

## **Stamford Youth Hockey Association September 18, 2013 Open Board Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Chris Berlingo, Rex Morris, Vic Rella, Debbie Blanchard, and Brian Mitchell

**Called to order at 8:50 pm.**

### **President**

- Chris introduced the current board to the members present
- Chris discussed the problems with getting the kick-off picnic off the ground. Hopefully, it will be rescheduled in the future
- Squirt B & Pee Wee B teams both need players. The Pee Wee B team just got a goalie
- Marlboro: all travel teams are participating in the Haunted Shoot-out and are in the proper division. Hotels were heavily booked, but all teams now have hotels. A few are a good distance away. Discussion was held on the hotels. Hotel situation should be better next year due to more advanced planning
- Bluestreak: discussions have occurred amongst the Board about teams using Bluestreak this season, without any decision made. The interest is out there and our participation will depend on the numbers of players interested. The cost is approximately \$250 per player for 16 weeks with a 6 player per team minimum. Discussion held. All teams need to reply by 9/25

### **Operations Director**

- Report read by Rex due to Tim being unable to make the meeting
- Cari Marchese is scheduling the timekeepers again this season
- Karen Shane is scheduling the house referees
- The practice schedule for October is up with November to be posted soon
- All teams have 19-21 games as budgeted
- Any team needing additional ice should call Tim as we may be able to accommodate the request
- Discussion held on the Cross Ice boards – they are scheduled for delivery on Friday> help will be needed to get them into the rink

### **Secretary**

- The website is a work in progress. Chuck Steitzel will be continuing as the webmaster. We are looking to give the webpage a fresh new look.
- Open board meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month and are on each team's schedule. They will be posted on the website as required by the by-laws.
- The minutes of the open board meetings will be posted on the website prior to the next meeting for review.

### **Treasurer**

- Golf Tournament had 68 golfers and raised approximately \$7500
- 10 scholarships have been awarded so far to date – 7 travel & 3 house, with 2 more possible
- Debbie discussed the current expenses to date for ice time

### **Registrar**

- Report read by Chris due to Nathalie being unable to attend
- All USA hockey rosters have been submitted
- Anyone on the bench needs to be registered with USA hockey and have the appropriate coaching certification and age-specific module
- Nathalie has requested birth certificates for the players new to the organization
- 83-86 players have registered for house along with 38 Tiger Sharks and 7 Lady Sharks
- House details will be discussed with the house coordinators and the Hockey Director
- USA Hockey has established a SafeSport program along with CHC. Nathalie will be our SafeSport rep
- Chris discussed that Be a Sharks signs have been placed around the city and flyers have gone out in the schools. The signs were paid for with a CHC grant. Thank you to Brian Mitchell & Chris Weber
- A question was raised from the floor regarding the required background checks and the possibility of the team managers getting a list of people screened. Chris will follow up with Nathalie

### **Development Director**

- Golf tournament did well considering the circumstances that occurred. We are looking to hold next year's tournament in the afternoon and later in the year, hopefully closer to the hockey season
- USA Hockey 2 & 2 Program: we are working on campaigns, including the signs, to increase the number of players in our organization. Leaflets went out at the end of the last school year and again last week to all Stamford schools. With all of this along with our Lady Sharks program will help us qualify for rental equipment from USA Hockey. We may receive up to 10-20 sets of equipment.
- Sound Tigers: we will be participating with them again this year. We will be having a Sound Tigers Days on 10/13 with more details to get emailed out
- CHC – Brian is now our CHC rep. Chris thanked Steve Killian for his past service as our CHC rep. We should be getting 50% of the cost for the Cross Ice boards back from the CHC.
- Discussion raised from the floor regarding the retention of our current players, especially considering the number of players we lost to other programs
- Brian reached out to the membership for volunteers to help with league development

### **Hockey Director**

- Eric stated that everything is moving forward as scheduled
- House coaches need to have USA Hockey certification and age-specific modules by 12/31/13
- Discussion was raised from the floor regarding the lack of participation at the open meetings; people need to get more involved.
- Tiger Sharks: Greg stated that he would like to have 4-5 coaches due to the large number of players registered so far. Last year there was 9-10 sessions before Christmas and 9-10 after
- 40th Anniversary: Chris discussed that we are looking to hold a dinner, possibly in April. Also we are looking at a possible Amumni game in December
- Chris thanked Fraser Herbert for stepping up to be the Mite B coach

**Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Victor J. Rella, Secretary**