

Irondale Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

NOTE: IYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES ARE NOT APPROVED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING.

IYHA April 20, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting: Called to order 6:47 pm by newly elected President Tracy Henry.

Board Members Present: Tracy Henry, Tim Manson, Bill Jacob, Rob Hanson, Kara Chamberlain, Shari Kunza, Adam Schmidt, James Sigmundik, J Mancino and Nikki Mancino

Guests: Tom Gombold and Brittney Sigmundik

Board Roundtable:

Boys Coordinator presented co-op projections for next year by level.

Squirts – 78/84 skaters including 1 returning goalie

Peewees – 83 skaters including 9 goalies

Mites – I would like to know more about the incoming mites

Bantams – 70 skaters including 7 goalies

Coach Schmidt: Brady Woldt is too old to play bantams next year. We need to come up with a plan for next year. We need to be playing at the AA level for Peewees and Bantams. If we have too many kids at a true C-level we are doing something wrong and we need to start developing them to play at a higher level. I am committed to player development. We have 2 associations coming together we should have enough talent to field AA teams. We will be offering affordable summer programs. We will have Bantams to do high school checking drills to emphasize body hits. Squirt/Peewee is \$275 and is due by May 15. We need to build culture between the youth and high school programs. The next step is pushing kids to play up to challenge them. We need them to play good competition. We need a committee to help youth coaches. We need to have coaching clinics at the beginning of the year and meet once a month with white boards, sharing ideas and we need to get to know each other. I am disappointed to see coaches and kids wasting expensive ice time at practice. They need more direction. I am 100% committed to player development. I think it is critical to coach the c/b squirt and peewee level to make these kids better.

Boys Coordinator: Agree if we are there ability wise. I agree we need to make kids better but they also need to play at the correct level. If the talent is not there and we have C kids playing at a higher level it is not serving them well. It doesn't matter much to have a winning season more so than we need to have the kids being competitive. If we have the talent to play at the AA level then I am all for it.

Parent guest: We need to address the absence of skills training as that was our downfall this season. We need to address bringing it back. We need to close the gaps of the kids playing hockey all the time throughout the year versus the kids playing recreationally. Need to focus on key pieces – older kids need more skills training. We have enough kids to do more sessions.

Boys Coordinator: It would be great to have skills training to help coaches. We need to focus on developing kids at the right skills at the right levels.

Ice Commissioner: We need to get an email out regarding Oliver Moore. We need to decide if he can continue to play up. The Moore's are from IYHA and he has played up for 2 years on Squirts. He was brought up because of his talent. Chamberlin motioned to allow Oliver Moore to continue to play up at the Peewee level. Coach Schmidt seconded the motion. All were in

favor to allow Oliver Moore play at the Peeewe level for 2015-2016. J will communicate our decision to the Moore Family. I need to mail in ice request for next year.

District Representative: I asked the District 10 for gifts for the skate program and did not hear back from them. I am donating 3 Minnesota Wild watches for next season.

Treasurer: Fiscal year will ends on April 30, 2015.

Registration Coordinator: Registration can open at any time. Last year we opened in late August. We promoted registration at parades, school open houses, pancake breakfast and the picnic. MV was unhappy as they commented that they were not notified early enough and only learned of the picnic at the tryout meeting. T Manson commented: It would be nice to have an incentive to sign up i.e. \$100 off for early sign-up or cut volunteer time in half if you sign up by September xx. Chamberlin commented: Isn't there set fees? We need more information and then we can re-address.

Vice President: We need to address the issues with balancing authority between the Mounds View and the Irondale boards. We are willing to move if we need to but we don't really want to. However, we need to communicate what we need to make next year better. Sigmundik commented: We need to discuss a Joint Operating Committee. The current issues we need to discuss are:

1. Changes to the tryout process
2. Co-op identity (equal on both sides)
3. Better communication between MV and IYHA boards

VP: We need to propose a smaller group of possibly 8 (4 from each side)

President, VP, Boys Coordinator and Treasurer – The Joint Operating Committee needs to have the ability to override the boards.

VP will reach out to Jason Sprague to the process and changes that need to be made.

Equipment Manager: Need to address the ½ boards and look into getting grants from the MN Hockey Association. According to Troy our association is being requested to pay \$2,900. We'll approve it but MV currently has control over our fundraising funds.

Chamberlin motioned to apply for the grant and to have the money come out of the 2014-2015 collected funds from registration fees and fundraising. However, we need to get approval from the Super Rink first. R Hanson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Girls HS Coach: Absent.

Website Update: None.

Promotion and Retention Director: Absent, no report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE MAY 18, 2015, 6:30 PM, AT THE NEW BRIGHTON FAMILY SERVICE CENTER