

OPRF HOCKEY CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2017

Attendees: Dena Bell, Rob Johnson, Bryan Lempia, Dan Schmidt, Mel Smith, Vic Vanek, Dawn Gonzales, Michelle Talbot, PK Belke, Jessica Weinberg, David Dyson, Jean DeCaro, Ray Campbell, Sarah Lempia, Rob Roy, Jeb Metric, Linda Proctor

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Introductions were made all around.

Public Comment -

The club received comments from Fenwick regarding the profanity used by Huskies fans at the Cross Town Classic game. The club will communicate our apologies and disapproval for this behavior.

President's report -

Goals for the Season

- Work to promote a sense of community and togetherness within the club, including player and parents
- Clean up the By-Laws
- Create a Mission Statement
- Re-work the volunteer structure to better engage more of the membership

Illinois West News

- Clubs will be fined by IL West for parent ejections, and are required to submit a \$1000 deposit to cover these costs. Clubs may then recoup these costs from ejected parents
- Home teams will supply ALL pucks for warmup period
- Athletico is again offering free baseline concussion testing
- The league will provide trainers at every game
- Each team must have a representative in the scorers box

Registrar's report

Board members need to register online with USA Hockey as volunteers, and also take the Safe Sport online module or refresher module offered by USA Hockey. Managers are required to have background checks.

Bryan Lempia will be taking over the Registrar's position from Rob Johnson

Rosters are done, Rob will send the info to Michelle for posting on the website.

The club has acquired 2 extra JV goalies. The question was posed as to how they will rotate and what they should pay in fees.

There are currently 3 players who have agreed to be taxi-squad. An agreement has been drawn up that includes fees, and will be presented to the players/parents.

Equipment Updates

New players are using loaner jerseys donated from alumni, new jerseys should be ready no later than Oct 8th.

Bags and Warm-up jackets have been ordered

Treasurer's report

Dan Schmidt presented the report. It was suggested to separate Spring and Summer programs from the regular season to make sure they are self-supporting. A change from weekly single-sessions to 2-3 day mini-camps was proposed by David Dyson.

Coaches report

David Dyson discussed the difficulties with tryouts this year. Coach Dyson proposed that, going forward, he would like to change the process to be able to discuss the results of tryouts individually with each player before the lists are posted.

The Cross Town Classic was positively received by all who participated this year, and Coach Dyson would like to consider expanding next year to include JV. It was also suggested that the club charge admission to be used for a scholarship or a local charity.

The club will look in to the possibility of chartering a bus to and from the Madison tournament in October. It was felt this is a good opportunity for the players and teams to bond.

Thanksgiving Tournament - the club was invited to play in the top division of the Loyola tournament, which would include a Thanksgiving Day game. There is currently no space for the JV to play in the Loyola Tournament. Otherwise, both teams would play in the Stevenson tournament.

Communications

Website

Michelle Talbot stated that she can either clean up the current website, or switch to a different application, which might be more useful and user friendly, two examples would be Team Snap or Sports Engine. After discussion it was decided that Michelle will propose options at a future meeting.

Managers

PK Belke (varsity) and Jessica Weinberg (jv) were introduced.

Events

Ad book

Vic Vanek gave an overview of how solicitations for the Ad book will work this year. All materials must be submitted by October 27, 2017

Hockey Checks Hunger

Door hangers will be given to players at practice September 12. Distribution will begin the week of September 18. Food pickup & sorting will take place September 23.

Miscellaneous

The club will ask the Booster Club to fund the purchase of software that goes with the video equipment that was purchased last year

Yard signs need to be re-ordered. Rob J and Dawn G will look into this

Spiritwear ordering is on hold until later in the season, when we will try to have an online store. We will first sell off what we currently have on hand. The OPRFHS Bookstore may be willing to sell Hockey club spirit wear.

Team head shots for the ad book will be arranged with the OPRFHS photography club, Linda Proctor will coordinate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm