



DYHA Meeting Minutes

June 14th, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm.

Board Members in Attendance

Kim Taylor, President
Shane Brilley, Hockey Director
Dawn Kramer, Secretary
Tricia Campbell
Stephanie Edgecombe
Mark Birch
Dana Hanson
Jared Broderick
Frank Earl

Review and approval of May 2016 meeting minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Shane Brilley, seconded by Stephanie, motion passed all in favor.

Financial Report – Kim for Jason

Checking \$56,706.59

Bingo \$25,065.78 (does not include Piatt County or Macon County May payments). After those payments applied, we will no longer have Piatt County payments.

Review of last year's book by Bob Yuhas, will have results back on two weeks. He will start with new QuickBooks file for the new 2016-2017 season. Each month he intends to give us a line by line report to compare to the budget.

Kim and Bob also discussed payment option 'Easy Merchant'; he will apply for this through league athletics. This system is different because it allows for user-specified payment plan.

Checks will be signed by Kim and Shane this season. Kim will be setting that up.

No CD balances report.

President Report – Kim

USA Hockey Congress

Kim went at invitation of AHAI, along with NIHL representatives. It was the USA Hockey Conference in Colorado Springs. Kim reports that AHAI has a really strong presence there and is well-respected. She found out that a lot of states follow what Illinois does. Jim Smith, president of USA Hockey, is formerly from AHAI. They are rolling out a program called Club Excellence. This is an online managing tool for hockey organizations. Consists of tabs for different roles.

After you put your schedule in, it will give you prompts about what you should be doing at what time. Can add info, and information is carried over year to year. Allows board members to record what they do so that the person taking their place will have a place to start with their new role. This is a free service. They will be ready to roll out by the end of the summer. Kim found out that Illinois is also the leader of special needs hockey. The Blackhawks allowed their logo to be used for the first time for special needs hockey jerseys. Congress is encouraging organizations to consider reaching out to community to see if there is any interest. AHAI has a person specifically devoted to this program and is willing to help. For example, do a try-hockey-for-free day for just special needs.

Safe Sport is much bigger than how we have used it. Most organizations have a Safe Sport Coordinator and they use a Safe Sport complaint form to file complaints. Then the coordinator can direct the complaint to the appropriate place. There is a refresher course every other year. There is also a separate Safe Sport for parents that is not required.

Also, they demonstrated quick-change goalie pads for 8U, need to be ordered by July 15th. 24 inch leg pads, a jersey and a bag. \$189.99. Fit over existing pads so can let lots of kids try the position. They suggest let them use their own stick and gloves. This ties to a new initiative at USA Hockey for goalie development. Goal: 51% of NHL goalies being American born by 2030. Kim made a motion to order 4 sets of quick-change goalie pads, seconded by Jarod, motion passed all in favor.

Contract Update

Kim met with Civic Center today. They are not going to increase the price of the ice, but they will charge us for use of the meeting rooms. Last season, we went through the office to schedule the meeting room 34 times. Kim proposed that we get the room once a month for board meeting at no charge. They agreed. Price is \$15 per use. Civic Center will not book a meeting room unless it is through Kim since we are paying for it now. The ice will be available for use on September 30th, which is about 6 days earlier than in the past. Our last weekend of ice is March 3-5, 2017. Kim and Shane will work on getting the contract settled and get the certificate from insurance from USA Hockey.

Committee Appointments

Website: Jarod. Kim and Dana and Jarod will meet after the meeting.

Decatur Celebration Parade: Stephanie Edgecombe. We still have the big hockey sticks in the rink storage. Mat Cox has the Zamboni.

Beer Booth: Mark

Fundraising: Tricia

Recruitment: Stephanie and Tricia

Equipment: Tom

CIHL: Frank

Lincolnland/Peoria: Steve Shepard

Communications: Stephanie

TOF: determined by Squirt Coach

Discipline: to be determined

Bulletin Board/Trophy Case: Dawn

Advertising: Kim asked Jarod to look into this on the website. Examples: Doherty's, hotels, Play It Again Sports. We have about half million hits on the site. Tricia suggests selling flat rate by year, or by quarters. We have had 587,000 unique visits to websites in three years.

