:

- Bob Otte forwarded all reports electronically
- Montgomery Special Hockey (Dave Lucia) is requesting permission to register 1 team to go to a tournament in Canada. MSH is not a USAH registered team. Bob will check with Laura Johnson and Kim Folsom with USAH to get approval.
- Credentials- all teams who could advance to Districts or National Championships have been emailed to contact Bob to arrange dates for credentials to be completed.
- USAH Mid-Winter Meeting- 3 District Committee will re-structure Tier System to be consistent across the country.

Tier I:

- Youth Player Development is April 12-14, 2019 at MedStar Ice Plex. April 12 is invitation only players.
- 5 outside evaluators being brought in
- \$60 registration fee for Saturday April 13. Friday April 12 is free for those players. Any player selected to advance to Saturday will have to pay the fee.

Tier II:

- Bud is forwarding schedule for State Playoffs. PVAHA volunteers will be needed to staff these games.
- Bud will forward ice schedule to SHOA.

High School:

- Glenelg is attending High School Nationals from Maryland, Bishop O'Connell will attend from Virginia.

- John Coleman will be a USA Hockey Director for the National Tournament.
- America's Showcase: committee met with MSHL and Tony MacCaully to try to combine and send 1 team from the Affiliate. MSHL decided to send a second team. PVAHA will get a request for funds from both programs. Registration fee, coaches hotel and per diem for coaches- \$3500 for each team.

Background Screening:

- All current coaches processed, 2 are pending clearance
- 2 have barred for sexually related offenses
- Two thousand plus screens have been processed.

Discipline:

- Mike Mulligan has scheduled 3 match penalties coming up to be heard.
- There are 2 new assault on officials match penalties that need to be scheduled.

New Association- DC Nforcers: Brad thinks they have a copy of the Reston email list and he will try to get proof. This could be considered tampering.

Mike Mulligan suggested a sub committee for future new member associations to do ground work and monitor new associations that are on probation. Sub committee: Mike Mulligan, Mike Lyons, Pam Weiss and Brad Surdam.

NARCE- Conference will be held in Buffalo, NY the week of May 25th. Possible attendees: Darren Hersch, Derek Rabold, Brad Surdam, Jr.

Rule Edits:

- Rule 2.12- John will add additional language for non-checking to checking.
- Rule 2.13- John will send out to board for vote

Policies:

- New concussion policy
- Transgender policy: adopted Draft policy from Mid-Winter Meeting

SafeSport-

- Racial taunting issue:
 - 40+ interviews were conducted over the course of the past month
 - brief synopsis of Divyne Appolon situation
 - Skip Williams will be put on notice, Casey Jorgenson(USAH Counsel) will be copied, Old York Road team that was accused has attorneys on board to file litigation. Claims have been threatened. PVAHA should consider speaking with attorney Steve Stapleton from Michigan Affiliate.

By-Laws need to be reviewed and re-written.

District Director- Tom Lenz is not running for re-election. John Coleman will apply for nomination.

USAH is looking into a Safety Officer from each District. Mike Lyons is interested once the program is put into place.

Meeting adjourned: 9:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jondo