

OPRF HOCKEY CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2017

Attendees: Dena Bell, Rob Johnson, Bryan Lempia, Dan Schmidt, Mel Smith, Vic Vanek, PK Belke, David Dyson, Rob Roy, Chris Heyer, Linda Proctor

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Introductions were made all around.

Minutes of September 12, 2017 meeting were approved with spelling corrections.

Public Comment -

1. Is it a conflict of interest for the Head coach to also be the Hockey Director? There was discussion regarding this matter.
2. Has the Hockey club secured a signed contract with Coach Dyson? Where do we stand in this process, and what needs to be done to resolve this matter?
3. How is player development happening within the hockey club? Why are 3rd and 4th line players still sitting when there is a comfortable lead?
4. During next year's Food Pantry event, can we include a link to facilitate financial donations?

President's report

Goals for the Season

- Mission Statement - PK Belke will work on creating a Mission statement for the club
- Player Leadership - Captains' roles need to be defined and expectations communicated. Also, parents and coaches need to encourage relationships between teams.
- Player Development - Rob Johnson will follow up with Coaches to discuss Club-wide development of players on both teams and try to formalize a plan.
- By-laws updates - Linda Proctor will work on cleaning up the By-laws

Illinois West News

- The League is cracking down on penalties that cause injury
- There will be a mandatory suspension for use of abusive language
- Rob Johnson will talk with both teams today and remind them of the Huskies conduct policy.

Hockey Checks Hunger - The event was a success, over 20,000 lbs of food was collected. The timing of the event was much better than during the cold winter months and also spreads out our charitable efforts more evenly over the season. Mel Smith created a procedure for the event to guide future volunteers. Barry Batia would like the club to commit volunteers to the Food Pantry the first Wednesday of each month to run food to cars. Anyone interested in signing up should contact Barry. PK Belke noted an upcoming Food Pantry event and suggested the club could sponsor for a \$300.00 donation. The money is not in our budget.

Blanket Drive - Dena Bell and Sarah Lempia will follow up to find volunteers to chair this event.

Toys for Tots - the club will not participate this year. In the past we joined with York to support their effort and they supported our food drive. Because we no longer play in the same league, we will more closely focus on our own charity programs.

Upcoming Events

Ad Book - Forms have gone out, sales are going going well. Dates will be set for photos (team and individual)

Tournaments - The players will take a bus to and from the Madison Tournament October 27-29. Dena Bell will confirm the extra fees and communicate that info to families.

Registrar's report

Managers need to get screened, Bryan Lempia will request the packets and forward to managers. The club reimburses for the cost of screening.

Equipment Updates

Jerseys are coming, some will be complete and some will be done by Gunzo's. Additional bags, pant shells, and socks were ordered. The borrowed Jerseys need to be cleaned and returned, Rob Johnson will follow up.

Treasurer's report

Dan Schmidt presented the report.

Communications

Website - needs to be updated for games

Email list has been cleaned up

A google drive was set up for Board by Mel Smith, as well as gmail and hotmail accounts.

Lisa Smith is doing Facebook posts, Mel Smith is tweeting for Varsity, Chris Heyer, for JV

Miscellaneous

AHAI College night is Monday, October 9, 2017 at the Woodfield Hyatt in Schaumburg. Rob Johnson will send out more info to the club.

Terry Jones and Kevin Charnota have the cameras for filming Varsity and JV.

Alumni game - we are waiting to find out what ice slots are available.

Senior Night will be January 28, 2018. We need someone to contact the Spirit club to ask if they will come that night to support our seniors.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40

Meeting was re-convened at 8:45 for Coaches Report

Coaches Report

Coach Dyson reports positive feedback and good relations among the players. The Goalies are working with Stan Dubicki and the setup using shared ice is working well. Coach Dyson and Coach Steve are rotating in on the Monday night practices. Monday practices are NOT optional.

The JV has a short bench due to injuries, so they may call on some Varsity players to help out on JV with some of the more competitive games coming up.

Coaches have met with Taxi Squad players. They will explain expectations clearly and under what conditions members will be asked to play in games. It is important to note that a condition of calling up a taxi player is that they can contribute to the game but also not be in danger of getting injured. Coaches will look into some kind of progress report system to let players know where they stand.

Coaches would like to add in extra practice games against teams not in our conference such as Glenbrook North, Mt. Carmel, Homewood, St. Ignatius, and Latin.

The West Suburban League has criticized OPRF for running up scores and having too many penalties. Dena Bell will forward that message to families.

David Dyson discussed the player development component - how to establish a pipeline of players and foster talent at all levels. Also discussed was changing the tryout structure. Additionally, Coaches would like to find a way to give players a mid-season progress report rather than just year-end.

Coach Dyson discussed ideas for fostering relationships between players, between teams, team building, and mentoring.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05