

2023-2024 Cottage Grove Hockey Association

CGHA Board Meeting

November 6, 2023 – VFW Red Barn

Board Members (X = Present):

President: Chris Rudh	X	Bantam Director: Josh Munger	X	Mini Mite Director: Dave O'Brien	
Vice Pres. Ops: Matt McMorrow	X	Peewee Director: Chris Westphall	X	Girls 12U/15U: Dave Joslin	X
Vice Pres. Admin: Brian Buffie	X	Squirt Director: Brenton Clyne	X	Girls 8U Director: Nicole Gilman	X
Registrar: Tom Wassmund	X	Mite Director: Alex Retoff	X	Hockey Director: Nick Harris	X
Budget Director: Diana Chance	X	Junior Gold Director: Chad Rediske	X	Girls 10U: Tyson Terry	X

Non-voting (X = Present):

Communications: Sharon Kortus		Fundraising: Andrea Erickson	X	Tournaments: Abigail Polson	X
D8 Liaison: Dan Olson	X	Ice Manager: Matt McMorrow	X	Mite Equipment: Nicole Tvedt	
Apparel Manager: Ronda Ellevold		Hockey Fest: Mary Leppi	X		
Webmaster: Steve Frosch					

Meeting Start:

- Meeting called to order – 7:29pm

Approve Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- Motion by: Brenton Clyne
- Second by: Josh Munger
- All Approved : All

Committee Reports:

- Recruiting (Dave O'Brien/Nicole Gilman):
 - Going to work to get our photographer access to social media to help promote our association in season. Recruit young hockey player parents to build a committee for Recruiting.
- Equipment (Nicole Tvedt):
 - None
- Goalies (Brian Buffie):
 - None

- Hockey Fest / Jamboree(s) (Mary Leppi):
 - None
- Fundraising (Andrea Erickson):
 - Presented fundraising options at coaches/manager meeting
- Ice Manager (Matt McMorrow):
 - No Report
- Tournaments (*Abigail Polson*):
 - No Report
- Volunteer / Dibs (Linnea Gamache):
 - No Report
- Communications (Sharon Kortus):
 - Please try to get updates/agendas to me prior to the monthly meetings. It helps a lot to have them already on our agenda for the meeting.
- Webmaster (Steve Frosch):
 - None
- District 8 Rep (Dan Olson):
 - Presented at Coaches/Managers Meeting – D8 Policies

Board Member Reports:

- Registrar/Administrator (Tom Wassmund):
 - Presented at coaches/managers meeting coaching requirements
- Budget Director (Diana Chance):
 - Outstanding items: 2 coach W9's needed before we can make payment for pre-season clinics, 1 outstanding receipt needed ASAP from tryouts
 - Past due player fees: 24 players with past due fees, list was shared with level directors impacted.
 - Spend vs. Budget: all spending has been within budget so far, but I'm behind on rolling up the numbers and creating a financial report. Also having trouble with the new NGIN format to report player fees collected by level.
 - T-Shirts: Make sure you are passing out t-shirts with jerseys. I will schedule a couple days to sit at the rink and invite anyone to come pick up a shirt that didn't get one.
 - Play-up / Secondary Registration: Now that all teams are formed I will work on calculating any bills that need to get sent and have them out before the end of the month.
- Junior Gold Director (Chad Rediske):
 - None

- Bantam Director (Josh Munger):
 - None
- Peewee Director (Chris Westphall):
 - None
- Squirt Director (Brenton Clyne):
 - None
- Mite Director (Alex Retoff):
 - None
- Mini Mite Director (Dave O'Brien):
 - Recruiting - Going to work to get our photographer access to social media to help promote our association in season. Recruit young hockey player parents to build a committee for Recruiting
 - Mini-Mite - Teams are practicing now, chasing head coaches to ensure everyone on the ice is in compliance with requirements. Working to get managers for each team and ensuring they have met the requirements
- Girls Program Director (Dave Joslin):
 - None
- Girls Program 8U Director (Nicole Gilman):
 - All U8 Teams posted with Ice
 - Mini Mite teams started this weekend
- Girls Program 10U Director (Tyson Terry):
 - None
- Hockey Director (Nick Harris):
 - None
- Vice President of Administration (Brian Buffie):
 - None
- Vice President of Operation (Matt McMorrow):
 - None
- President (Chris Rudh):
 - Coaches and Managers Meeting – 6:00-7:10pm

