

St. Peter Bulldog Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
January 9, 2019, 6:30pm  
St. Peter Community Center, Traverse des Sioux Rm

Present Board Members: Jill Fredrickson, Russ Burg, Greg Westerman, Joe Kane, Eric Smykalski, Joel Jones, Kim Gibson, Jill Stensrud, Darian Hunt

Not Present: Jeremy Smuder, Mary Tews

Guests: Lori Plieseis

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

- Call to order: Hunt
- Approval of Minutes: Westerman/Burg 2nd.
- Approval of Agenda: Westerman/Gibson 2nd

### **Old Business**

- 3X3 Extended Skills
  - Registration will be online, via SportsEngine
  - Deadline is set for end of January.
  - Registrar will report on participation.
- Mite Jamboree
  - Full registrations!
  - Payments are being collected; format is similar to last season; volunteer hours will be granted for concession work as it is critical to BHA to have open concession during this event.
  - Referee Cost Tracking - Suggestion from Westerman to track Referee & ice costs for hosting tournaments to fully understand revenues for each event.
  - TCU players request to bring players into jamboree, but no spots are available for the extra players.
- BHA Operations Manual
  - Gibson provided proposed contents for ops manual. It was requested that all Board members provide feedback on the contents. Next step will be to review all materials within manual. Plan to wrap up this effort by August 2019.

### **New Business**

- Local foundation donation
  - An organization is considering donations to BHA and would like to understand how funds would be used. Kane will follow up to discuss.
- Mite Jerseys
  - Jersey committee exploring ideas for reversible Mite jerseys and will report back by next meeting.
- Additional Tournament requests coming in.
  - Discussion needed around funding additional tournaments
  - Board to address in the coming year

## Officers and Committees Reports

- **President** – Belle Plaine is now officially part of BHA (both youth association and the high school). Hunt has suggested a name change for the association to align with the high school. Board members will socialize this idea with the broader community to get multiple perspectives.
- **Treasurer** – the City of Le Sueur is proposing significant cost increases to hourly ice time. In return, are offering more opportunities for marketing options at the rink. Hunt/Symkalski will continue to discuss with the city. There are various options for scholarships and foundations through the city, and those will also be explored. Raffle license and concessions licenses are to be updated. Raffle reported \$26,000 in funds received to date, which is on track from last season. The 2018-19 budget continues to be a challenge and the Board will continue to monitor. Thank you to Matt Saxe Chevrolet for their donations totaling \$1,000 this season!
  - Motion to approve Treasurer Report
    - Motion – Burg
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Westerman
    - Motion approved
- **Hockey Operations Committee** – Westerman suggested coaching participation and volunteer process to be re-evaluated prior to next season to ensure there equity as well as having enough people to fill all other volunteer hours as open slots have been a challenge this season. There will be more discussion in the off-season as the Board continues to evaluate.
- **Fundraising** – Not present; funds continue to be collected for the raffle.
- **Marketing** – Not present
- **Concessions** – Not present
- **Ice Scheduler** – Plieseis provided update on ice scheduling. Mike Hettig is transitioning well into the this position. Plieseis reported that there had been limited ice available in January due to many games and high school activities, but that ice time is on target to be comparable to last season. The only open times are Wednesday evenings, which conflict with various religion commitments and Sunday mornings, a similar conflict. Outdoor ice has been problematic to schedule due to climate. As ice scheduling continues to be a challenge, Plieseis recommended that Hettig start participating in HOC meetings as much of the direction on ice time is driven by coaching staff. There are continuous efforts to explore how other associations are managing ice as well as discussion to look for a scheduling software. There was a recommendation to consider utilizing Monday night clinic ice (going forward) to help with practice times and games. Plieseis will continue to mentor Hettig through early next season.
- **Registrar** – Not present; starting to track 3x3 registrations.
- **District Rep** – Jones reported on the last D9 meeting. Standard topics were discussed and there will be more focus around discouraging bad ice behavior such as [players] banging sticks on the boards when there are checks/hits.

- **Association Team Coordinator**
  - Excited for the Patrick's on Third fundraiser set for January 12<sup>th</sup> (this weekend). Several donations received for the silent auction. There will be a special area set up for the BHA families/fans. Some of the teams have arranged their schedules to attend. Thank you Jill Stensrud, for coordinating!
- **Referee Coordinator** – Not present
- **Tournament Committee Chair** – Not present; Westerman reported that Squirt C and Bantam B were able to secure end of season tournaments.
- **Equipment** – Not present
- **Clothing** – Not present; in general, clothing sales appear to be slightly increased this season.
- **Jerseys** – Not present; new Jersey Committee is forming to evaluate how BHA manages jerseys. More to come in the off-season.
- **Photographer** – Not present
- **Volunteer** – Not present; Volunteer fulfillment was discussed as the end of season nears. Board will continue to monitor to ensure all volunteer hours are fulfilled and that concession slots are filled, which is a major source of income for the association ice rental. Additionally, there will be some policy changes considered in the off-season as the last two seasons have been very challenging in getting all time slots filled.
- **Website** – Not present; It was requested to advertise 'Fight Cancer' on the website; approved. Noted all kids wearing any jerseys will get in free to Fight Cancer night.

#### Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- Regular Board Meeting: February 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm, St. Peter Community Center

Adjournment – Kane/Westerman 2nd