

OPRF Hockey Club Minutes October 6, 2015

Attendees: Jason Malley, Dena Bell, Christi Bonaccorsi, Rob Roy, Vic Vanek, Mel Smith, Tim Moran, Frank Pospisil, Rob Johnson, Linda Brennan, Sharon Rosas

There were no public comments.

Vic Vanek is going to create a form for public comments for subsequent Board meetings.

Minutes for the September 15 meeting were approved.

President's Report

- IL West has already suspended some players and parents in the league.
- College Night is next Monday, October 12 at the Schaumburg Hyatt. This is a mandatory meeting for any player born 2000 or earlier. This is a mandatory meeting for any player who is considering playing hockey after high school.
- Vic Vanek will check into the 8th grade Open House to ensure the club will have a table.

Treasurer's Report (Jason presenting for Dan Schmidt)

- Ad Book revenue is about \$7000 vs. a budget of \$10000.
- Current club budget is projected to be at a (\$883) deficit vs. plan.
- Jason will ask Dan to provide a balance sheet before the next Board meeting so the Board can begin future planning and understand the reserve level.
- There are still 11 unused ice slots which may be used for 8th grade skates. We need to hold some for potential playoff slots.

Registrar/Equipment Report

- All coaches and team managers have completed the mandatory Safe Sport Training.
- Team rosters are all set. Managers need to track which players are playing on which teams for 7 up/7 down as well as the percentage of games played for playoff eligibility.
- Equipment – we have 13 extra sets of jerseys for future players or for raffle items. We have many extra sets of L size socks and they are too big for most JV players so Rob will order M socks for JV. Bags and pant shells will arrive any day. Quarter zips have been distributed. Rob will order a new set of practice jerseys as requested by the coaches; lead time is about 2 weeks.

- Travel permits have been secured for the November out of town tournaments. We are on the wait list for the JV Stevenson Thanksgiving tournament.

The printed game schedule is in the case at RC. Lisa DeAlba is supposed to get access to the case at OPRF.

Ad Book – club will earn \$5300, total cost \$3600, net \$1700, which is virtually on budget. Photos were taken today.

Marketing Committee

- Pink at the Rink running this month
- The game on Oct 25th will feature the OPRF mascot and hopefully some band members.
- Game play is centered on Twitter
- 5-10 shots/wk will be disseminated on Instagram to get more fans to the game; Instagram has grown from 89 to 113
- Alumni, Hornets, Hockey Checks Hunger will be promoted for December
- The newsletter will likely not continue
- Jason will contact Marty Farmer from the Wed Journal to cover the game on 10/25

Jason and Dena will approach Mr. Rouse to see if he will become the faculty liaison for the club.

Volunteer Update – the volunteer list is fairly full and only 4-5 families haven't signed up for anything.

Goalie Fee Proposal Review –

- The proposal is to provide a goalie equipment reimbursement up to a maximum of \$1000/goalie provided there is a budget surplus. The level of reimbursement would be tiered according to the surplus level. This would be a 1 time reimbursement for this fiscal year.
- It would be optimal to debate this topic in May, before the next season's budget is developed.
- If the club was to increase fees based on goalie equipment next year (\$100 - \$200/family) the club would also potentially have to increase fees (approx. \$200/family) for the goalie coach and extra ice time. The prevailing opinion of the Board is that we are more willing to pay more money to benefit the entire club via extra goalie coaching. However, it was also brought up that

the extra goalie coach and ice time is not an extra – it makes us competitive and gives goalies the same focus as F or D get in practice.

- Given all the budgeting uncertainties of the current season, and the fact that this proposal was introduced after the start of this season, the Board voted to reject the goalie equipment allowance for the 2015-16 season.
- The Board intends to revisit the issue for the 2016-17 budget.

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30 pm at Ridgeland Common.