

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

Irondale Youth Hockey Assoc

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 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 Board of Directors Meeting: Called to order at 6:34 pm by President Tracy Henry

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

Guests: Jason Sprague and Darrick Metz

Individual Board Member Reports:

Rob Hanson motioned to approve August 21 meeting minutes, Shari Kunza seconded – motion was approved.

President:

- Farmington association has had success growing their association and we may want to leverage some of their activities. Opportunities to consider
 - Guest PE Instructor at schools (Coach Schmidt) for floor hockey
 - Provide kids free tickets to HS hockey games
 - Increase presence at open houses with flyers (include some pricing so parents are aware of cost)
- Working with Susan Schmidt with the Herb Brooks Association
 - Work with schools to get kids out on rinks "Rink Rats Program" – currently working with Pike Lake

Vice President:

- Passed out the Corporate Sponsor brochures – please drop off at local establishments and encourage them to sponsor our teams. All information needed is in the brochures
- We are selling coupons space (size: 4 x 2.5 in) in the tourney books
- We also are looking for rink sponsor ads
- Tourney player gifts are mom pins and player bag tags
- Hampton, Hilton and Homewood Suites gave us deals but can only house 2/3 teams. For each room that is booked IYHA gets \$5 back
- November tourney is almost full – forms need to be in by October 1st. January tourney is coming along.
 - We will have a gate fee to get into the games. You can either get a weekend pass or day pass
- Volunteering policy – very minor changes
 - James S motioned to approve policy, J Mancino seconded – policy was approved
- Heggies Pizza fundraiser - got prices for pizzas down to \$10. Money earned is used for:
 - Skills clinics
 - Marketing
 - Apply against bills
 - James S motioned to approve fundraising policy, J Mancino seconded, Tim Manson abstained – policy was approved.
- Propose that we place \$200 ad for Boys and \$175 for Girls HS Hockey programs. Shari K motioned to approve ad, Nikki M seconded, Coach abstained – ads were approved

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Girls Program Coordinator:

- U15 Pilot is confirmed (U14 no longer exists) as one B team
- District hosts an A team so that could pose an issue but up in the air until Nov 1
- Tryouts are 26-28th for HS teams
- Need to follow up on U12 numbers as they are higher than expected (could be coming from St.A)
- Need to find a solution with declarations. System seems backwards – it would be a good idea to move registration up so we know how many registrants we have before we have to declare teams
- Propose the operating committee address move-ups on a go-forward basis and have a united MVI policy

District 2 Representative:

- Final team counts:
 - Squirts: 3 C teams, 2 B teams, 1 A team
 - Peewee: 2 C teams, 1 B2 team, 2 B1 teams, 1 A team
 - Bantam 2 B2 teams, 1 B1 team, 1 A team
 - U10 2 B teams, 1 A team
 - U12 1 B team, 1 A team
 - U15 1 B team
- Squirt End of Year tournament still undecided, still need to verify tournament rules
- Offering a “Try Hockey for Free” session for Women
- All coaches need to be screened before the go on the ice. NO PARENTS ON ICE FOR ANY REASON - This causes risk issues.
- Oct 10 & 11 another “Try Hockey for Free” session
- Referees can now rule on concussions
- If we play in a tournament that is not sanctioned we cannot wear the MVI uniforms
- Working on getting scores online for Bantams and Peewees
- Working on creating an online form for feedback on coaches and officials. This is not a forum to complain – they are looking for trends on issues so they can resolve them
- Need a solution or reminder that some 7th – 9th grade kids have religion on Wednesday nights

Boys Coordinator:

- Tryout registration is closed. However, registration in general is not closed yet. If you do not tryout you will be placed on a C team
- Numbers are close to what we projected. We will a handful of kids who choose not to tryout
- Finishing up warm-ups through the 30th

Secretary:

- No report to share

Treasurer:

- Financials went out to board members via email today
- December 15 is when tax returns are due
- Would like to consolidate bank accounts, we have several out there that are inactive with balances
- We have approximately \$5K in receivables that look like we will have to write off this year

Registration Coordinator:

- Need to have better advertising for registration for next year. We had signs up that looked nice but very hard to read – white signs with yellow writing was not effective

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Equipment report:

- Dividers are still not in. Reached out today but have not heard back yet
- Coaches clinic was last week – had low turnout
- Girls goalie pads for U10 – any issues need to be brought to my attention. If I don't know there are issues with equipment needs then I cannot fix it.

Mite Coordinator:

- We have 105 mites – due to large numbers we propose having different color jerseys for each team and giving them NHL names that work with the colors assigned (fun for the kids, color is easy for kids/parents)
- Tim (MV coordinator) wants to form teams before kids skate
- We have 5 hours of ice for all mites, recommend having 12/13 kids per teams/ 4-6 teams per sheet of ice
- Season starts November 9, 2015

Ice Coordinator:

- D2 will have 8-12 games scheduled. If you go outside the district you have to schedule them on your own. Coaches and Team managers will have a lot of filling in to get more games on the schedule.
- Games start November 1, 2015

Boys Varsity Coach:

- Season starts on November 9, 2015
- We invited all 9th graders to tryouts. Please expect these kids to be out for 3 days during this time. This is a great experience for them. We have about 13 9th graders.

Girls Varsity Coach: no report – not present

Guests:

- Ask to reconsider the Irondale move-up policy as it relates to one skater. Shari Kunza motioned to change decision on moving up policy. Motion was denied.
- Skills clinic – for development want Coach Schmidt to lead
 - 14 sessions excludes December 28
 - May have a goalies coach there as well
 - October 19th email from MV to Coach to put on the website
 - 2 sheets a night
- James S motioned to approve skills clinic proposal pending board review. Kara C seconded, Coach Schmidt abstained- skills clinic was approved (pending board review)
- Scott from Dave's presented apparel options for parents, coaches, skaters.
 - All online orders take 2/3 weeks – can order at anytime
 - If teams want an order window he can arrange this

Bill Jacob motioned to adjourn the meeting, J Mancino seconded - meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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