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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2010 6:00pm

@LA County Ice Rink

This Meeting was LAHA's Annual General Members meeting. All members were welcome to attend.

- 1) Meeting Opening & Introductions
 - a) Mark introduced himself and the other executive board members to all in attendance.
 - b) In addition to the board members approximately eight individuals attended, including parents and coaches.
- 2) Previous Meeting Minutes were tabled
- 3) New Business
 - a) Reports
 - i) President
 - (a) Explained the difference between Tier Hockey and Recreational Hockey
 - (i) Mark explained that Tier Hockey is competitive and teams compete at nationals. New Mexico has adopted the USA Hockey program who recommended that NM put together one tier team because of the states relatively limited number of players. This tier program is named the Renegade Association or RAHA. RAHA is located in Rio Rancho and requires dedication of time and travel of its members.
 - (ii) LAHA on the other hand is purely recreational. We want to assist all players of various skill levels and ages play the game and develop their skills.

- (b) Explanation and discussion on the new team structure.
- (i) Mark explained the reasons for the need of restructuring the LAHA teams. One of the main reasons is to do the fact that house players are missing some development opportunities because they are not a part of the select teams who get to travel and play tougher opponents. For this reason the board has elected to abolish select teams.
 - (ii) The new team structure was reviewed.
 - 1. Select teams are abolished and the new structure consists of White, Blue, and Black house teams. All kids will have a multitude of opportunities to travel and play other New Mexico teams. There will still be a non-contact league and a player or parent can elect to join one of these teams if they wish.
 - 2. In addition to the white, blue, and black teams a tournament team will be created to participate in the 2-3 competitive New Mexico tournaments each season. The coach will be the decision maker for this team and elect which players will be on the team. Players will be chose from the three existing teams prior to each tournament. The coach may choose different players for each tournament as he or she feels fit. All aspects of the team will be decided by the coach, including playing time. The players who participate on the tournament team will pay a set fee.
 - a. Eric, a Mites coach asked that if players will pay their extra fee to join the tournament team what happens if the coach does not select that player to compete in the next tournament? There could potentially be different players for each of the tournaments and in this case everybody would have to pay the additional fee. Eric also asked where the funds from this additional fee would go.
 - b. The board had a discussion regarding how the tournament fee would be structured and concluded that Eric had a valid concern. This will be addressed further at the next board meeting. It was also explained that the fee would go into the general LAHA account.
 - c. A parent in attendance brought up her concern that not all kids will get a chance to go to a tournament because it is up to the coach to select the strongest players. Mark and Tim explained that the tournament team will only participate in the competitive tournaments which have traditionally only consist of two or three a year. All players will have the opportunity to participate in various other tournaments and festivals throughout the year. These consist of the holiday festival, yearend festival, Taos tournament, and 3V3. This structure gives every kid the chance to play out of town against non-LAHA teams which the previous structure did not allow.
 - d. Mark thanked everybody for their questions and input. He reiterated that Eric brought up a valid point about the tournament team fee structure and stated that it will be addressed at the next board meeting.

- (c) There will no longer be a State Championship for every level. Starting this season there will be a yearend festival in its place. This will most likely be a “mix it up” festival where all players and coaches will be mixed with other teams attending the festival. Varsity will be the only remaining State Championship.
- (d) CIP funding proposal to cover the rink.
 - (i) At 5:30 Tuesday October 12th Mark will present LAHA’s proposal to cover the rink at the council chambers. He encouraged anybody who was interested to attend. A meeting to discuss the proposal for the parking lot, locker rooms, and septic tank will follow in the weeks after.
- (e) Update to the LAHA code of conduct.
 - (i) Mark explained that there are updated rules within USA Hockey and LOE updated their email policy. A motion was made to attach the new rules and email policies to the LAHA code of conduct. The motion was approved.
 - (ii) There was a brief discuss regarding the need for a process to handle complaints within the association. In the past there has not been a process indicating who complaints should be addressed to. In an effort to efficiently address all complaints and to be sure that everybody is heard the board approved the addition of a complaint procedure to the code of conduct. The process will be created and added.
- (f) Holiday Festival
 - (i) There is a need to appoint a holiday festival director for this season. Donna Pimentel was present and volunteered to fill the position. The board approved.
- (g) 3V3
 - (i) There is also a need to appoint a 3V3 director. Mark asked that is anybody would like to volunteer and knows anybody that would be good for the position that they can contact him. The appointment of this position was tabled until the next meeting.
- (h) Risk Manager
 - (i) A risk manager must be appointed. This person will run all board members, coaches, referees, parents, and anybody who will be going into the locker room through a federal database. This is to ensure the safety of all the players.
 - (ii) A conversation surrounding the requirements for those who will be going into the locker rooms began. Coaches and general members quested if everybody who ever goes into the locker room needs to be contacted and run through the data base. Mark confirmed that this is true. The consensus from the general members was that this seems to be over kill and that they believe as long as a cleared adult is in the locker room, a “monitor”, that it should be ok. The board agreed and will consider this recommendation. The appointment of this position was tabled until the next meeting.

ii) Vice President

(1) Bob discussed the ice schedule for the coming season. He handed out a draft copy of the schedule for review. He explained that he tried to keep it as close to last season as possible but that there were a few changes. He went through the changes which included the new Mites practice time which is now an hour. The board liked the way the new schedule was structured. It was voted on and approved.

iii) Treasurer

(1) Mike began by talking about the current number of registered players and rental equipment. To date there have been 23 atoms, 57 house, 42 equipment rentals. Mike indicated that he knows of a few Bantams that will not be continuing this season. The board discussed how to increase awareness that hockey is not all just rough housing and how to get new kids in the program. This is a continues discussion among board members.

iv) Secretary

(1) Ryan discussed the status of scholarship applications for the coming season. He stated that there have only been a couple of applicants thus far but several more are expected. He also mentioned that the scholarship form has been revised and that there have been deadlines added to the scholarship program. All applications are to be submitted no later than October 27th and scholarships will then be awarded on November 1st. This will help insure consistency with the awards and keep the program on budget. Ryan indicated that the deadline will be flexible since this is the first season for this timeline. The update to the form was also done to make sure that all recipients participate in the various volunteer opportunities within LAHA.

v) Additional Items

(1) Coaches

(a) There was discussion regarding who will be helping Atoms coaches with off the ice duties. It was mentioned that Tim Milligan has volunteered to assist. The details are being worked out.

(2) Referees

(a) There will be a referee clinic this weekend in Santa Fe. Information can be found on the LAHA website. It is a fun all day clinic and participants get paid.

(b) The board voted on a pay rate increase for referees. The pay of LAHA referees has not been updated in a while and the board approved the following rates. These rates will place them just below that of state referees.

(i) \$12 for Mites

(ii) \$14 for Squirts

(iii) \$16 for Peewee

(iv) \$18 for Bantam

(v) \$15 for mentors

(3) This coming spring there will be a couple of board member positions openings. Please let Mark know if you are interest or if you know anybody that may be.

vi) Meeting Adjourned

Voting Members Present			
X	Mark Rochester	X	Stephen Schreiber
X	Bob Roback		Dann Alison
X	Mike Mallett	X	Tim White
X	Ryan Tatro		