

Promoting youth hockey in New Brighton, Mounds View, St. Anthony and Shoreview, MN

# Irondale Youth Hockey Assoc

## Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 17, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.

New Brighton Community Center

**Board Members:** President - Tracy Henry, Vice President - Shari Kunza, Treasurer - Bill Jacob, Secretary - Nikki Mancino, Ice Commissioner - Kara Chamberlain, Boys Program Coordinator - J Mancino, Girls Program Coordinator - Dave Walsh, Registration Coordinator - Rob Hanson, Mite Program Coordinator - Angela Klesk, District 2 Representative - Tim Manson, Equipment Manager - James Sigmundik, Boys Head Coach - Adam Schmidt, and Girls Head Coach - Tom Rodefeld

### **IYHA August 17, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting: Called to order 6:35 pm by President Tracy Henry**

Board Members Present: Tracy Henry, Tim Manson, Bill Jacob, Rob Hanson, Shari Kunza, James Sigmundik, Nikki Mancino, Dave Walsh and J Mancino

Guests: Brittney Sigmundik, Rob Woldt, and Cindy Soles

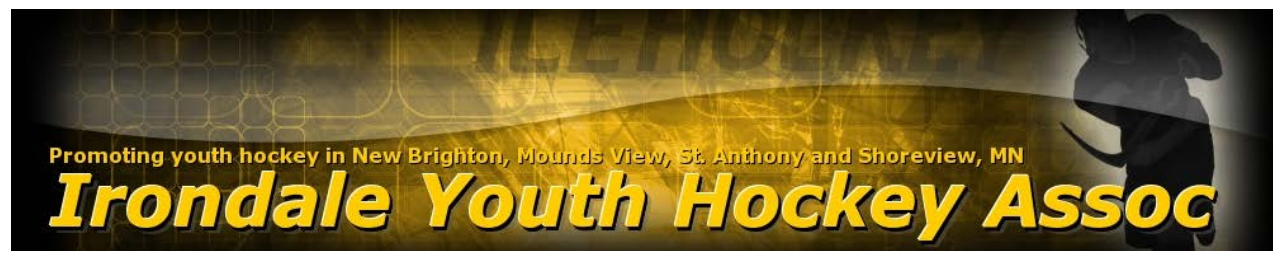
### **Individual Board Member Reports:**

**President:** The 4 person committee is still on the table. A motion was made by Rob Hanson to approve the votes for operating committee and was seconded by James Sigmundik – motion was approved. The neutral party for a 5 person committee was turned down by MV. Irondale's Coach Schmidt submitted a proposal for a clinic - it is on track for approval but will need final decision. Kara provided information that supported ice time and rationale for it that was well received. Scott and Adam are co-running the clinics. If someone wants to volunteer for a girls clinic they are welcome to bring a proposal to the next meeting. Final declarations need to be done by September 20. There will be a coaches meeting on September 28.

**Girls Program Coordinator:** We had a parent meeting where the rules were explained. We are changing from U14 to U15 for more opportunity for the girls. We started the interview process for coaches. We are still determining numbers for teams. It is confirmed that girls will now co-op with MVI. Tournaments have been scheduled and confirmed.

**District 2 Representative:** No major changes. Shari attended the meeting in my absence. The committee wanted to know if we want president meetings and how often. Tim agreed on 2 times a year. We must save our tryout records and will have to show that teams are evenly divided. Squirts will have B1 and B2 for the new season. Mites scheduling meeting is on December 10 for first 5 games. Another meeting will be held in January for the next 5 games. District 2 scholarships are available. We need more referees – candidates can go to the MEHOA website to apply. We will play each team 2x during the year, and it will be up to the team coach and manager to schedule additional games outside of these parameters. Forest Lake is looking to move to District 10.

**Boys Coordinator:** We will be conducting coaches interviews next Wednesday, August 25, 2015. Rob Woldt, J Mancino, Matt Remore and Peter Brownlee will be present. We will be interviewing Head coaches for A teams mainly. Tournaments are scheduled and confirmed for Squirts – Bantams and hotel rooms are blocked off for us. Based on our numbers it was unanimous that MVI will play at the A level. We are discussing a plan to start moving to AA by booking AA tournaments and seeing if we have success at them.



**Secretary:** Need to start communicating key dates to parents. Will start communicating with Mounds View secretary to make sure parents are informed and communicated to often i.e. registration, local events, tryouts etc.

**Treasurer:** Received the new computer and will get financials out shortly. Met with Justin at MV and flat fees are off the table. We can have a raffle once a year that is under \$5,000.

**Registration Coordinator:** District 2 registration meeting was held. MN Hockey is putting more emphasis on safesport and background checks to be completed prior to any contact with kids. The link for the background check is <http://screening.minnesotahockey.org/>. This is good for 2 years. All volunteers, Board Members, and any locker room parents also have to be screened. This is through MN Hockey – not USA Hockey. **When registering it is extremely important that you indicate you are from IYHA by checking the appropriate box for Irondale Association.** Registration numbers are low so far.

**Equipment report:** Waiting on Dalton for the Olympic size Mite dividers to be completed. James will follow up this week.

**Vice President:** We have a new sponsor brochure available. If anyone confirms a business sponsorship they will not have to complete volunteer hours for this year. Heggies Pizza fundraiser is on and we will have a flyer to promote it. We are still discussing the pricing as we are trying to get price down from \$12 to \$10. There is a link on our website for information on our hosted tournament.

**Mite Coordinator:** not present – no report

**Ice Coordinator:** not present - no report

**Varsity Coach:** not present – no report

**Guests:** There are still some concerns about the tryout process. We feel that parent coaches should get a pick because they have been coaching these kids for years and in most cases know these skaters and their abilities very well. The pick should not apply to their child. Then paid coaches should get two picks. There is a concern with the co-op still that the Irondale identity is being lost with the colors and naming of the co-op. Suggestion is to provide samples of new designs for the operating committee to vote and agree on.

Move to adjourn the meeting by James and Shari seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE September 21, 2015, 6:30 PM, AT THE NEW BRIGHTON FAMILY SERVICE CENTER**