



Date: **December 17th, 2018** 8:00 pm

Location: SportsPlex

Attendees: Richard Klein, John Dixon, Josh Boyer, Tom Marchlewski, Kevin Rop, Jim Raguckas, Mike Cook, Ryan Seauvageau, Teresa Boyer, John Dixon

Absent: CJ Pobur

Guests: Tom Fawcett, Aaron Ala, Melissa Anes

## ***Discussion Topics***

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Board meeting was called to Order 8:04 pm

Agenda review and additional topics (Seauvageau)

Open Membership Forum:

- Aaron Ala
  - Discussion:
    - Mites at the MAHA Mtg--Allowing kids older than 8 years old to play at Jamborees
    - Process and concern there is nothing between Learn to Play and Mites
    - Cross Ice is up to 14U Players who are learning to play
    - LTP players ready for Cross Ice do not get practice time besides 1x per week
    - Numbers in Learn to Play are high for "older" players
      - Most likely due to Rec League not being offered
    - Do we divide up the players more per age group? Do we get input from Mark Izzard? Mark said there are other organizations that have a bridge
    - Is there a level of interest for Cross Ice? Needs: Coach, how to pick out of LTP? Just the LTP program and turn in to Cross Ice?
    - Ryan will reach out to Mark Izzard and talk to parents to see interest level. What are other organizations doing?
    - Could we invite the older LTP players out for extra ice time? Those who are ready? Need an evaluation before.
      - Mites practices (USA hockey needed but do not have to be on the roster for practice)
        - \$15 per kid per skate? Set amount?
      - Skills sessions
    - Tom Fawcett willing to support as coach in the future--evaluating players, making a cross ice team, when to be done cross ice, age difference, and move to house hockey, etc.
  - Heard a need for additional support for LTP on ice from Guests
  - 2019-20:
    - Gauge interest of Cross Ice
  - 2018-19
    - Motion: Invite the 9 and under LTP players who are ready to join Mites practices for additional ice time (but not games) as evaluated by Coach Ala, Coach Boyer and/or Mark Izzard.



- Motion: Invite the older LTP players out for Skills Sessions and Sunday Funday as evaluated by Coach Ala, Coach Boyer and/or Mark Izzard.
  - \$15 per skater per session
  - Ryan will work with Aaron Ala and communication with parents
- Tom Fawcett
    - Special Needs Hockey Game
    - Went well!
    - Interested on being on the board
    - Would like to look at adding a special needs hockey in the future

#### *Committee Reports*

MAHA: USA Hockey registration rates are going up 2019-20, Safe Sport implementing changes and equipment checking--Helmet Dates and AED. Advertise during registration. MAHA will not review video--decisions of player misconduct, etc. Need to have 10 games in for MAHA play in.

Adray: 7 games in to play for Adray Tournament.

Policies/Compliance: Heat in the Ladies locker room. USA Hockey Rule: Helmets for coaches (RAMS have to be buckled). Josh will communicate to coaches.

#### *Director Reports*

General Manager/Ice (Raguckas):

- Sunday Funday
  - 12/23/18
  - 3-4:30
  - Theme: Stick and Puck full gear
  - Coaches: Tom, Josh will look for another coach (maybe Aaron)
- Skills 12/22
  - No.
- Skills January 4
  - Coaches: CJ and Tom
- Skills attendees (Goalies)
  - Separate session for Goalies--1 session to see how many show? Squirt age up.
  - Jim will see about getting ice.
  - Discussion of student coach for goalies
- Nets have been ordered
- Rink Clean Up
  - Professional companies do it in the summer when ice is out
  - 12/30 4-5 pm/5-6 Ice for Rams Players
  - Association buying pizzas
  - Magic Erasers, Cleaning Supplies
    - Benches, score box, locker rooms,

Coaching Commissioner (J.Boyer):

- Started Coaching Evaluations with CJ
  - Developing Coaching staffs
  - Supporting Players
  - Working to share what is working at practices with other coaches
  - Growth Mindset--We are always working to improve practices, players, coaches, etc.

Treasurer (Klein):



- Still have players not paid in full.
- 15 Statements went out without communication back to Treasurer.
- End of December is the last option to pay before a player cannot play.

Registrar (Marchlewski):

- New coach for Squirts. Will get him registered.

Secretary (T.Boyer)

- Banquet--March 18 or 25th. Teresa will explore with Rockford Sportsman's Club.

Director of Hockey Operations (Pobur)

- CJ is asking about a database of players, what home district, etc. Tom will support.

Marketing

- THFF
  - Teresa will start organizing
  - Explore the THFF USA Hockey Cost (6U free? 7+ Older cost?)
  - Invite THFF to watch a game ahead of time
  - Double check the date/Did our free stuff come in yet?
  - Is Jeff willing to bring Skates again?
    - Kevin to ask Jeff

Members at Large (Open, Rop, Dixon):

Cook- Nothing

Dixon-Nothing

Rop - End of season banquet date and location

Jerseys are finally all done. Suggest we look into another brand for next season due to lead time and cost (6 weeks and \$79 each) Also AK has not addressed the fact that YL and YXL are the same size. Three families ordered YXL two of them already owned YL...

Checks for session one LTS/LTP are still in the book.

We are having a hard time getting LTS/LTP people to register on our website. Some are still missing birth certificates but all but one have filled out the concussion form. (Could be it was misplaced) All have USA Hockey numbers. We have a few that have USA hockey numbers that have signed up online but have not showed up to class and no payment received.

Discussion of rebranding--Will need to be a longer conversation and get parent input. Will discuss at a future meeting. Need to review bylaws, annual board meeting, etc.

Safety Coordinator (T. Boyer)

- Reminder it is

President (Seauvageau):

- LTS Scholarship Question--Approved half to pay
- Rink is repairing nets
  - Kevin is willing to transport nets
- New Volunteer Coach Carl Trosien for all teams



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## ***Old Business***

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### Scholarship

- For 2019-20 consider looking at giving scholarships BEFORE the season starts and improve the process
- Sara Brown has been a part of the process in the past and is planning to come to a meeting in the spring to share

## ***New Business***

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### **Minute approval for Board Minutes (Boyer)**

Approved.

## ***Communication***

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**Board Conference Call--January 14, 2019 at 8:30 pm**

**Board meeting – January 28, 2019 at 8:00 pm Cedar Rock Sports Plex**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.