

Stamford Youth Hockey Association October 9, 2013 Open Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Rex Morris, Vic Rella, Debbie Blanchard, Nathalie Hade, Tim Nash, and Brian Mitchell

Called to order by Vic Rella at 8:20 pm.

Secretary

- The website improvement is underway
- The minutes of the open board meetings will be posted on the website prior to the next meeting for review.

Treasurer

- Timekeeper check have been sent out
- Debbie has the coach's checks. The coaches pay is divided up into 6 payments

Registrar

- Nathalie is working on house & Lady Shark registrations

Operations Director

- Tim reported on some challenges that have come up with the referees. All games have been entered into the referee system.
- The November practice schedule is up with December to follow.
- We will be trying to get all teams a full ice practice prior to any tournaments
 - o A question was raised about how full ice slots are given out to teams. At the Mites full ice practice there were only 6 skaters for a full ice practice.
- Erik discussed upcoming power skating clinics

Development Director

- Brian discussed the Be-a-Shark campaign. Signs have been distributed around town. The Tiger Sharks are at over 50 players registered as of today.

- House sponsors are needed. We only have 3 to date with Tracks, Firefighters, & Instant Replay. If you know anyone interested in sponsoring a team contact Brian. The cost is \$750 which covers jerseys and socks for 18 players, which cost approximately \$ 30/player. Jerseys & socks have been ordered. Discussion held

Hockey Director

- Erik discussed the last goalie clinic which had 12 goalies and the defenseman clinics which had over 50 players. In the future we will have shooting & power skating clinics.
- We currently have 70 mites and 20 squirts registered for the house program. Squirts will probably be a hybrid league, the same as the seniors which has with 14 players.
- Evaluations sheets will be coming out to coaches. Erik, Rosario, & Bobby will be more visible at practices & games. Discussion
- Concern was raised about the Squirt house program and the level of play due to the team being ½ travel players. Discussion
- Bluestreak will be a third practice for the week. The cost is \$250/player for 12 sessions. Bobby will be working the schedule out with our ice schedules. An email should be out by Friday to managers. Discussion
- Rosario reported that the Pee Wee A team is doing OK, games are close. Most players are back from injuries. Two players were taken from the A1 team. Lengthy discussion held on moving players up. An email will be sent out to all coaches and managers about rostering players for the A & A1 teams
- Tier declarations are due in today, we should be all set
- Albert report that the Squirt A team is doing well – have 14 skaters and 2 goalies
- Greg reported that the Tiger Sharks 1st session was this past Saturday. Over 30 players attended. A couple of parents have offered to help along with the assistance of at least one HS player. Any players will be welcome though the session
- A discussion was held on used equipment and the possibility of doing a used equipment drive

New Business

- Sound Tigers night will be scheduled for 10/13, tickets are available – see Brian Mitchell
- Pins will be ordered for Lake Placid. Nathalie & Brian will follow-up on them
- Spirit wear is available at Instant Replay. Brian will be reviewing for future spirit wear availability

- Discussion held on who is skating before, during, and after the Sound Tigers game. Mite C jerseys from last year will be available.
- 40th Anniversary Dinner will be held in March. Volunteers will be needed. Tentative date is 3/22/14. Once the final date is set, a push will be made for volunteers. Discussion
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Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Victor J. Rella, Secretary