



DYHA Meeting Minutes

April 12th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:33pm.

Board Members in Attendance

Jason Habrock, President
Kim Taylor, Vice President
Shane Brilley, Hockey Director
Dawn Kramer, Secretary
Frank Earl
Kim Earl
Stephanie Edgecombe

Review and approval of March 2016 meeting minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Jason, seconded by Kim Earl, motion passed all in favor.

Guests: Doug Kent and BJ Flock, Central Illinois Girls Hockey Association (CIGHA)

Doug has a daughter that plays hockey. Every year there is a question of if a team can be fielded due to numbers. Last year their team had girls from all over, Peoria, Decatur, and Pekin. They want to put an end to wondering if there will be a team. He has worked with AHAI to build this all girls' association. They would like the girls association to be standalone, not under the umbrella of a larger association and in particular they want Central Illinois to have their own girl's hockey association. They want to build an affiliation program with other towns, and allow dual-rostering so that the girls can play on their home team as well as the girl's affiliation team. There is no AHAI by-law that prevents dual rostering. At a certain age a girl can actually play on 3 teams: all girls, Tier II, and high school hockey.

McLean County, Springfield, and Pekin have all signed Pledge of Support for CIGHA. Bloomington is low on available ice, and has not signed pledge of intent. There are no real requirements to be an affiliate, just provide support to the association and have some ice to provide. Girls don't need to be part of an affiliate to play for CIGHA. AHAI recommended getting the pledge of support.

BJ likes ice being available at different locations so don't always have to go far to get to practice. They want % of girls to match % of practices in that location.

The board includes Doug Kent as President, BJ as Director, plus four others. Bob McMahon is the affiliate director from Springfield. There is executive board that deals with day to day operations. Affiliates have one voting spot on the board. In elections, every family has a vote. Will have 7 members right now, and one appointed position, probably rotate 2 every two or three years. Funding is based on fundraising and players. To date, CIGHA has had about \$2000 in expenses in setup fees for association. Questions were raised: How will the ice be paid for if paid by players? Do they have to pay all up front?

Jason asked about budget, if they know enough to create one. Price is \$205 for a sheet of ice. Will have shared ice practices for most practices, including U19, U14, and U10. Will play in NIHL, maybe CIHL; do not plan on playing Heartland League.

Jason asked a question: There are all girls' teams; does anyone have an all-girls association? Doug's answer: There was one in NIHL, but disbanded. This is kind of flagship, and unique because don't have a home rink. Each affiliate has a spot on board to prevent one town from taking control. Want it to be a true Central Illinois team.

Peoria wanted control of league, under their association, Doug said no.

Jason asked a question: Has CIGHA looked at USA Hockey for funding, grants? Doug: No, but once get approval by AHA can approach USA Hockey for possible funding.

Kim T's concern: Decatur's hesitation is not about providing ice, we have available ice, and it's about numbers. If our girls break off and go play girls hockey, and then it might be too much for parents to dual-roster, and we lose our numbers.

Doug says the CIGHA association is available to all girls, but CIGHA will not try to recruit girls from other associations.

Jason's summary: if we don't sign, Decatur girls can still play for CIGHA, and they can still dual roster, but will not have any practices on home ice. If we do join, girls will have home practice ice and DYHA will have a spot on the CIGHA board.

Doug: We want to keep 10U non-travel. We will encourage girls 10U to participate in local house league to get practice, ADM models. CIGHA is very close to having a 19U team; they are talking to about 12 girls.

Our ice has insurance through USA Hockey. How will girls association buy ice? Not through DYHA, they should go through Civic Center. But we could make ice available.

10U team is very fluid; focus on development, no rosters. CIGHA will get ice price by getting commitments to practice. CIGHA will not recruit girl players away from girls' house and mite programs. They have 7 and 8 year olds on 10U team but mostly 10U.

For U14 and U19, tryouts would be by August 15th per AHA rules, so girls' teams can be rostered before youth league tryouts.

