

OPRF Hockey Club Minutes August 3, 2015

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The board voted and approved the minutes from the July meeting.

President's Report

- Info from 7/28 league meeting – great turn-out at the goalie clinic, there is a plan for a defensive clinic – could potentially take place in the fall.
- Meeting September 15 located at Darien. At a minimum, team managers must attend. Scorekeepers encouraged to attend.
- League expenses increased 1%. We will have a trainer at each home and away game. The cost is \$500 per team. Games will still be played if the trainer is does not show up.
- We received forms: ex-zero tolerance. There is a new rule regarding parent ejection from a game. After a parent is ejected, the AHAI rule is the parent must stay away for an additional 3 games. The IL West League rule is the parent must stay away for an additional 4 games. Information regarding how to enforce this new rule to come at a later date. Note: clubs that have a referee at their parent/player meeting have fewer issues.
- All players need to have their AHAI participation form completed and submitted by the 1st league game.
- Illinois West will have 14 JV teams and 14 Varsity teams.
- The winter classic is an option this year.
- The weekend of September 25 will be the 1st league games.
- Jim Smith has stop patches.
- We have confirmed with York that we will participate in Toys for Tots and York will participate in Hockey Checks Hunger- Friday December 4th (Addison) and Sunday Dec 6 (Oak Park).
- We need a volunteer to coordinate the Alumni game.
- The board discussed the taxi squad and voted and approved this as an option for this season.

Risk Management

- Mary and Cathy have looked into how we can support our teams in the event of an emergency. The board voted and approved a medical binder per team, a concussion- return to play form and at least 2 parents per team be certified in CPR.
- Additional notes on the research they presented: ideally, 2 parents certified in CPR per team- one to attend each game. One parent volunteer to help the

coach understand what is going on and be available for emotional support for the kids watching the incident.

- Other programs offer tool kits.
- They are gathering a list of each rink we play and confirming whether or not AED paddles are on site and where they are located.
- The binder would include location of emergency equipment, guidelines for CPR, known food allergies and asthma issues.
- Each player would have a medical form with contact info- We use the AHAI form currently and the IHSA form will be available as an option to complete. The idea is to have a notebook easily accessible during an emergency with any known issues for each child that might help first responders.

Ad Book – Jo Bond-Ostler reported \$1300 collected for sales in the ad book so far. She had three topics to get decisions on so she can move forward:

- Printer: The board discussed, voted and approved to move forward with Walsworth as the printer for the Ad book this year.
- Photography – The board discussed, voted and approved the OPRF photography club as our source for ad book photos and team pictures this year.
- Graphic Designer: the current quote on the table is 3x what the quote was for last year. Last year we were quoted 900, and paid 1100 for additional work required and this year's quote is for 2700. The board discussed this topic and decided to move forward and look at our options/resources we have available to us for securing additional quotes.

Goalie Fees

The topic is Goalie fees and what was presented to the board was a recommendation to provide a goalie discount to goalie families. The board discussed the topic in length and made a motion to defer the decision until the September meeting. The following items are discussion notes:

- A discount was presented last year and the board requested the decision process go through the hardship process/committee. The premise is that goalie equipment is 3x more expensive than skater equipment, according to Jo Bond-Ostler. Goalie discounts were not provided.
- According to Jo Bond- Ostler, every club in the league provides a goalie discount of 45-55% (regular season) and 50-60% (spring/summer) She would like the club to reconsider the recommended discount: 50% (regular season), 50%(spring season), 25% (summer season).
- The budget has already been approved for the year and the discount for each goalie for regular season would be approximately 1800 so there would be a budget shortfall. The board would need to have further discussion regarding financial options.
- It was also brought up that goalies sit ½ the time during games, or alternating games...and that families of goalies are many times present/supporting when their kids are not playing.

- Another discussion point was that we added a goalie coach and clinic (added expense) without raising fees.
- Additional discussion point – desire to understand the math associated with goalie vs skater equipment.

Additional topics/discussion points:

Topic: Marketing Committee Update. Frank Pospisil. A hand out was provided outlining the different activities and responsibilities of those on the Committee. In the past, Roy did the majority of the writing and web work. There were 3 members of the Committee last year but for the coming year, 9 members will be required, with 7 having signed up. There will be a meeting in the next several weeks to kick off the year. Prior to that meeting, Frank indicated that he needs to get familiar with the website and obtain passwords from Roy. Also, Jo was asked to confirm that there will be no charges from the high school for the photo work since some of the photos will be used on the site.

Topic: Club Tax ID. Jason Malley. It has been determined that the hockey club is in fact a legal entity in the state of Illinois. It is a nonprofit but not a tax exempt. Jason is working with a local attorney to determine whose ID is attached to the checking account and if the club in assigned tax ID can be reestablished.

Topic: Pre Season details. Mel Smith. Mel asked that some board members be available to work the registration desk for tryouts. Past due payments from clinics and 3 on 3 tournament need to be collected along with unpaid clinic/tryout fees and required paperwork.

Questions on the table include: 1. Is a consent to treat form required at clinic/tryouts? 2. Is a waiver required at clinic/tryouts? 3. Is the paper AHAI form required at tryout? For those forms, what is the work around plan for those players who will inevitably show up without the forms and without the parents to complete and sign the forms. The AHAI medical and consent to treat form may be a good solution. In addition, waivers signed for previous Husky activities may be considered valid.

The board will decide what is required and communicate this information prior to tryouts. In addition, Coach Dyson needs to communicate the format of the tryouts in the near future.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35.