

Irondale Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Board minutes are not final until approved at following Board meeting.

IYHA January 15, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting: Called to order 6:32 pm by Rob Hanson.

Board Members Present: Tom Gombold, Kara Chamberlain, Bill Jacob, Dave Walsh, Steve Clark, Rob Hanson, Angela Klesk, Tom Rodefled, Ann Fieberg

Board Members Absent: Brent Eilefson, James Sigmundik Adam Schmidt, Ann Fieberg,

Guests: Andrea Neumann, J Mancino, Marc Casci, Mari Ann Casci

Minutes: The December Board meeting minutes will be read and approved next month.

Board Roundtable:

President: No New Business. Planning to call a special March meeting to focus on 1st year Coop evaluation and suggestions for 2015-2016.

Vice President: Suggestion to move Association meeting to third Monday on month from Thursday.

Rob Hanson moved to move Board meetings to the third Monday of each month. Kara Chamberlain second. Motion passed unanimously. March meeting will start on new rotation.

Financials from tournaments are not complete yet. Indications are that this year's tournaments returns were an increase from the last few years. Gate fee changes this year were a key contributing factor.

Pizza money is due. No report yet on outcome.

Much discussion on ice improvement opportunities for next year. Essential that Kara have a prime role in next year's ice planning to better utilize ice expense and increase ice time for teams in 2015-2016 season.

Secretary: Absent-No Report.

Treasurer: Season wrapping up. Looking more closely at a fixed cost model in the future.

Boys Program Coordinator: No major news. Kids are competing at most levels, squirts are

struggling in the win/loss a bit. But spirits are high and kids are having fun.

Girls Program Coordinator: Adaption to the position. Some discussion on levels of play for girls this year. Generally happy with program overall.

Initiation Program Coordinator: Two upcoming Skate with the Knights events: January 29th and February 9th. Kids will be able to participate in pregame talk and free admission with Jersey.

Approximately 270 kids in mites this year! MV Mite coordinator unlikely to run again next year.

District Representative: Not present.

Ice Commissioner: No report.

Registration coordinator: Present; No new business.

Equipment Manager: Absent; No report.

Boys HS Coach: Absent; No report.

Girls HS Coach: Summer camp discussion. No specifics outlines at this time.

Question of HS merger raised and there has not been any discussion at the high school level regarding a merger of the girls programs. Boys programs will not merge next season following lengthy discussions, but the need to merge will be assessed annually.

Standing Reports:

Player and Coach Development Committee: No Report.

Lake Region: Marc Casci and MariAnn Casi. Request for help from association to make our presence known with businesses supporting Lake Region and voice out gratitude. Currently Meisters and New Brighton Grill are the only two bars supporting youth hockey. We recently lost Big 10 to Roseville Hockey and we no longer have Moes. Also, Gear Heads has closed. Tom will follow up with an e-mail to association members asking for members to make their presence as hockey families known when visiting local business. Especially important for business that are already supporting Lake Region. Charitable gambling has been significantly more difficult since the smoking ban and the more we can do as an association to promote ourselves when visiting local businesses, the easier it will be to gain their support.

Marc also presented a request for association membership to help urge the New Brighton City Council to support a statute that established guidelines around charitable gambling that requires the recipients to be local. Currently, most nearby cities have similar statutes. New Brighton does

not, so there are a number of New Brighton establishments with Pull Tabs supporting out of town organizations.

Fundraising Committee: Need fundraising ideas. Bring em.

Website Update: Request from Ann for registration list for sending out IYHA notifications. Rob will provide list in the following few days.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. SKATE Program: Andrea provided update. Targeting March 23rd. various locations discussed. Most in attendance suggested last year's event at Zero Gravity was very good. Andrea will work out details. Gifts and donations being rounded up. Request for extra jerseys from association, James not in attendance, but should be able to provide. Additional volunteer hours approved for addition resources to help Andrea coordinate this year's event.

Adjourned at 8:17 pm.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 19, 2015, 6:30 PM, AT THE NEW BRIGHTON FAMILY SERVICE CENTER