Have mission statement, but not affiliate mission statement.

DYHA could not offer the chance for teams and games to DYHA girl players, which is what some girls wanted. Jason doesn't know if all girls will be back if we don't offer something else for girls. Advantage: come play house with us for practice, then go to CIGHA for games. Probably about \$200-\$300 for a 10U girl's team on CIGHA. Girls can also play on cross ice with mites. 10U will play co-ed.

Older would play NIHL.

DYHA Board: We are competing with everyone else regardless, and CIGHA will give them a chance to play games. Girls will go regardless of whether we are an affiliate.

Jason makes a motion to sign partnership with CIGHA, seconded by Stephanie, motion passed all in favor. Our only commitment is that we get a voting member on their board, and we show our support for girl's hockey. Jason will take agreement and will sign.

Hockeyville

Painting is almost done; will put floors in after paint done. Money issues still same, no update on NTE yet (not-to-exceed limits).

Financial Report – Rebecca

Not in attendance.

Hockey Director Report – Shane

Coaching deadline app extended to April 30th. Purchase of new goals will be in next year's budget, so will vote later.

Old Business

CIHL Update – Frank

Joe is stepping away from CIHL, Springfield may be taking over. It was established that CIHL needs a scheduling meeting. Decatur won Peewee and Bantam A league championships.

New Business

Kim: Board application

Kim created a board application for new board members. She presented it to the board. Jason could distribute and let people fill out ahead of time.

Motion made by Kim to approve new DYHA Board application and that it will be required to be considered for election; seconded by Jason, motion passed all in favor.

The applications will be due by May 1st. Floor nominations are allowed per by-laws. Jason will send out meeting notice.

Floor nominations

Kim would like to add to by-laws that floor nominations will not be accepted because now we are using applications because this is a working board as we want to elect those who are serious about being involved.

Kim's bylaw proposal: Article 4.2

Any person seeking election to a vacant DYHA board seat, must complete the DYHA Board Application and return to DYHA President 1 week prior to May Annual Election. No nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Kim made a motion to present this bylaw change at the annual meeting; seconded by Stephanie, motion passed all in favor.

End of Season Survey

What do we need to address?

- Kim: membership in the different leagues, why traveling, etc.
- Dawn: team schedules on line. Why minutes aren't online right away, need to be approved
- Stephanie: there will be more flexibility for smaller more frequent payments
- Kim: complaints; use chain of command. Use team manager, then coach, then board
- Stephanie: highlight the positive

Jason will put an email together and send to board for review and then he can send out to membership.

Sub-committees

Shane initiated discussion regarding requiring board members to serve on at least one DYHA committee or sponsored event. Jason does not want to tie hands by defining 'sub-committees'. Shane asked if we should require sub-committees, Jason's opinion is that a working board does not need them. Discussion tabled.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:03pm made by Kim, seconded by Dawn, motion passed with all in favor.

Email Vote: sent by Jason to board

I forgot to mention one item last night. I want to get this on the record so we can formally vote at the May election. Assuming this e-mail vote passes, before the May meeting, I will make the membership aware of what the ballot items will consist of.

I have another bylaw amendment to consider.

Article 4.10 currently reads:

Any board member may be removed by vote of 10 board members for any reason. Any board member who fails to attend 3 or more board meetings shall automatically be considered for removal at the next board meeting.

I would like to amend this to the following:

Any board member may be removed by a 2/3 majority vote of all sitting board members for any reason. Any board member who fails to attend 3 or more consecutive board meetings shall automatically be considered for removal at the next board meeting.

Please reply back with a vote of yes (in favor of) or no (against) this amendment.

Motion passed 6 in favor, 1 against.

Next meeting

May 10, 2016 at 5:30 pm - Decatur Hockey Association Annual Meeting and Elections

Submitted by Dawn Kramer, DYHA Secretary, May 9, 2016