New Business:

- Ronda Ellevold – Jersey Manager
 - Mites and U8's – Reversible jerseys - \$5,250 for 150 jerseys, this is something we will look at for 2024-2025 season.
- Neck Guards
 - We will follow guidance from Minnesota guidance (We will send out guidance from USA Hockey). This was sent out on 11/7/2023
- Modifying Structure of Voting Members – Need to have proposal in for March Meeting Minutes
 - Change to 3 year teams (4 each year)
- 3rd Jersey Design –
 - Motion by : Brian Buffie - I would formally make the motion to approve the attached design for immediate use, allowing for the use of the current retro jersey for the remainder of the year but retiring in the future, year TBD.
 - 2nd – Josh Munger
 - Discussion:
 - We have before us an alternative third jersey design for review and approval/rejection. As a reminder when the dust settled from the original launch of the third jersey concept, an agreement was made that the process for any future alternate jersey designs would go before the Board for consideration.
 - The intent here is to offer this immediately to those that wish to participate while also allowing the retro jerseys from the past years to be continued.
 - Some families feel pressure to purchase and hockey is already expensive
 - **Concerns raised to the board regarding a new third jersey design approval and release in the 23/24 hockey season were as follows:**
 - - There is not yet a policy or plan in place regarding a third jersey/uniform. Suggest we do not approve additional designs until a policy is defined and agreed upon.
 - - This will add confusion and frustration as the "old third jersey" (the retro wild pattern) is still on our website as an approved jersey and teams have been actively ordering based on the October 2023 deadline to purchase.
 - - Last summer we discussed finding a sponsor for the third jersey to cover most, if not all, of the costs for every traveling player in our association. However this was not prioritized over the summer so has not been worked on. Waiting one year to release the new design may give us time to find a sponsor and make this jersey available to all traveling players at no cost, or very little cost, for the 24/25 hockey season. But approving the design now and allowing teams to buy for the 23/24 hockey season will take away this option.
 - - Releasing the new design in a similar manner to the "old third jersey" (the retro wild pattern) and allowing each team to vote if they will purchase as a team or not creates increased social pressure and financial pressure in the CGHA membership. This also creates added pressure on coaches and managers to make the decision when teams do not have a unanimous vote.

- This money could be better spent on neck guards, first aid kits, or hockey development.
- At some point in the near future we will consider a refresh/update of our current team jerseys (both black and white), and this will be an added cost to all CGHA members at the traveling levels. This new design could be an option to replace our white team jersey at that point in the future.
- The timing of releasing this jersey is late and will leave teams rushing to order so they have the ability to get good use out of them for the 23/24 season.



LACE NECK HOCKEY JERSEY
\$62.00 - \$69.00

○ Vote: Motion Passes

- No – 3
- Yes – 10

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*Note: CGHA Registrar/ Administrator is an appointed board position and is a NON-Voting board Member.
Above remaining twelve (12) positions are elected positions with voting rights & are required to attend ALL meetings.

- U14 Players:
 - Motion by – By Dave Joslin for up to \$500 of reimbursable cost for the players qualifying for Nationals Claire Berling, Avery Rich, and Madison Milosivich
 - 2nd – Josh
 - All Approve

General Membership Concerns / Discussion:

- None

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at:
 - Motion by: Chad Rediske
 - Second by: Brian Buffie
 - All Approve - Yes 8:19pm