

CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA – Wednesday, June 17th, 2020 at 7 pm

President	2021	Bob Normand	
Vice President	2022	Steve Gibbs X	
Treasurer	2021	Jennifer Lindstrom X	
Secretary	2022	Jodi Ash X	
Board members	2022	Billy Bergh X	2021 Trevor Bohland X
		Cyrena Black X	Barry Bohman X
		Eric Mueller	Brad Martin X
		Nick Hart X	Darrell Herr X
			Chris Buesgen X

1. General Meeting: Nothing at this time

2. Secretary's Report:

- a. The May minutes were sent out via email and approved.
- b. *A motion was made by Billy Bergh via email to increase the number of participants in the youth summer skating program to 30 skaters except for the 8u group. This group would be left to 20 due to vast skill variances. We will also send an email to association members for a last call to register by Sunday at 5:00 and open to outside with pricing for non-members that was approved at the May board meeting. Motion seconded by Chris Buesgen. Motion carried.*

3. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Financials were shared with the board. *Motion was made to approve the report by Trevor Bohland and seconded by Brad Martin. Motion carried.*

4. Correspondence/Officer Reports:

- a. WAHA met via Zoom call on June 1. A committee was formed to address return to play. They are working on a document based on what is being done by Michigan, Minnesota, Atlantic District, Hockey Canada and USA Hockey. Committee is chaired by Jerry Kennedy the USA Hockey Central District Player Safety Coordinator. I have been asked to call into the Wisconsin Ice Area Managers Zoom call on Friday. We will be discussing how things are going with our reopening.

5. Old Business

a. Summer Ice

- i. Rink cleaning: Monica had someone come to scrub and disinfect the locker rooms and they are currently locked.
- ii. *Trevor Bohland made a motion that we wait two weeks for someone from the association to oversee cleaning or we will need to hire out a 3rd party for cleaning services. Motion seconded by Billy Bergh. Motion carried.*
- iii. Additional signage will be placed on the doors reinforcing the safety procedures of no parents/guardians and no dressing in the rink with the exception of goalies.

6. New Business

a. Opening North Rink

- i. *Motion made by Trevor Bohland made the motion to put ice in the North rink by early July. The price of ice rented on either the North or South rink after July 1st 2020 will be \$170. Pre existing agreements will be honored. Seconded by Billy Bergh. Motion carried.*
- ii. Based on requests received we can schedule ice time on the north rink (see below under scheduling). Issue will be operating that rink. This will double the need for Zamboni drivers, check in personnel and cleaning. This is already difficult to do in the summer especially for day time hours.
Entering/exiting/dressing will need to be addressed. If we can't get volunteers to step up we may have to consider paying people to be there. As this will be a board decision we need all board members to help out.
- iii. *Trevor Bohland made a motion to give the association 2 weeks to fill the need of finding a consistent zamboni driver as well as someone to schedule drivers that opening the North rink presents before hiring the position out. Billy Bergh seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
- iv. An email will be mailed out to the association reminding members of the work assessment opportunities currently available at the rink and the need for evening zamboni drivers.

7. Committee Reports

a. Finance/Administration (Jennifer, Trevor)

i. Fall 2020 registration:

- a. **Dates:** Looking at an online registration date of late August
- b. **Fees:** *Barry Bohman made the motion to raise the registration fee \$20 for the 2020-2021 season. Association members that register online by the designated registration date would receive a \$20 discount. Motion seconded by Trevor Bohland.*

- c. **Fundraisers:** The board is looking to continue our current fundraisers for the 2020-2021 season.
- d. **Scholarships:** *Trevor Bohland made a motion that we base scholarships on the free and reduced lunch information through the school districts. If a family qualifies for reduced lunch they pay half of the fees and all of the fundraisers, if the family qualifies for free lunch you pay 25% of the fees and all of the fundraisers. Families could provide the letter given by the school of their status. Motion seconded by Billy Bergh. Motion carried.*
- e. **Assessment hours:** The board will continue this discussion in July's meeting.

b. Special Events (Brad M, Barry)

i. Bingo: Organizations in the area are not running bingo at this time. The guidelines for inside groups and the risk factors for those who normally attend are factors in this decision. The KC Hall is looking to restart sometime this fall. Softball has cancelled through July I recommend we do the same. The Eagle's Club would work with us to re-open but limit the number attending and not allow sales of baked goods. 60 attending is the break-even point financially. If we can't get to 80-100 it doesn't make sense to start up again. Need to see how things progress.

ii. Steel: The Steel is planning a Futures Camp for July 17-19 and their Main Camp for July 21-25. The camps consist largely of games. Need to work with them to come up with a set of guidelines. Need to make decisions on numbers in the facility, use of locker rooms, cleaning/disinfecting, concessions and anything else necessary to have these camps.

