

OPRF Hockey Club Minutes
May 4, 2015

Jo Bond-Ostler, Mel Smith, Craig Bonnell, Jason Malley, Frank Pospisil, Krista Pospisil, Christi Bonaccorsi, Dan Schmidt, Roy Phifer, Dave Dyson, Karen Phifer, Vic Vanek, Linda Brennan, Rob Johnson, Sharon Rosas, Tim Moran, Bob Small, Mike Gonzalez, Tom Watson, Sarah Lempia

The Board voted to amend the club by-laws to create a policy for refunding partial fees for any player with a season ending illness or injury.

The new slate of the Board of Directors was unanimously elected.

An official thank you to Renee Rorres and Sheila Javor for all their hard work over the last many years.

Hockey Director report –

- Dave Dyson said that the spring clinics are going well; participants are enthusiastic. The pipeline for incoming players is big. Summer camp participants will be separated into intermediate and advanced levels instead of by F or D. Summer goaltending camp and fall goalie coach will be Stan Dubicki. Stan will be assisted by several other high quality coaches. Karl Hayes is returning to coach this summer and full time in the fall as the head JV coach.
- Teams are not pre-picked for the fall. Players are expected to work hard over the summer and earn their spots each season.
- We are planning to field a 3rd team but the divisional placement of each team is still TBD. It is possible that the 3rd team would play V in the Hayes Division. There is still a possibility that there will be cuts, even with the 3rd team. There is also still a possibility for the taxi squad. Tryouts and pre-tryout clinics will take place in August. They will not take place at RC because it will be closed for much of August.
- Dave would like to participate in an out of town tournament in the fall in a place other than South Bend, potentially farther away if it makes sense, with a higher level of competition.
- The V team will potentially play some games against top state teams in the fall.
- Dave and Steve will do player assessments on an upcoming Saturday over the next few weeks. Each player will get 10-15 min with the coaches along with a detailed scorecard.

President's Report

- Basement room for dryland/shooting training – still awaiting for the OP Fire Dept report to determine if it is safe. The Park District has no money for construction so the hockey club would have to fund it.
- Cardiac screening – Roy is still trying to get a meeting with Superintendent Isoye.
- We have only 11 responses to the online team survey. Players will be encouraged to participate in the survey when they arrive for their player assessments.

Treasurer's Report

- Total projected surplus for the 2014-15 year is \$26,021 vs. the \$18,325 projection.
- Dan is developing assumptions on ice costs, summer fees and other key budget elements so he can prepare the budget for 2015-16.

There will be upcoming rat hockey from 7:45 – 9:15 pm on June 6, 13, and 20.

The 3-on-3 tournament will be held on June 26 7:00 – 8:30 pm, June 27 7:45 – 9:15 pm, and June 28 8:45 – 10:15 pm.

There is a surplus of about \$20,000 that will be used to fund a variety of items that have been requested by Dave and Steve, including goalie coaches, equipment, practice jerseys and socks, coach education clinics, etc. It will take a month or so to determine which items will be funded – Dave needs to provide some expense info to Dan first.

Ice search – Roy secured extra practice ice at RC for the 3rd team. In total, the club has secured 6 practice slots during the week and 2 game slots on weekends at RC. The Park District has given the club a 10% discount. It is likely that we will get 12 game slots at Carol Stream if we can't find them anywhere else.

Bob Small – spring and summer dryland training with Frank Filardi will take place at Taylor Park. Summer training will start probably right after the 4th of July, 3 days/wk from 5:00 – 6:00 pm (schedule forthcoming). 21 players signed up for spring and about 30 have signed up for summer. Weightlifting training is still TBD.

Spirit wear – Christi Bonaccorsi would like to share some spirit wear tasks (structuring the process, inventory, etc.) with other parents.

Volunteer positions that need to be filled asap: equipment ordering (bags, practice jerseys, socks, etc.) and spirit wear. Roy will send a note to new parents asking 2 to co-chair spirit wear and will ask John Alger if he will do the equipment ordering again.

Marketing – Frank Pospisil will need more volunteers for the upcoming season. It would be better if there are more volunteers to fulfill a smaller number of tasks per person.

The next meeting will be held at Ridgeland Commons on Monday, June 1 at 7:30 pm.