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BAHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date of meeting: 9.29.2022
Time: 6:30pm
Essentia Health Sports Center

In attendance: Jim Brau, Darren Goltz, Amanda Ciesinski, Ryan Glas, Brent Potvin, Megan Goebel, Chris Wallace, Justin Jerve

- I. Call to Order – 6:56pm by Darren Goltz
- II. Good News =/< 5 minutes
 - a. Try Hockey for Free had a great turn out and went very well. Thank you letters went out to the high school teams for helping out on ice.
- III. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Motion to approve by Ryan Glas 2nd by Chris Wallace. Motion carries.
- IV. Approval of Consent Agenda which includes: Motion to approve made by Megan Goebel, 2nd by Brent Potvin. Motion carries.
 - a. Executive Director’s report (Attached)
 - b. Hockey Director’s report (Attached)
 - i. Player Development Committee and In-House sub-comm.
 - c. Treasurer’s/Financial report (Attached)
 - d. Recruitment and Retention Committee report (Attached)
 - e. Alumni Committee report (Nothing to Report)
 - f. SafeSport/Grievance/Discipline Committee (Attached)
 - g. Fundraising Committee report (Attached)
 - h. Volunteer Committee report (Nothing to Report)
 - i. Executive Committee report (Nothing to Report)
 - j. Finance Committee report (Attached)
 - k. Marketing Committee report (Nothing to Report)
 - l. Events Committee report (Nothing to Report)
 - m. August Meeting Minutes (Attached)
 - i. August Minutes were amended. Motion to approved August Amended Minutes made by Amanda Ciesinski, 2nd by Chris Wallace. Motion carries.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Special Meeting Minutes – Darren – Minutes from Special Meeting were reviewed.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Special Projects – Special Guest Alicia Prahm was present to discuss spearheading an “arena beautification project” - Motion for Alicia Prahm to spearhead special arena projects by using BAHA player/families to help with projects. \$500.00 budget for initial projects. With additional projects and budget to be reviewed as they occur made by Darren Goltz, 2nd by Megan Goebel. Motion carries.
 - b. Pizza Fundraiser cost increase – Justin - Pizza prices have increased for Giovanni’s. Prices have gone up from last year by roughly \$1.00. Decision on whether to increase prices. \$10 & \$11
 - c. Regular Season Coaches – Brent
List of Potential Head Coaches – Motion to approve coaching candidate pool for travel teams head coaches that will be placed by PDC after tryouts made by Chris Wallace, 2nd by Justin Jerve. Motion carries.
 - d. Scholarships – 4 families have been given scholarships this season.
- VII. Comments and Announcement



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- a. Arena Improvements – Discussed new rubber matting in cold area of Crow Wing Recycling Rink, new plexiglass in both Civic and CWRR for spectator safety. Jim will work on getting different quotes to present to the board for review.
- VIII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made Justin Jerve by, 2nd made by Chris Wallace. Motion carries. 9:12pm

Next Board meeting October 26th

September 2022 – Executive Director’s Report
By: Jim Brau

Home Tournaments

1. Home tournament online registration opened on May 23rd.
2. Current registration levels:
 - a. 15UB – 8 teams – Full
 - b. Squirt C – 8 teams – Full
 - c. Bantam B1 – 8 teams – Full
 - d. Bantam B2 – 8 teams – Full
 - e. Bantam AA – 12 teams – Full
 - f. Squirt A – 8 teams – Full
 - g. Peewee B1 – 8 teams – Full
 - h. Peewee B2 – 8 teams – Full
 - i. 12UA – 8 teams – Full
 - j. 12UB – 8 teams – Full
 - k. 10UB – 12 teams – Full
 - l. Squirt B1 – 8 teams – Full
 - m. Squirt B2 – 8 teams – Full
 - n. Jamborees –
 - i. 8U – 2 spots open
 - ii. Mites - Full

Regular Season Registration

1. 270 players registered so far.
2. 195 Registered by this date last season.

Fall Hockey

1. Fall Hockey began on August 22nd.
2. 207 participants this year.
3. Last year we had 205 participants.



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PEP

1. PEP nights were a huge hit and received great reviews by the players and parents.

Shot Club

1. 51 participants so far with 307,491 pucks shot!

Try Hockey for FREE

1. 115 participants registered online.

