



## DYHA Meeting Minutes

*October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

**Meeting called to order at:** 5:34pm

**Members in Attendance:**

Jason Habrock

Dawn Kramer

Mark Birch

Stephanie Edgecombe

Stephanie Botts

Todd Anderson

Frank Earl

Dana Hanson

**Review and approval of meeting minutes/September meeting minutes**

Need to add list of attendees. Todd motioned to approve the minutes, Stephanie E seconded, minutes passed. Dawn will add list of attendees and post the minutes on the website.

**Financial Report - Connie (by Jason)**

Grant that we got from AHAJ was actually a quote from 2013, and it was in error. Original quote was \$600 from the website. When reviewed, the cost is actually \$2000. Right now, with all of the budget considered, we are about \$1000 ahead. As of now we have recovered about \$600 from equipment rental fees. Original cost to rent equipment was based on original \$600 figure and it is \$50 charge to rent the equipment, and if it is returned to DYHA the \$50 is returned to the member. We are out of sticks, but we do still have some bags of equipment. There are 29 beginners registered right now. So even with the error in the cost of equipment, the numbers look good in the budget and we are ahead.

**Received \$2066 from Decatur Celebration.**

**Registrar's Report**

Stephanie says that all of the rosters have been submitted and approved. Mason Ralph has been added to PeeWee roster and we will see if there is an issue with that. Heath needs to renew his coaching certificate, which Jason and Frank say that he can do online. All travel permits have been ordered. Stephanie needs to get some information about the TOF and will put that in the system.

## **President Report - Jason**

### **Beginner Issue/Requirements for Beginner Coaches**

Last week, there were beginner coaches on the ice that were not screened and did not have USA hockey numbers. Jason talked to AHAI to get final ruling. They have agreed that all coaches on the ice will need a USA hockey number and be background checked. They would like to know that we do have intent to get coaching certificates. Blaze players can help with beginners if they meet the two requirements of having a USA hockey number and a background check. All Blaze players that are helping are over 18, so there is no need to add them to the roster.

### **Not-for-profit update**

Jason says this is an ongoing difficult issue. This process has been complicated with conflicting information from different sources. Jason called the Secretary of State's office to get an answer. There is a lot of paperwork to fill out, and about \$500-\$700 filing fees. This is the only way we can get a non-profit status back from state. We are okay with the IRS as far as taxes. But IRS needs the articles of incorporation which we get from Secretary of State but the Secretary of State does not see DYHA as a corporation. There is an easy approach, but it may not get through the system. Jason will ask for name change from Decatur Amateur Hockey Association to Decatur Youth Hockey Association. Jason needs board officers (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer) and three additional board members names from 1987 to present.

### **Clinic results**

Clinic went very well. Right now we are at \$93 in negative for the clinic, but that is acceptable considering the benefits of the program. The two coaches from Showdown, as well as Bruce Racine, were happy with the turnout.

### **AHAI ruling on 8 year olds playing at Squirt level (inadvertantly included in these minutes)**

#### **E-mail Votes**

Add HS player from Mt. Zion

In Favor: 11 votes

Add Hunter Gehrken to Bantam roster

In favor: 10 votes

## **Old Business**

### **Impact testing – Kim Taylor**

Impact testing was completed last week. Amy Brilley got permission to use the computer lab at Millikin to do the tests.

### **Fundraising Committee – Stephanie Edgecombe**

Stephanie is trying to recruit helpers for the Fundraising Committee. Stephanie is trying to recruit from the mite parents and is also asking for help from other teams' parents.

Embroidered Expressions is working on some different kinds of items to offer for spirit wear.

### **Newsletter – Stephanie Edgecombe**

Stephanie has a draft of the October newsletter with current news and reminders. She sent out 200, and 113 opened it, and 18 clicked through to different topics. Jason will ask the Civic Center if they can post the newsletter on their website.

### **Try Hockey For Free Day**

Stephanie has marketing materials from USA Hockey, and Play it Again sports will hang posters to help advertise. The players will only need a hockey helmet or bicycle helmet, and hockey or winter gloves. Stephanie suggests making announcements at younger-age games. Also, there is a social media schedule that can be used to help promote the event. Online registration is suggested, because then we have their contact information. There is also a press release template that we can use.

### **CIHL Info – Frank**

Jason is concerned about the play that extends into March. Early March is okay, but not later in the month of March. Frank will try to switch the Mite Jamboree to February when all other teams are at MoAm playoffs.

Jason mentioned that we are getting some Peoria high school games scheduled in Decatur, rather than all the games being held in Peoria.

### **Screened coaches / managers - Frank**

One coach and one manager, Dana Hill, have completed screenings, but website is not updated to indicate that yet. Safesports completions are still coming in; they are not due yet.

## **New Business**

### **Equipment**

Suggestion made to bring extra unused equipment to Play It Again Sports. In previous years, the money received from this was used to buy practice pucks for the coaches; we could also buy marker boards. We need to keep goalie equipment for the house programs.

### **Wish List**

Dana suggested that we should we do a wish-list like teachers do. For example, have coaches create a wish-list of what they could use and distribute that to the team and allow parents to donate items on the list. Stephanie could put the lists in the Newsletter. Jason will talk to the coaches and Stephanie will hold off the newsletter until we can put that in there.

### **Photographer**

We have had offers from other photographers, but we are happy with DR Roberts and and they are easy to work with.

### **Website Content**

Dana is asking for content for website to keep it fresh. Also, there have been 160,000 hits since the site started. Why don't we use this to our advantage? For example, ask Dohertys if they

want to advertise on the site. We could sell ad space on the site, because other teams will look at our page before they come play here. Could also sell ad space in the newsletter.

### **Number of Players**

Right now we have 135 players registered, about the same as last year. Suggestion made to keep beginner, house, and mini mite registration open.

### **Blaze Volunteers**

Kim says the Blaze needs people to work the home games. The Civic Center has a license for us to to have 50/50 raffles at Blaze games.

### **Jerseys/Warmups**

Squirt and PeeWee jerseys are done. Waiting on a few high school jerseys. This is the last call for jerseys; ordering for Hunter and new high school players and that is it.

Warmups came in, Kim dropped them off at Embroidered Expressions, and we should get them back soon. She is doing another order if we can get the minimum order of 12.

### **Injuries**

Nick Striglos broke his ankle.

Jason made motion to adjourn, and Kim seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.

**Next meeting: November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:30 pm**