

OPRF HOCKEY CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2017

Attendees: Dena Bell, Rob Johnson, Bryan Lempia, Dan Schmidt, Vic Vanek, PK Belke, Rob Roy, Chris Heyer, Jessica Weinberg, Michelle Talbot, Sarah Jones, Melody Burton, Jeremy Burton, Laura Hartwell Berlin, Anthony Petersen, Linda Proctor

The Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. Introductions were made all around.

Approval of the Minutes from the October 3, 2017 meeting was postponed until the December meeting.

Public Comment -

The club is looking for a volunteer to chair the Blanket Drive. If no volunteers come forward, Dena Bell and Sarah Lempia will chair the event.

President's report

Overall both teams are doing well.

The Madison Tournament was good overall, thoughts for the future:

- Better planing in advance for team meals
- Ride was short, longer distance would be better (4 hours ideal)
- Transportation logistics after the bus were difficult in Madison
- Competition was good
- Hotel was not good, but staff was helpful. We turned in our housing list late so we got assigned to a hotel that was not of our choosing. Tournament did not communicate that we were delinquent in finalizing housing. Better follow up on housing in the future.
- Tournament did not provide trainers, put in a request for trainer in the future

Volunteers, Committees - The club needs to increase volunteerism.

Board Structure - The board is planning to add new members. Currently there are 7 Varsity parents and 2 JV parents. Exec Board will discuss plans at 8:30pm in a special meeting, then follow up with individual meetings.

Player development - Each JV player was paired up with a varsity player on the bus to Madison.

Mission Statement - PK Belke is working on a mission statement. Dave Dyson emailed suggestions and offered input on crafting a mission statement. A committee will be put in place to work this project. A tentative deadline for mission statement content has been set for January 31, 2018.

Illinois West News

For playoffs teams will be split into 3 divisions: 5, 5, and 4

There will be games on Super Bowl Sunday

Coaches need to reinforce sitting of players with potential concussions

Athletico does baseline concussion testing for free

Should the club make baseline concussion testing mandatory?

Registrar's report

All registration is complete for upcoming tournaments. Managers are signed up for screening, but haven't received packets yet. Does Barry Batia need to be screened if he is working with players who are volunteering for the Food Pantry?

Equipment Updates

- Jerseys are almost complete, 2 goalie jerseys are in but need to be put together.
- One player got an old jersey that does not look the same as the new jerseys. His will need to be re-done
- Extra warm-up jackets were ordered. Any players who want replacements will be charged. Rob Johnson will forward a list of players to Dan for follow-up. A suggestion was made to have players get names embroidered on jackets at their own expense.
- Current jerseys are very expensive. The club is paying for a portion of each new jersey with the family paying the balance. Should we consider switching to a less expensive jersey, and when is the right time to do it?

Coaches Report

- The coaches report was presented by Anthony Peterson on behalf of Dave Dyson.
- Taxi squad evaluations are being done by the JV coaches. They will evaluate again in January and at the end of the season, and provide feedback to the players.
 - The taxi squad players will start dressing for every game, even though they may not get a lot of playing time.
 - JV goalies have come up with a schedule for coverage.

Treasurer's report

Dan Schmidt presented the treasurer's report.

Communications

Website - needs to be updated for JV games
There is an ad on the website that is not our club's, Michelle Talbot will look in to why it is there.

Upcoming Events

Ad Book - Ads are way down from last year. Vic Vanek will share a google doc list of last years advertisers who have not yet been approached for a renewal. Anyone who wants to sell ads should claim their client on the list and then follow up with status.

Alumni game - Games will be held December 26 at 7:15 and 8:30 for different age groups. Michelle Talbot will design a flyer and post on the club website.

Sled hockey - game is scheduled for December 30 at 3:30pm. All Varsity and JV players are encouraged to participate.

Blanket Drive - will be chaired by Sarah Lempia and Dena Bell.

Miscellaneous

The club will host an online Spiritwear store. Families can go online to view merchandise, then place orders, and pay by credit card. The items are then silk-screened and forwarded to the club for distribution. This will hopefully eliminate the extra cost associated with carrying inventory. If we purchase a specified minimum amount, a small dividend is paid back to the club.

Miscellaneous continued

The OPRF Booster Ball is November 18, the club has purchased a table and is looking for members who would like to attend. Booster club will have their appropriations meeting on November 29. We are requesting software to be used with the 2 video camera that the Boosters gave to the club last year. It would be helpful for the coaches to be at that meeting to explain how the software works and how it would be used.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40