



SAGINAW BAY ICE ARENA

Home of the Greater Saginaw Amateur Hockey Association

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GSAHA Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Date 9/9/24

Members Present: Jamie Furbush, Kenny Benson, Elizabeth LaPoutre, Kyle Smith, Matt Lockwood, Dana Causley, Jim Bailey, and Megan Kuhn

Members Absent: Kim Richter

Others Present:

Call to Order: 7:39 p.m.

President's Report (Furbush):

- Exciting new activities including Orientations, Open Houses and Monthly Activity/themes
 - Jamie highlighted the hard work that Elizabeth and Kenny have done to welcome families to the new hockey season.
- Neck Guards
 - Neck guards are required for high school and all youth leagues 18u. This is a new mandate from USA hockey. By the end of the year, it is expected that specific certified neck guards will be required. Currently, it is a guard that was intended to be a neck guard.
 - Corn's Hockey Shop has 2 different styles of neck guards for sale.
 - Teams will receive a penalty for failing to wear a neck guard (10 minute misconduct).
- Raffle License Process
 - Kenny met with the accountant to get guidance on when we need a raffle license.
 - The recommendation is that you need a raffle license then you should contact the office for guidance. Kenny is working to draft procedures and policies for the raffle license.
- Bi-Law review
 - Jamie and Kenny are still working on getting the review today.

Secretary's Report (Bailey):

- Minutes Review
 - Matt made a motion to approve the Minutes. Elizabeth seconded. Motion passed.
 - Jim updated the Minutes on the website and will continue to add them.

Treasurer's Report (Smith):

- Financial Report- No report from Kyle

Arena Manager/Program Report (Benson):

- Update on Current activities
 - Draft skates are happening this week and next.
 - Atoms-22
 - Mites-31
 - Squirts-29
 - Pee Wees-28
 - Bantams- 16
 - High School Prep- 26
 - Travel- 95

- Adult Hockey- 14 teams
- Learn to Skate:- 13/7/11 (Monday/Saturday/Both)
- Challenges/Opportunities
 - Kenny shared pricing/options for the jacket from registered players.
 - The Board agreed to go with the soft shell jacket.
 - We are in the process of updating the House jerseys. The new jerseys will have Saginaw Hockey and a chest Saginaw Spirit logo. This will replace the sponsor jerseys.
 - The locker rooms will be locked this year during the season and teams will need a key to get in.
 - The rink is looking to do a Hall of Fame event in the future.
- Staffing
- Recap Of Summer Activities compared to forecast - discussion

Referee Report (Smith):

- Kenny and Kyle are looking to bring in new level 1 refs for scrimmages at the end of September to get them some practice and evaluate them.
- Kenny suggested reaching out to Rich Vervinck to work the score box to mentor referees and keep coaches in check during some of the Saturday games
- Motion: Hire an experienced referee to mentor young referees during the season. Motion by Matt. Seconded by Kyle. Motion passes.

House Liaison (Bailey):

- Tournament Teams
 - Kyle Smith and Kyle Prinz are head coaching tournament teams this year for House Teams. They will get some extra tournaments and skills sessions during the season.
 - Gene Terrien from StomMaster will sponsor the Tournament Teams. The sponsorship covers the cost of the jerseys.


Travel Liaison (Bamberger):

- No update.

Coaching Director (Furbush):

- Neck Guards
- Locker Room Monitors
- Orientation

Marketing Director (Lapoutre):

-  marketing report 9/9
 - Kenny negotiated with the Saginaw Spirit to get a 30 second advertisement on the Ribbon at the Dow and ½ page flier in the digital program.

Safe Sport Director ():

- No update

Fundraising Report (Kuhn):

- Reports
 - The golf outing is full. Megan reported the response has been fantastic. We could probably field another ten teams if the course had room.
 - Megan is looking at Harvey's a possible fundraiser for a restaurant night.
 - An update was given on how Little Caesar's conducts their fundraising packages.

Discipline Report (Lockwood):

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Old Business:

- Spectator Behavior - need to distribute current policy/procedure for Lockwood review in October

New Business to consider for next meeting:

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Meeting adjourn at 9:35 p.m.