

Mn Special Hockey

1/8/2024

Zoom meeting

Members in attendance: Holly Tchida, Kay Morris, Tia Graves, Tom Schuneman, Keith Kloubec, Toni Gillen, Cathy Carter, Jared Wieseler, Scott Foley, and Alicia Acken. Absent: Jane Cashin, Jen Lynch, Linda Rogentine, and Amanda Reed.

Secretary's Report: Motion made, seconded, and approved as written.

Season Update: (a) A player from the Alexandria team has moved to St. Cloud. We were told they were going to continue to play in Alexandria. The player has shown up for the St. Cloud team. The player needs to make Jane/registrar aware of change as all changes are not approved. Is there a policy for changing team? We need to discuss it further with Jane. (b) Alicia has an OT parent on the Woodbury team that is willing to help with challenging behaviors. She may be able to connect with the University of Mn. (c) Beth Carlson has become the new manager of the Centennial team.

Apparel: (a) The second wave will be open for 1 week. Delivery before the end of the season. (b) Cathy and Jane will work on the jackets for second season players. (c) Tia has the square for apparel. Cathy would like to use it to sell apparel at the Alexandria jamboree. Cathy needs to check with Linda to make sure it is ready to go. (d) Let Jared know when apparel store are open. He will connect the store to the apparel tab on the website. Is it possible to have the apparel we own sold on the website?

Equipment: (a) Tom will add equipment updates to the agenda. (b) Brock is working on the inventory process and shelving options. (c) Tom dropped off the extra sticks from HF festival. They are all right-handed.

Hockey Day Lakeville: (a) Rosters are ready. 20 players. There will be announcing, smoke machine and lights.

Boston: (a) 25 players are registered. We need to register another team. (b) Tom is working on the hotels with the organizers. Hotels are not set yet. Tom will reach out tonight. (c) No negative feedback on travel vouchers. (d) Busing to Boston would cost \$23,000.00. We need to write a policy regarding when as bus would be used verses travel vouchers. Is it based on cost, milage, or need for extra hotels? (e) 1 coach is interested in going. Brock may be interested Email Jane, Tom, and Tia as well regarding the trip.

Split the pot: (a) Thanks Tia for the hats. It went great. (b) Our next split the pot is 1/25/2024.

Alexandria Jamboree: (a) February 17/18. (b) Hotel information has been sent out. (c) No other budget request has been received. We have approved a pizza party for athletes and 1 guest.

Summer Scheduling: We need to get the dates for the summer skates and annual picnic.

Dick's house of sport has available ice if we need it. Keith has reached out to the manager to see how the process works.

Toni's Report: (a) Dick's wants to have the event annually. (b) Toni needs our nomination by next week for the \$1,000.00 athlete scholarship. If you have a nomination, please send a summary to Holly and she will compile a list to vote on. The scholarship is to support an athlete's hockey goals or help with life. It has been used pay for an interpreter in the past. (c) Video will be taken of that athlete to play at the awards ceremony. (d) Planning is starting for the Special/Blind classic in November. It will be held in Blaine. If you would like to be on the call, let Holly or Toni know. (e) USA hockey is working on details for the disabled festival. Will it be combined with SHI? (f) March 5 is diversified hockey night at the Wild. Toni will let us know about an intermission skate. (g) Neck guards will be voted on. If mandatory, will there be accommodations? Tracheotomy and sensory integration issues.

On ice chairs: (a) Chairs would cost \$100.00. They are used to push non skating athletes. (b) Ask coaches if this is something they could use. Do they have any athletes this would benefit for games. We want our athletes to skate. (c) Coaches would need to transport the chairs. Most teams don't have storage at the rinks.(d) Jared will put together a flyer with pictures to send to coaches. (e) Maybe MSH will get a few and coaches will sign them out.