



Meeting Notes

February 5, 2018

7:00 PM

Long Meadow Golf Course

Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Richard Conley

Invitees: Ron Cardillo, Stacy Caron, Karen Grace, Brian Akashian, ~~Glenn Boek~~, ~~Ginger Brea~~, Ann Marie Duross, ~~John Haley~~, Tom Jackson, ~~Melanie Nangle~~, Jay Trovato, Dana Vigeant, Christine MacPhearson

1. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes - Approved
2. Officer Reports
 - a. President (R.Conley)
 - b. Vice President (R.Cardillo)
 - c. Secretary (S.Caron)
 - d. Treasurer (K.Grace)
 1. Review Financials - \$231k/year revenue, \$227k/year in expenses. Excess revenue of \$3400. If we had paid for missed ice, we would have been \$10k in the negative. This is for FY 2017.
 2. McKenzie & Frawley -- 2016 Tax Returns due 2/15/18
 - e. Coaching Director (B.Akashian)
3. Director and Committee Reports
 - a. VHL 2017-18 (J.Haley)
 - b. Apparel & Uniforms – (R.Conley/T.Jackson)
 - c. Fundraising – (A.Duross)
 1. Parents Night Out Review - \$200 paid to frenchs, \$100 to DJ, \$365 leftover.
 2. Amazon Smile – Account is setup – if parents search Lowell Hawks, it should come up.
 - d. Learn to Play (D.Vigeant)
 1. Registration Numbers and support schedule – 28/29 signed up for session 4.
 1. Help needed February 17 - Ann Marie volunteered to cover.
4. Open Business
 - a. Banners for Janas Rink (B.Akashian) – Banner is up and across the ice. Font is a bit small but its there.
 - b. Jerseys for next season
 1. Adidas - (B.Akashian) – Brian will invite rep to next meeting to show shirts.
 2. TSR Options (R.Conley) – Sublimated is an option thru TSR. Bauer discontinued the 600 series. Its been decided that we will stick with the

same color scheme but we need to decide if we are going to have jerseys sublimated or

- c. Elections / Nominations – notifications were sent out as we have numerous open seats for the 2018-19 hockey season. Deadline is March 1st to submit application if you want to run for the board.
 - 1. Melanie, Glenn, John, Ann Marie, Stacy, Rich, Ron are all up for re-election
 - d. Tryout Schedule – Brian is organizing the tryout process. Before tryouts, have each coach rank their players, best to worse. Then we have tryouts and bring in coaches to score kids. Current Coaches would then pick teams and make recommendations to executive board team. Current Head coaches would select teams (current team they coach and next levels up team). I.e. Squirt 1 head coach, would make recommendation as to who would be on next years SQ team and PW teams.
 - 1. Needs to be adopted as a tryout policy – Brian to draft and communicate to coaches.
 - 2. Outside evaluator will be brought in again this year to provide their feedback.
 - e. State Tournament
 - 1. Winter 2017-18 State Championship Tournament Meeting at Marriott Newton on February 26th -- Need Coach/Rep to attend (checking this date as the 26th is a Monday). If it is a Monday, Ron volunteered to attend.
DATE IS FEB 25TH. NEED TO FIND A VOLUNTEER TO COVER THESE MEETINGS.
All 14U (Bantams) at 12 p.m. (NOON) (2 Teams)
All 12U (Pee Wee) at 1 p.m. (1 Team)
All 10U (Squirts) at 2 p.m. (1 Team)
5. New Business
- a. Coaching Manual / Game Rescheduling – Lots of discussion on who pays for games when coaches cancel games. Coaches manual says it's the team that cancels is responsible for paying when rescheduling, per Karen, GLYSA pays for the refs and ice when we reschedule.
 - 1. When a team needs to cancel a game, suggestion was made to have VL rep email all coaches to see if anyone can take that ice before he cancels it.
 - 2. Coaches meeting in August – present the coach's manual to everyone so existing coaches and new coaches know what the process is.
 - 3. Jay Trovato to review coaches manual and make edits where necessary.
 - b. VHL final rosters due by Wednesday - Ethan Polcari needs to be added to Bantam 1 team. SC to add him and resubmit roster for approval. Stacy to check to see if Alexsa is all set and that she is listed on the B2 Roster.
 - c. Registration fees for 2017-18
 - 1. Janas Rink going from \$235 to \$250 – Lease received from Shamrocks. DCR operated rinks charge \$200/sheet of ice. Janas is a DCR owned rink, but is not operated by DCR. Need clarification on this as to what is the law w/respects to what we are charged for ice. Rich to discuss with Brian and ask that he research this.
 - 2. Payments are due first of every month, beginning in April per Shamrocks.
 - 3. Valley League increase unknown – each year its been a 3% increase.
 - 4. Karen Grace made a motion to raise dues by \$100, Tom Jackson seconded it, all approve. This is all levels, with the exception of LTP which

d. Around the Boards

1. ADM

2. Skills – feedback is that we drop this and give that hour back to the teams for practice. The concern is that B. Ware will drop LTP if we drop skills.

3. LTP = Stacy Caron made a motion to raise LTP dues to the following: \$75 for 6 weeks or \$15/session. If a child cannot make it, they do not get a credit – all fees are non-refundable which they are currently. \$300/if someone registers for all 4 sessions. Dana Vigeant seconded it, all approved.

4. We owe just under \$100k to VHL by November – we need to realign our dues payment plan so we bring in more money earlier in the season to cover fees. Start payment plan in May and members have thru October, for all teams except in-house and midgets. Midgets will be May-September (5 payments) and in-house will need to be paid in full by February. Motion made by Karen Grace, seconded by Tom Jackson, approved by most.

5. ½ season bantams – would there be any interest in this? What if we just add ½ season bantams to the registration? Karen looked thru the #'s and only found 3-4 kids who would be freshman. We will re-look at this next year as numbers will be strong.

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, March 5th at Long Meadow [Meeting schedule online](#)