

LAHA Regular Board Meeting
May 17, 2014
Los Alamos County Ice Rink

At 8:40 the meeting was called to order by meeting chair Sonya Ortiz.

Members Present:

Dann Alison, Head Referee
Scott Doebbling, Girls Hockey Director
Renee Dunwoody
Jeff Goettee
Eric Martens
Russ Nolen, Head Coach
Sonya Ortiz, President
Donna Pimentel, Registrar
Tracy Thompson, Vice President
Joe Wermer

Members Absent:

Kathi Fisher (pre-arranged)

Approval of previous meeting minutes.

Old Business

- By-laws had been amended to remove Past President from Executive Committee. Previous Board agreed that Past President should remain on board for 1 year as a not-voting member to assist in continuity and mentorship new President as it is in LOE. Vote need to be put to general membership at next meeting in order to amend Constitution.

New Business

- Sonya Ortiz and Tracy Thompson were both ill and unable to attend the last LOE meeting. In future, Los Alamos Hockey Association MUST have representation at these meetings.
- Sonya Ortiz will attend next LOE meeting on May 31st as proxy for Tracy if she can. If not, someone else will need to attend. Tracy needs to let LOE secretary Deborah Bock know who will be coming in her place. The LOE bylaws states, "*The Proxy must be other than another Director, be designated in writing to the Secretary of LOEAHA at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at which the voting is to take place and be in attendance at the time of the voting*". If this does not occur, the proxy can take notes at the meeting but will not be able to vote.
- President and Ice Scheduler expected to attend LOE work session meeting on June 21st. Sonya will attend, as Tracy will be out of town.
- Motion to keep Kathi Fisher as Treasurer. Approved.
- Nominate Renee Dunwoody as Secretary. Approved.

- Nominate Tracy Thompson as President. Approved.
- Nominate Joe Wermer as Member-at-Large. Approved.
- Nominate Jeff Goettee as Vice President. Approved.
- Tracy Thompson appointed Donna Pimentel as Registrar. She is the link between USA hockey and LAHA.
- Tracy Thompson appointed Mark Rochester NMIHL representative.
- Joe Wermer was appointed as Scholarship Coordinator.
- Doug Weiss was mentioned as a good candidate for Risk Manager/Ace Director. If he is unwilling to serve in this position, then Sonya will do it.

- Safe Sport Manger is Selene Martinez. Check to see if she wishes to remain in this position. If not, a replacement will need to be found.

- The Board would like to formally recognize Mike Mallett as Outstanding Volunteer. The Board has decided to award a long time volunteer with recognition for their work within LAHA.

- Need a new ice scheduler
- All ice time is to be scheduled and approved through the ice scheduler, including “looking into open ice times” at other rinks.
- Ice scheduler has to follow hierarchy set up by LOE.

- New board members need to be familiar with LOE website www.newmexicohockey.org
- All new members need to review the LAHA bylaws.
- Annual guides and rulebooks are in the shed. New board members need to get a copy for themselves and review the contents. New books for the upcoming season will be handed out in July.

- LAHA received \$750 form the Grow Hockey Grant.
- Chamber Fest is Saturday, June 14th. Need coaches and other volunteers. Russ Nolen as Head Coach will send out an email about Chamber Fest to recruit volunteers. Mike Mallett and Sonya Ortiz will be there.

- A general closeout coaches meeting needs to be scheduled.
- The Board needs to vote and approve the team head coaches.

- Scott Doebling will present a report on the Girls Program at the next meeting.
- Motion made and approved for LAHA to support the MSGHL and do what it can to support our home girls at all levels with the MSGHL. LAHA will not field a U12 girl’s team.
- Scott Doebling will be the LAHA liaison with the MSGHL Mustangs.

- Los Alamos County is trying to condense LAHA ice times. Tracy Thompson and Sonya Ortiz will meet with Dianne at the county on this matter.

- USA hockey requires that all associations for the upcoming season follow the ADM.
- Any program structure changes must be voted on by the Board.
- Current coaches must put all program ideas through the Board.
- Donna Pimentel will have a manager's meeting before the start of the season. She needs to be informed of the date of the coaches meeting in order to get information to the coaches in regards to the upcoming season.
- According to USA hockey all coaches" Must attend the required clinic and complete the necessary online age-specific module(s) by December 31 of the current playing season to continue coaching on January 1". The late fee **WILL NOT BE WAIVED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES** by USA hockey and **will be the financial responsibility of the coach** that is non-compliant.
- Preseason background checks of coaches, team managers, locker room monitors and others who have consistent contact with the children of LAHA will need to be completed. The list of people to be screened needs to be provided as soon as teams are declared if possible as this year there will be a fee assessed for this year.
- Gear rental return is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27th from 4:30 -6:30 pm and Saturday, June 7th from 10-Noon.
- Need to appoint an Equipment Manger. Russ Nolen will work on this.
- Need to set an equipment budget.
- Need to purchase new helmets, stick and puck equipment, varsity jerseys and nameplates.
- Discussion on cut-off age for rental helmets is tabled until the next meeting.
- Holiday Hockey Festival needs a new coordinator. Donna Pimentel will mentor new coordinator.
- President and Head Coach will send out an email with a call for volunteers to fill needed LAHA position.
- House League re-implementation tabled until next meeting. Dann Alison to contact past House League Mangers to see how program was run three years ago as that was deemed successful. House League Manager will need to be appointed.
- Date of next meeting will be coordinated through email after Tracy Thompson determines potential dates.

At 10:17 am meeting was adjourned.

Renee Dunwoody
Secretary