Referee Seminar

Once person at the congress was chief referee of AHAI, Dave Sednick; he will do a referee seminar here if we can get 15 people to attend. They are also having one August 26th in Peoria. Kim will ask if this is for just new referees or for upper levels also.

Goalie Coach

Andrew Miller approached Jason last year and offered to help goalies. He does not want to be a coach or assistant coach, he just wants to volunteer. He can't be in locker room or on bench. He has to be fingerprinted and do Safe Sport. He is from ADM and he played 1 year D3 college hockey, two years of New England prep school hockey and 8 years triple A travel hockey.

Hockey Director Report – Shane

Coach Recommendations

Beginner/Mite Director: Ian Sheffer

Mite ADM: Jim Meyers

Mite Full Ice: not established yet, wants to check with Ian and Jim. Jim said he would even coach one of the teams. This is just 7-8 year old group.

Girls Team: to be determined

Beginner/House: Cheeseburger

Squirt: Greg Lawson

PeeWee: Jamie Brandenburg

Bantam: Daniel Street. No goalie yet, but working on it. Kim will send email to players in '02-'03 birth years to update them because they are hearing rumors about no coach and no goalie. She will update them that we have a coach and are working on the goalie situation.

JV: Ted Miller will appoint coach for JV team if we have one

HS: Ted Miller, he may do next year also, but that is it

Midget: no coach yet, may not have a Midget team

Projected Team Numbers

Want to field competitive teams.

Other Updates

Tryout dates: September 12 & 14th, Monday and Wednesday. 6:10pm Squirts, 7:20pm PeeWee, 8:30pm Bantams. These are unofficial until confirmation from Springfield ice manager.

Shane still has a large amount of equipment in basement of shoe store. Dana suggests hauling it all off to Play It Again Sports, drop it off, and have them send a check after they go through it. Kim suggests having a free day for hockey association members, and then bring rest to Play It Again Sports. Some of the equipment is good, can be used for pond hockey, etc. Shane suggests that he pick out the good stuff and put notice on website that it is available to everyone and rest to Play It Again. Dawn suggests Shane pick out what we can use, take rest to Play It Again. Kim suggests Tom and Shane figure it out.

CIHL Update – Frank

Meeting was last night, he has PeeWee and Bantam banners that he gave to Kim.

CIGHA Update - Dawn

Dawn attended the CIGHA meeting in Bloomington. Discussion occurred over how to set up the organization, what roles/committees. Proposals for jersey colors/logos were displayed. Founding teams, including Decatur, will be represented with a geographically-correct located star on the Illinois map on the logo. Teams will be 10U, 14U, and 19U. Working on getting commitments for 19U. They may not play in actual NIHL league this year, just play NIHL teams, to see if that will get more commitment.

Old Business

Bingo Coordinator

Katherine Shepard, Debra Windlan, Stephanie Botts. Stephanie has done before, Debra sent resume with her qualifications, Katherine may not work bingo but her husband does. Keith has part of the schedule done. Katherine Shepard will be offered the position.

New Business

Decatur Celebration Parade

Stephanie will coordinate. She will put word out early.

Advertising Ideas

Tricia and Stephanie will work on this. Shane suggests trading ESPN ad on back of nets in exchange for advertising on the radio.

Recruitment Plans

Tricia and Stephanie will work on this. Tricia suggests putting hockey players in local festival parades.

Website Sponsors

Jarod will work on this.

Registration Dates

Kim has had a lot of people wanting to sign up. We could start registration now for beginners, because their numbers don't matter for the budget. Dana suggests opening up a pre-registration, and we will send note when registration opens. Not a commitment, just expressing interest. Shane suggests keep pre-registration to new players only. Dana will add to website. Stephanie suggests having an information session for beginners, before registration.

Relay for Life

Mark: July 15th, we are a participating sponsor for Relay for Life; DYHA will have opportunity to participate in honorary lap in recognition of our donation from the Alumni game.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:42pm made by Shane, seconded by Dawn, motion passed with all in favor.

Next meeting: July 12, 2016 at 5:30pm

Submitted by Dawn Kramer, DYHA Secretary, July 10, 2016