My understanding is that the game schedules for the NAHL are complete but are not being announced yet. The season start may be pushed to October or November.

Discussion was had on maintaining our current procedures in regards to locker rooms and spectators for the Steel camps.

iii. Beer Fest Committee Update: Billy shared information with the board from his discussion with the Beerfest committee. We need to consider two things: vendor willingness to participate and safety procedures for the event. Thinking the max number of participants would need to be set between 1,000 and 1,200 people. Final decisions will be made in August.

iv. Country Jam Update: Cancelled for the 2020 summer

v. Golf Outing: Jennifer shared that the fundraiser has some sponsors in place. The price is lowered from \$125 to \$100 to accommodate for some changes in the fundraiser.

c. On-Ice (Chris, Nick)

i. Engagement and recruitment of kids: Summer skills camps are in session and are almost full.

ii. PDC update: Chris shared that the committee will meet to discuss any concerns from last year and come up with a plan for the 2020-2021 season.

iii. Game Scheduler: Game Scheduler – Still early to get started. Waiting to hear what guidelines are set by WAHA.

d. Facilities (Billy, Darrell)

i. Zamboni maintenance: Thank you to Eric Foiles for rebuilding the pump out in one of the zamboni's.

ii. Outdoor rink replacement boards, donor sign: Trevor and Nick will take care of reaching out to Ice Age to install the replacement boards in the outdoor rink.

iii. Cleaning: See discussion under summer ice.

iv. Rink manager update:

a. Need to order curling circles. Plan is to get full circles instead of the paper used last season. Options are vinyl or fabric. Vinyl is cheaper (\$239 ea.) but not as durable, harder to install (they float), harder to remove and can't be creased when storing. Fabric is more expensive (\$400 ea.) but as we saw at the Zamboni school, flat sticks to the concrete, stronger material when it comes to pulling them out, can be stored by folding. With the float up issues we had last season having something that doesn't float is preferable. If we are continuing with curling into the future I would recommend investing in the fabric.

b. There is a significant amount of ice scheduled out into the first week of September (see attached detail). Invoices for ice scheduled to date have been sent out with the exception of the Steel and the Girls Big Rivers Cup (CFM Girls Varsity July 25-26). Payments are coming in. Schedule is basically evenings from 4:00-10:30 Mon-Thurs plus daytime ice. Major renters are IceAge, Bucks, Crush, EC Knights, H24, Charley Graaskamp and area high schools. Bob is now getting calls from individuals for 1-2 hours of ice that I will try to fit into the schedule. As is to be expected Fridays and Saturdays remain mostly open since it is summer.

c. It should be noted that revenue for ice time does not include the figure skating morning ice or the Summer Development Program revenues.

d. It is unknown what Eau Claire will be doing as far as ice. They do have ice on the Akervik and Hughes rinks. I was told by a knowledgeable source that the reason ice was kept on is in the event a cold space was needed as a backup morgue. The O'Brien rink is a homeless shelter that is planned to close next week. They will then sanitize and disinfect the area in preparation for making ice. I do not know what the cost of ice time will be but have heard it will be high.

e. As far as north rink usage in addition to curling others groups that have contacted me for ice time that I can't fit are: Eau Claire Figure Skating, UWEC/Cobra (Matt Loen, Marty Hickey), Menomonie HS, Menomonie Youth Hockey, Black River Falls Youth Hockey, Chippewa Valley Girls Hockey, Susan Babcock, additional time for H24 and WEHL.

f. Bob has talked with Steve Gibbs and Barry Bohman. For our summer program we recommend we compensate Brad Martin \$100/day for the 18 days of the program. Brad has agreed to be there to assist with check-in, resurface and be a point of contact. These are funds well spent.

vi. Hot Water Heater Zamboni Room: The only time this will affect us is during tournaments. It would be \$9,000 to replace the water heater and \$24,000 to replace the system.

vii. Use of facilities to label sanitizer bottles: Will not be needed at this time due to changes in the processing of the sanitizer bottles.

viii. Stray Voltage: This was tested and will be followed up. We are thinking that the transformer is going out. Excel has been notified

ix. Building Maintenance: Outdoor sign is up and running.

x. Grounds Maintenance: Monica has found someone to assist with ground maintenance in return for hours.

Motion made to adjourn by Trevor Bohland and seconded by Darrel Herr. Motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date: Wednesday, July 15th at 7 pm