15U/High School

1. Working with BLF Girls HS Head Coach Tate Rusk to implement the HS tryout/move-up plan for the season.
2. A letter will be going out to 15U eligible player's families explain the process.
3. Players not chosen by HS will "come back" to BAHA.
4. Player's chosen for HS will be refunded by BAHA.
5. Working through getting 15U players registered within BAHA per Coach Rusk's request.

Recruitment and Retention Committee Report

Submitted by Amanda Ciesinski

Last meeting: 08/22/2022

Next meeting: TBD

1. Recruitment Efforts:
 - a) Try Hockey for Free: This annual event is underway. A summary of participation will be made available at a subsequent directors' meeting.
- 2) Retention Efforts:
 - a) U of M Community Days Event: Participation is confirmed. Details will be available shortly.
 - b) MN Wild Tickets: Committee has received the link for these tickets. The ticket link will be available once event details have been finalized.

Safesport/Grievance/Discipline Committee Report

Submitted by Amanda Ciesinski

Last meeting: 09/07/2022

Next meeting: TBD

1. Committee met to discuss modifications and updates to the grievance policy outlined in the handbook. A draft of this policy has been completed and is awaiting committee review. To better serve our



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membership and clarify the grievance procedure, the committee aims to include a timeline and more detailed information about this process. Modifications to the 'Grievance Form' have also been suggested to reflect changes made to this policy.

Finance Committee Report – 9.29.2022 Prepared by Justin Jerve, Finance Committee Chair

The Finance Committee has received 4 scholarship applications for 22-23 Registration Fee assistance. All have been reviewed by the committee and approved. Total of awarded scholarships as of 9/29/22 is \$1,840.

Hockey Director Report 9-27-22
By: Brent Potvin

- The PDC is making a recommendation to amend our current move up policy to read as the following.
- Move ups will be allowed from for all levels if a player is showing exemplary skill and would be considered as one of the top 25% at the level they would be moving in to.
- Recommendations need to come from the previous year's coaches at which time the PDC will form a small group (3-4 members) to watch and evaluate the recommended player to see if they are in agreeance of that recommendation.
- If the player is in fact, in the opinion of the evaluators, someone who is identified as one of the top players, that individual will be asked to tryout at the level above. If the individual in question is placed on the top team based off evaluation scores, they will have the ability to skate that season at their tryout level. If they are not evaluated and do not make the top team, that individual will be placed back into their appropriate age level.
- Attributes that will be taken into consideration when recommending a players/players will be the following, exemplary skill set, competitiveness, coachability, maturity, attitude, and respect. Each of these items should be on display at the highest of levels every day.
- We reviewed numbers again and are currently recommending the following team numbers and designations at each level
 - 10U- 1 Team designated B
 - Squirts- 4 teams designated A, B1, B2 and C
 - 12U- 2 teams designated A and B
 - Pee wee-3 teams designated AA, B1 and B2
 - 15U- 1 team designated B
 - Bantam- 3 teams designated AA, B1 and B2
- Discussed our numbers at the 12U level at length. To hit the number of kids needed for 2 teams, we will need to have anywhere from 0-2 players move up from our 10U team which those numbers at the 10U will need to be supplemented with 8U's. Rather than hand selecting the 10U's who would be eligible to tryout for the 12's, we



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are allowing any 2nd year 10U the opportunity to tryout should they choose to. We currently have 6 2nd year 10U's.

-The PDC approved the recommendation to offer Easton Haugstad the opportunity to tryout for the Squirts and Sullivan Lick the opportunity to tryout for the Pee wee's.

-Per the recommendations of the High School boys staff, the following coaches were selected for this upcoming season.

-Bantam AA- Jake Mitchell

-Pee wee AA- Brent Potvin (Providing his son makes the team)

-Squirt A-Dustan Lick (Unless his son stays in Pee wee's)

-Tryout evaluators and on ice coaches have been selected for all the levels holding tryouts.

-The tryout schedule has been sent to our members, without holding tryouts for our 10U and 15U teams, that has allowed us to assign more ice time to each level

-Tryout practice plan is currently going through some changes and will be sent to the coaches over the weekend so they can run through it a time or 2 in fall camp so the kids are ready.

-We have a handful of kids that will be missing Friday evening due to football. We came up with a plan to ensure those kids are getting the same opportunity as the rest of the group and will be evaluated Thursday evening in preparation for the groupings for Saturday morning.

-Tryout evaluation forms are also being redone this year.

-The level evaluators will be holding post tryout individual evaluations again this year.

-Discussed the implementation of PEP into our fall camps. Some coaches have used it multiple times while others have not. We discussed ways to get all of the levels utilizing the program.