

Sheboygan Lakers Blue Line Association

Meeting Minutes

10/11/2023

Present: Chase Longmiller, Nathan Taylor, Tom Cagle, Josh Holte, Tammy Dehne, Jared Roe, Erin Lindow, Jen Cardarelle, Salena Russell, Sam Schroeder, Brian Allen, & Todd Bauer (HS Liaison)

Absent: Kasey Schroeder, Paul Avery, & John Taber

Meeting was called to order at 6:29pm

No previous meeting minutes; no meeting in September

Treasurers report sent out previously to board members. No concerns or questions by board. Jen mentioned that our income is down \$2000 for this current fiscal year through September 2023 compared to September 2022. Expenses are also down \$1000 through September 2023 compared to September 2022.

RINK MANAGER

- Open skates are up and running for the season. Currently Friday night skates are a little slow. Hopefully they will pick up as the weather turns cooler.
- We are hosting the Level 1 ref camp this coming Saturday (10/14/23).

OFFICE MANAGER

- If committees need to send a mass email – Write the email, send it to Kasey, and she will send it out with her weekly email.

RED RAIDERS

- Todd Bauer was introduced as this season's liaison.
- The high school schedule is almost finalized. The current schedule is up on their website: redraidershockey.com
- Highschool tournament over the Thanksgiving weekend is full.
- Red Raiders would like to propose getting a second scoreboard. The cost of their proposal is \$8500. Joe Reinhart is looking to get a corporate sponsor for the scoreboard. If he is unable to secure one, he is hoping to work with the board on funding. Official proposal will be in the future. This was just the start of the discussion.
 - Discussion – Encouraged Joe to work with Tom on the feasibility.
- Board asked that Avery work with YHC to create a partnership with our Bantam program. We would like to see the transition from Bantam to High School be a seamless process for our skaters.
- A yearly meeting with the Board of Directors and the high school board was proposed. **Add to parking lot.**

FACILITIES

- Painting project has begun. Some of these projects will have to wait until next summer based on their location in the rink.
- Alarm System/Camera System – Tom recommended moving forward with the ADT proposal. Cost is \$5500. Camera system is more scale-able as we need to grow and it offers better features.
 - *Motion to approve proposal to for new camera system with ADT: Jared, 2nd By: Tammy. Motion Approved.*
- Erin & Chase to meet with the Foundation on 10/18/23. We will get background information and bring this information back to the board. Will ask for reimbursement for some of the capital improvements we have made already this year.
- The locks on some of the stall in the women’s bathroom are broken. Tom is working on a temporary fix until the new stalls are installed.
- New defibrillator was delivered and put in the case in the concession stand. The old one is in Tom’s office as a backup.
- New stools for the scorer’s booth have been ordered and will be here by the end of October.
- New fridge for the concession stand should have been here by now. Mary did reach out to them this week for a status update. Current plan is for fridge to be filled with soda. Jared asked if there will be a separate fridge purchased that can be locked for beer. **On-going discussion if that is necessary for the two weekends we will have beer in it.**

YOUTH HOCKEY COMMITTEE (YHC)

- Grievance night was tonight. Two families attended.
- Marion students were our third-party evaluators. Sequence for tryouts was changed and expanded. No conflict with soccer this year, but we did run into a conflict with the youth shoot weekend. Changed tryouts to a more player centered environment. Less static drills. Was easy enough to evaluate. Coaches did not use their (2) players change option. Shows that the process of placing skaters on the correct team via tryout scoring was successful.
 - Feedback from parents: put like kids with like kids for on ice drills. Less frustration on the ice. According to Marion, this was actually nice as there were clearly able to see the contrast.
 - Feedback from Tom: move the Wednesday goalie tryouts to a later time so we do not need to cancel mites/mighty mites.
- Thank you to YHC for all of their hard work and the hours they put in during tryout week. It is greatly appreciated!!
- What is the plan for non-parent coaches? Could not find the information in the YHC handbook that were emailed from Kasey. [After the meeting the handbook was found on the website and the information was included on the last page.](#)
- Game Sheets – iPads came in. Zoom meeting upcoming. Brian will attend and share information with our organization. Hopefully by next week we can begin training.
- Ref Retention is on our parking lot, but we did discuss the range of ref pay within the surrounding communities. We will definitely need to discuss for 24-25 season.

TOURNAMENTS

- All tournaments are full with a waitlist. First committee meeting is on 10/19/23 at 6:30pm.

FIGURE SKATING

- Figure skating would like to host a holiday recital on December 10th. There is no adult league that week. Tom gave okay based on the ice schedule.

MARKETING

- Photography dates have been set for November. We will have a new photographer this year. Further information will be shared with families at a later date.
- Marketing participated in the Scarecrow Festival at Christopher Farms to support Camp Y Koda. We WON our division!!! It was a \$67 investment and it was such a great way to promote our organization!!
- We will be participating in the Plymouth Holiday Parade on November 26th. (We did Sheboygan last year)
- Our theme skate (Spooktacular Skate) is coming up on October 27th. Still looking for candy donations.
- We are doing a two-week apparel sale through Hummingbird. They offer a kickback to our organization. We will continue to have the Squad Locker apparel open throughout the season.
- Admiral's opening night is October 21st. Tickets are available with a kickback to our organization.
- Fundraising question as to what are we raising funds for? Would be nice to have a specific goal in mind vs "just for the rink". Offered the option to do a fundraising event at Three Sheeps. Concerns about how much manpower goes into running one there. Definitely something to look into though.
- Would like to know how money raised through fundraising for the foundation can be retrieved for us to use as we like. **Erin & Chase to ask at Foundation meeting.**

ADMINISTRATION

- Reviewed the committee responsibilities and the organization org chart.
 - *Motion to approve presented documents: Nathan, 2nd By: Jared. Motion approved.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Nothing to report

PUBLIC FORUM

- No public in attendance.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm.