

Reston Raiders BOD Minutes: January 7, 2019

In Attendance: Kevin Burch, Jon Cooper, Mike Donovan, Dave Fishman, Gayle Job, Chick Thompson, Pat Wildman, Steve Willey

Called to order: 7:07pm

Minutes: Approved by Dave, seconded by Jon

Dave Fishman

Travel Administration & CBHL Update:

- Lots of penalties: match penalties, numerous game misconducts (ensure communications with Dave, Kevin, and John)
- Dave will respond to Rieling this week regarding Raiders decision
- Video tapes are becoming helpful
- Playoff schedule not posted yet; 14UA Fredrick now eligible; discussions on Baltimore potential eligibility

Mike Donovan

IP Update:

- Spring IP: start with 2 sessions: 2014-2012 and 2011-2008 (20 players per); open waitlist after those fill. Open 3rd session if we go over or LTP. Once a week in Loudoun: ½ practice, ½ scrimmage
- Kevin to discuss 3 slots with Darren to be able to open to new members- will help future development (Learn To Play 8 week Program)

Girls Program:

- U8 Girls to Mite Beach Bash 2/8-10
- Holiday Clinic was well attended: 53 girls; alumni, female coaches, U19 players
- Spring Select: focus on development, no tryouts, cap number at a certain amount

Jon Cooper

Financial Affairs:

- Dealing with payment plan issue

Gayle Job

Registration update:

- Midget tournament for House Team 2002-2003: early March local
- Spring House/Select: registration opens 1/15/19
- Spring House Director: Chick
- Spring Select Contact: Kevin
- Gayle to arrange food for tryouts for coaches/evaluators
- Jon to work out costs
- Thoughts regarding pool of coaches as evaluators (sign-up genius)

Chick Thompson

CSC Committee:

- Figuring out options for coaches; moving some around

Pat Wildman

- Hockey Development Board (HDB) & Coaching Education Program (CEP):

- HDB met on 12/5: Darren Hersh invited to discuss potential options for additional use of Loudoun Ice Center. Ideas from HDB include:
 - Spring option of 3x3 14/16/18U players pickup league at Loudoun; Pat and Kevin to work out structure, registration, cost, etc.
 - Move/add some weekday practices, weekend games, Mite House games, Girls and 8U Black/Silver/Select. Goal would be to provide additional ice for teams that currently have limited ice and also to potentially free-up weekend ice for games, which would enable the Club to potentially add additional teams. No team would have practices/games exclusively at Loudoun – SkateQuest would continue to be the primary rink.
- Developing plan to make changes to the IP program in order to take advantage of NHL Learn to Play program which provides free gear to players beginning hockey. Could entail establishing a “Mini Mite” program as an additional transition from IP to the House/travel program for IP1 and IP2 players. Mike and John to develop plan.
- Request made to HDB to consider split season teams for High School age travel players such that players would play a partial RRHC CBHL schedule before and after the HS season, but no travel hockey or just practice only during the HS season. HDB determined it was not workable in the DMV and not consistent with player development
- Club hosted Coach Holiday Party/clinic: @40 coaches attended the clinic which featured presentation and Q&A discussion led by Scott Paluch of USA Hockey
- Spring Selects: HDB recommended fielding teams at each level based on registration numbers (ie, possibility of adding teams at certain age levels). HDB also recommended the Board vote to require all Spring Select teams have a minimum of 20 players, some of whom would be “practice players.” Goal is to enable more players to benefit from the Spring program. To vote: Dave, 2nd by Mike
- Darren Hersh added to HDB in order to enhance HDB’s ability to evaluate and improve the Club’s goalie program
- HDB recommended changing the dates for Fall Travel tryouts so that they would occur in May before Memorial Day
- HDB is evaluating checking clinics and ways to improve them and encourage greater participation. The discussion will take place at a future HDB meeting prior to the next checking clinic in the fall.
- Coach Mentoring/Improving practices. Pat Wildman and other HDB members, as assigned, will evaluate House and Travel practices throughout the season via the SkateQuest LiveBarn feed to ensure that practices are run consistent with USA Hockey’s American Development Model (ADM) and the Club’s focus on skill development and fun hockey for kids. By monitoring practices, the Club also can provide feedback to Coaches that educates them about developing effective and fun practice plans which improve skill and foster a love of the game.
- USA Hockey Coaching Education Program requirements: All coaches have completed the requirements and the Club is working to ensure Spring coaches also are certified.

Steve Willey

Safety Program: see attached: January 7, 2019 Safety Directors Report and Referee program)

Kevin Burch

Club Ops update:

- Admin password for LiveBarn sent from Skatequest

Other:

- Post article: Metro Player regarding racism. Kevin will research getting the stickers for Raiders program in support of anti-racism in hockey
- Pride Girls Clinic next Thursday; purchase Challenge Cup ad for Girls Program featuring Raiders alumni girls
- Hang CBHL Girls banner

Completed Items:

- Spring Jerseys are ordered
- Winter Season trophies and medals are ordered
- Closet is cleaner

Adjourned 8:39pm by Dave & Gayle

2018-2019 Reston Raiders Board

Kevin Burch, President

Jon Cooper, Financial Affairs

Mike Donovan, Initiation Program

Dave Fishman, Travel Administration & CBHL League Representative

John Gary, House Administration

Gayle Job, Registrar

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